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“Neighborhood Watch Training Underway”

On September 18 and 19, 2007 at the Ingham County Sheriff Department Officers and Deputies from 40 Michigan jurisdictions will receive neighborhood watch training provided by the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA). The training will be conducted by Detective Elizabeth Bonello of the Lansing Police Department.

Neighborhood Watch is one of six key initiatives in Mayor Virg Bernero and Chief Mark Alley’s newly unveiled Crime Fighting Plan. Attendees of the course, including LPD’s two newly assigned Neighborhood Watch Officers, Sarah Nolen assigned to the South Precinct, and Jeremy Churchill assigned to the North Precinct, will learn to train other officers and community members in the start up and operations of Neighborhood Watch groups.

Each attendee will receive a Neighborhood Watch Toolkit which will provide resources for law enforcement and community members to use to train their own watch groups, whether starting, revitalizing or enhancing existing programs. The toolkit contains interactive CDs and Power Point training aids, facilitator guides, participant handbooks, posters, and flipbooks.

“Mayor Bernero and I are excited about this new training, we feel Neighborhood Watch is essential to our crime prevention efforts,” says Chief Mark Alley.