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### Next FNW Meeting:

Monday, August 25th

7:00 PM

Frisco Police Station

7200 Stonebrook Parkway

### Upcoming Events:

- \* **Saturday, August 16th**—  
Chunk Your Junk - 8:00 AM - 12 N at 6616 Walnut
- \* **Monday, August 25th** —  
FNW Meeting
- \* **Monday, September 22nd** — FNW Meeting
- \* **October 1st & 3rd** —  
Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
- \* **Saturday, October 4th** —  
Green Home, Health & Safety Fair
- \* **Saturday, October 4th** —  
Hometown Heroes Basketball Game (Police vs Fire)
- \* **Tuesday, October 7th**—  
National Night Out

# The Watchdog

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## Simple Steps To Help Improve Your Home Security

If you are a DIY (do it yourself) home owner, there are several simple things you can do to help fortify your house against the most common type of crime in Frisco: property crime. (Even if you're not a DIY home owner, you can hire a handy man or security specialist!) Here are few things you can do to make things harder on a criminal:

**Door construction:** First, and foremost, you should have a quality solid core door for each entry at least 1 3/8 inches thick. Next, if your door is a panel type construction, check it periodically to ensure the joints are still intact. If the panels have come unglued, have split or rotted, it is time to replace the door.

**Reinforce your door frames:** If your doors meet the minimum standards above, the next weakest point is the door frame. The door frame should be solidly anchored to the frame of the house using a 3" minimum length screw. This is especially true of the strike plate. The strike plate should be quality metal and secured to the structural frame of the house.

**Install a 190° peep hole:** Do you know who is at your door? If someone knocks on your door and you cannot determine if you know the person, you should not open the door. A 190° peep hole will allow you to view the visitor's face and quite possibly their vehicle if present.

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**Frisco Citizens on Patrol**

*Dedication.*

*Commitment.*

*Community.*

*Most Importantly...*

*... a Desire to Make a Difference.*

visible presence is an effective deterrent to criminal activity. Also through continual training provided by the Frisco police department members become skilled observers who quickly recognize circumstances which require the attention of a police officer.

Frisco Citizens On Patrol (COPs) is a non-profit volunteer organization.

Members utilize deploy-

ment of high visibility patrols throughout the city, acting as eyes and ears for the police department. Our

For additional information or to fill out an application, please visit [www.friscocops.org](http://www.friscocops.org).



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## National Night Out: Building Our Community

On October 7, 2008 neighborhoods throughout Frisco will celebrate National Night Out. The event is intended to encourage community activities, interaction with emergency services providers such as police, fire and medical personnel and, of course, block parties.

If you're hosting a block party, be sure to register your party with the Frisco Police Department. You can find the registration form at [www.frisconehoodwatch.com](http://www.frisconehoodwatch.com). By registering your party you help Frisco gain nation-wide recognition and ensure at least one visit from the Frisco Fire or Police Departments or a council member. All hosts are encouraged to take pictures of the event and send photographs/videos to [rmonts@friscotexas.gov](mailto:rmonts@friscotexas.gov). Suitable pictures and video may be included in the after project report filed with the National Association of Town Watch — help us show the rest of the nation Frisco is the best!

This year's schedule of events includes the Green Home Health & Safety

Fair, The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive and the Hometown Heroes (FPD vs. FFD) basketball game. All residents are encouraged to attend the fair and cheer on their favorite team (FPD, of course!). See the schedule of upcoming events.



During your NNO party, collecting donations for Frisco Family Services is a great way to support your local community. They need various items including non-perishable food items, clothing, toys, home items, etc. Once collected, non-perishable food items should be taken to FFS at 8780 Third Street and other items to the Resale Store at 9085 Dogwood. Both are located in Frisco. Any questions about donations should be directed to Frisco Family Services can be reached at 972-335-9495.

**Frisco Neighborhood Watch** (FNW), a 501c.3 non-profit organization, is a citywide, non-confrontational crime prevention initiative that educates citizens in ways of reducing their risk of being a victim of crime - both at home and in public. Citizens are trained to recognize/report suspicious activities, how to make their homes more secure and to pass on information to the other members of their community. **Neighborhood Watch participants are not vigilantes and DO NOT directly contact suspicious persons, enforce laws or place themselves in situations that may compromise their safety or the safety of others.** Frisco Neighborhood Watch is based on the premise of neighbors getting to know each other as well as passing on crime related and crime prevention information. **Frisco Neighborhood Watch members receive valuable information concerning local crime-related incidents, crime trends and local events via the FNW website and FNW e-mail network.**