5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES

(a) WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

Community split of keeping an eye over each others property and passing relevant information on crime from the Police to the members and from the members to the Police within a Neighborhood.

NB. It is not about employing likely criminals to guard and patrol around any neighborhood."



(B) WHY JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES?

Neighborhood watch is amongst the most successful crime prevention initiatives in most countries including Malawi.

You feel secure knowing that your neighbors are keeping an eye on your property.

Reassure those who live in fear of crime.

Is safer, friendlier and more attractive place to live when your scheme is working for you.

ils an ideal way of targeting a particular area of safety and security.

Rekindles community spirit and is a great way to know your neighbours

You will become familiar with crime prevention ideas to keep your home safe.

c) HOW DO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES WORK?

It is generally led by volunteer coordinator whose job is to get people work together to make sure things get done. There are sometimes committees which meet regularly to plan on which problems to target and what scheme members develop close links with police officers who provide advice and pass on information about crime.

Each volunteer coordinator should coordinate about 15 house holds. If members are significantly more than this, an

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additional volunteer coordinator should be identified.

Each scheme is a community initiative support supported by the police and not run by them.

d) WHAT A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NED TO DO?

Information your local police about the initiative.

Contact individual households to arrange a meeting to discuss setting up of the scheme.

Set up and maintain neighborhood watch within a specific area.

Pass relevant information from the police to the members and from members to the police.

Act as a link between the scheme, other coordinators and the police

Circulate any newsletters and leaflets about safety and security.

Encourage members to inform police quickly of any criminals/suspicious incidents.

e) WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE DONE BY A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBER?

To be alert and report to police what is going on in the neighborhood but not expected to patrol the streets. If you have time you can help to prepare news letters or help organize meetings on safety and security of your neighbourhood.

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1.997 RAPID RESPONSE SYSTEM



The number 997 which is toll free has been installed as an emergency call line for members of the public, to call where a serious crime is taking place or likely to take place or when other serious events occur which requires urgent response or police presence.

When a call is received a rapid response 997 Police patrol vehicle will be dispatched to attend the scene as quickly as possible to provide appropriate support and service. What you need this service is:

- Dial 997
- Give your name, address and phone number
- Give location of the scene
- Give your problem

997 is available from MTL telephone. The Malawi Police Services is in discussion with cellular telephone services to provide the same service.

When this pilot project is successful in Lilongwe, Blantyre, Zomba, Mzuzu it will also cascade to other district in the country

We are therefore appealing to members of the general public to be conscious and utilize this number in an honest manner. We hope that the public will use this valuable service to bring safety and security closer to them. Malawi Police Service will be hard on those who will be found making false or malicious calls.

"If you urgently need the police them make contact using this service"

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2. PROTECT YOUR CAR

The national Police Headquarters would like to appeal to those who own motor vehicles to take note of the following precaution measures;

- After you have parked your vehicles, don't leave the keys in the ignition, even when it is your own garage.
- Lock all doors and windows at all times. ٠
- Before leaving your vehicle, remove all property • or at least lock it out of sight in the boot.
- Park your vehicle where it can be seen. .
 - Fit an additional security device, such as a brake and gear lever clamp, steering clamp or immobilization device.

Fit an alarm system.





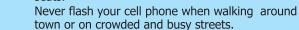
- Registration numbers should also be printed on ٠ windows of the vehicle.
- Know the chassis number of your vehicle
- Don't carry a passenger you do not know.
- Do not leave motor vehicle test certificate, vehicle registration documents, customs clearance certificate and police report in your car.

"It pays to take extra precautions"

3. CELL PHONE SECURITY TIPS

- . Memorize the serial number of your phone.
- Do not leave your cell phone lying around unattended on your desk, dash board or car seats.

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Do not buy cell phone from unregistered •

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dealers or from streets. Remember that buying or selling a stolen property is an offence.

Report to Police any person seen stealing, or possessing .or selling cell phone(s) suspected to have been stolen unlawfully obtained.

"Report to your network provider or nearest police station if your cell phone is stolen or lost"

4. HOW TO PREVENT DROWNING CASES

Do not:

- Swim on the lake or river if you don't • know how to swim
- Swim or sail on the lake or river without • a life jacket.
- Swim or sail on the lake or river if you are sick.
- Swim or sail in small canoes on deep waters.
- Swim or sail whilst drunk.
- Allow children to swim on the lake or • river without a parent or guardian.
- Construct huts close to the lake or river. .
- Cross flooded rivers.
- Swim or sail on the lake or river during the night.
- Overload people or luggage on canoes and boats.
- Cut down trees along the lake or river.





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