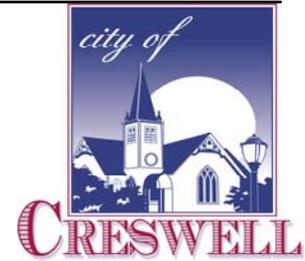

**CRESWELL CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st Street
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Saturday, October 24, 2009**



Forming Creswell Neighborhood Watch Groups

An informational meeting about forming Neighborhood Watch groups in Creswell will be held **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Creswell Community Center.**

The event will start with a roundtable discussion about Neighborhood Watch, what it is, what the benefits are and how it works. After the discussion people will be available to answer questions and will be handing out informational brochures and applications until 4:00PM.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that stresses education and common sense. It teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. In addition, it provides citizens with the opportunity to make their neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life. Neighborhood Watch groups typically focus on observation and awareness as a means of preventing crime and employ strategies that range from simply promoting social interaction and "watching out for each other" to active patrols by groups of citizens.

The benefits of organizing and participating in the Neighborhood Watch program translates into a higher quality of life. The program establishes a team concept of working together and looking out for one another. Crime feeds on apathy. If people simply "mind their own business", their entire neighborhood is vulnerable.

Everyone is invited to drop in anytime between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Creswell Community Center.