



# SaferCommunities

News, updates, tips, and strategies for improved safety and security



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WSPD Real Time Crime Center

Photo | WSPD Twitter Page

## WSPD Real Time Crime Center is Online

The **WSPD Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)** is a state-of-the-art facility that monitors priority calls for service and/or significant events and conducts real-time monitoring and mining of technological resources, with the goal of reducing crime.

The center is staffed by trained professionals who monitor a variety of cameras, license plate readers, Shot-Spotter, and additional surveillance technology throughout the city.

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# Make it appear that you're home.

(even if you're actually away)



## Don't advertise the fact.

If you normally wouldn't leave your driveway floodlights and front porch lights on, why 'ring the dinner bell' by doing so when you are away? Make everything look routine.



## Pick up your stuff.

Ask a friend or trusted neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers, advertising flyers, and packages. Offer to do the same for them the next time they are away.



## Leave some stuff out.

Make things look 'business-as-usual.' Leave a few things outside like a broom, dustpan, half-full glass of water, and a large dog's water-bowl, whether you own a dog or not.



## Let your inner light shine.

Use timers or smart plugs to turn lights, music, and talk-radio on/off at different times of day and night. From outside, talk-radio or news can be mistaken for conversation.



## Park it in the driveway.

Leave a locked car parked in your driveway or offer to let a neighbor do so while you're away.



## Trim your bushes.

Keep bushes and trees trimmed to ensure that neighbors can see your windows and entry doors.



## Mow your grass.

Arrange for your lawn to be mowed in accordance with your normal mowing schedule.



## Don't post on social media.

Don't post photos and vacation details on social media until you return home.



# HOW CAN WE HELP?

By Kathy Parnell, WSNW Secretary

**Let's work together,** in partnership with the Winston-Salem Police Department, to make our neighborhoods a safer place; reducing crime and improving the quality of life.

## As a "Good Neighbor", we should be

- Kind and considerate
- Understanding and approachable
- Trustworthy and proactive

But, it's more than that, neighbors should "keep an eye out" for one another. Look out your windows, the homes you see are your "neighborhood", of which you are a part.

For example, I left the house, preoccupied and completely forgot to close the garage door. It wasn't long before my neighbor called. She was willing to keep watch until I returned home, and for that I am extremely grateful. I could have easily arrived home later to the police in my driveway filling out a report of theft or vandalism.

## Safety is everyone's concern.

Let's play an active part to improve safety and security in our neighborhood, and our community.

————— If you see something, say something. —————



**LexisNexis®**  
**833-358-1743**  
[Click here for more info](#)

## 24/7 Crime Reporting System

This new system allows citizens to report minor crimes (ex. car break-ins, vandalism, white-collar crimes, threats, etc.) via their mobile phone. Here's how it works...

- ▶ Caller dials **833-358-1743**
- ▶ Caller is prompted to enter their ten-digit mobile phone number, followed by the # sign. '1' is not to be added before the phone number.
- ▶ Once the caller enters their number (Example: 3365551212#) they will receive a text message with a link for making an online report.

————— SaferCommunities —————



[Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) - The Winston-Salem Police Department has partnered with Nextdoor, a popular online app that allows information-sharing about your specific neighborhood.



**How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Group** [Learn how](#) | [Interest form](#)



**WSNW Executive Board** | Interested in joining the Executive Board or know someone who might be? Please go to [Application form](#) | [Nomination form](#)



## NNO2023 | August 1st, 2023

**Congratulations** to the Neighborhood Watch groups of Town & Country Estates for being drawn as the 2023 Host Site! If your Neighborhood Watch Group is not having a NNO event this year, please consider volunteering/attending the host site event!

[NNO2023](#) | [VOLUNTEER](#) | [RSVP TO ATTEND](#)



Town & Country Estates



Northwest Connections



WSNW Association



NNO Planning Guide

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### [Avoid Deny Defend](#) | [Video](#)

Learn how to save your life in an active attack event.

### [Community Emergency Response Team](#)

**CERT** basic training topics include disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology and terrorism.

### [Ready Forsyth](#)

You can't predict, but you can prepare.

### [Citizen Police Academy](#)

**CPA** educates the citizens of Winston-Salem about the operation of their police department while obtaining valuable feedback from those citizens.

### [Citizen Fire Academy](#)

**CFA** is not intended to train an individual to be a firefighter, but to produce informed citizens, and build long-lasting relationships with residents in the community.

### [Pups Against Crime](#)

**PAC** is a partnership between the Winston-Salem Police Dept. and Winston-Salem dog owners. It's easy to participate! Whenever you're out walking your dog, be on the lookout for suspicious activity. If you see something that doesn't look right, report it. That's it! Just observe and report. [PAC Flyer](#)



## RTCC MISSION

*To provide the agency with the ability to capitalize on a wide and expanding range of technologies for efficient and effective policing by improving response times, communication, and customer service to better serve the citizens of Winston-Salem.*

*Such efforts may allow officers to respond quickly, or even immediately, to crimes in progress or to those that recently occurred. Technologies available will allow officers to respond to crime events more efficiently, more deliberately, with improved operational intelligence, and with a proactive emphasis on officer, citizen, and community safety.*



RTCC ShotSpotter demonstration

Photo | WXII-12 News

## RTCC TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ **FUSUS** This centralized hub enhances the situational awareness and investigative capabilities of law enforcement and public safety agencies. FUSUS streamlines investigations and incident management by combining video and data assets into a single platform.
- ▶ **SHOTSPOTTER** This patented system of sensors, algorithms, and artificial intelligence accurately detects, locates, and alerts police to gunfire.
- ▶ **ALPR'S** Automated license plate readers (ALPRs) are camera systems that are typically mounted on stationary locations such as street poles. ALPRs automatically capture all license plate numbers that come into view, along with the location, date, and time. Information such as stolen vehicles, vehicles involved in violent crimes, and vehicles associated with outstanding warrants are recorded and the information is relayed to law enforcement.
- ▶ **CAMERA REGISTRY** Private citizens and businesses can register their cameras in the system, enabling detectives to identify registered cameras in the area of an incident and remotely request relevant video. Video owners can then electronically send video evidence directly to the RTCC.



# WSPD District Offices

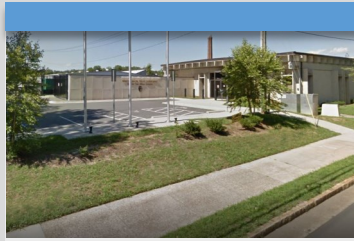
## WSPD Patrol Beats



### District 1 Office

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Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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336-773-7802



### District 2 Office

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Winston-Salem, NC 27107

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Michael Knight  
[mknight@wspd.org](mailto:mknight@wspd.org)  
336-773-7809



### District 3 Office

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Winston-Salem, NC 27103

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336-773-7807



CRIME MAPPING



### Winston-Salem Neighborhood Watch Association

*Making safer communities*

[wsneighborhoodwatch.org@gmail.com](mailto:wsneighborhoodwatch.org@gmail.com)

[www.wsneighborhoodwatch.org](http://www.wsneighborhoodwatch.org)

#### CONTACT WSNW to...

**Update** your contact information

**Register** for our next virtual meeting

**Submit** a comment, idea, or suggestion

**Volunteer** to assist with the **NNO2023** host event

**RSVP** to attend the **NNO2023** host event

### WSPD Neighborhood Watch Program

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Non-Emergency#: 336-773-7700

Crime Stoppers: 336-727-2800

Emergency-Active Crime: 911

### WSPD Crime Prevention Resources

