



PROTECTING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD STARTS WITH YOU

Crime in our community is affected by a number of factors including social issues such as poverty, homelessness and substance abuse. These underlying issues have created a considerably high volume of calls for service for the police to respond to.

The police are looking to the public and various organizations to come on board to help deal with the issues that are affecting us all. This new online community based program will allow for interested parties to offer constructive input. The advantage of the Zone Watch program will be the ability for members to participate any time, day or night, whatever fits your schedule. In these busy times, Zone Watch will fit every schedule.

We believe that the success of a safer community lies with the great people who live here. We are open to your ideas and embrace the concept that many minds are better than one... We look forward to working with you.



- If you are concerned about the safety of your community;
- If you want to be instrumental in making a change for a safer community;
- If you have the desire to work with your neighbours to deal with crime issues;
- If you like social media forums;
- If you have the time to dedicate to provide input in a respectful manner;
- If you have an interest in crime prevention;

ZONE WATCH IS FOR YOU!

REGISTER TODAY.

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WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Thunder Bay Police Service has developed a community based online forum which identifies current neighbourhood crime and safety issues and allows for practical solutions. The Zone Watch program creates a partnership between police and citizens of Thunder Bay and Oliver Paipoonge. The heart of the program is a series of online forums, providing the opportunity for Zone Watch members to dialogue with police on a variety of subjects including crime trends, crime prevention and enforcement efforts to make our neighbourhoods safe.

Citizens and police will communicate on issues that really matter at a neighbourhood level. This is an excellent way to help the police determine the crime and disorder issues impacting where you live, work and play.

Often useful information exists at a community level on areas of criminal activity which can be relayed to the police through the Zone Watch pages, assisting police in putting resources where they're needed.

Crime prevention material dealing with issues such as property crime, identity theft and personal safety will also be made available. These can be applied or customized to specific and immediate trends affecting you.

HOW ZONE WATCH WORKS

- All citizens over 18 years of age are welcome to join the Zone Watch program.
- Thunder Bay and the surrounding area have been divided into 6 zones.
- Anyone who lives or works within a zone may apply to be a member of that specific zone page at no charge.
- Officers who works in the specific zone will be assigned to communicate with the members concerning crime trends and crime prevention strategies.
- The pages will be monitored by the officers assigned to each zone.
- Every zone will have a separate page that will include a discussion forum, crime alerts, calendar of events, list of fellow zone members and a posting of crime prevention tools and ideas.
- Unique and successful crime prevention ideas and initiatives will be posted for all zones to read and benefit from. These ideas will also be posted on the TBPS corporate site for the whole community to see.

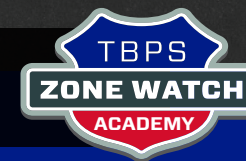
HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Go to www.thunderbaypolice.ca and click on the Zone Watch icon to begin the registration process.

There are 5 phases to the registration process:

1. Print the registration form and complete the necessary information.
2. Attend the police station in person with the application form and two pieces of identification including one piece with photo ID - there is no charge for this process.
3. A criminal records check will be conducted and you will be notified of your acceptance into the program.
4. You must attend a 4 session training program called the "Academy." Check our website for upcoming dates.
5. Upon graduation from the Academy, members will be sworn in with an oath of secrecy and you will be required to sign a memorandum of understanding in conjunction with the Zone Watch program.
6. You are now all set to start communicating!

ZONE WATCH TRAINING ACADEMY



The Academy provides prospective Zone Watch members with an introduction to the basics of policing, the Criminal Code, and their duties as members of Zone Watch. The 12 hour training is offered over a four week period. Satisfactory completion is mandatory in order to become a member of Zone Watch. You will meet the officer assigned to your zone and other like-minded members – all of whom are interested in making a safer community.

Special presentations will be offered throughout the year to discuss items of interest to our members. These presentations will help provide a clearer understanding of the issues impacting the community and the role of the police and other agencies in dealing with these issues.