SURVEILLANCE SIGN NOW AVAILABLE FOR INSTALLATION WITH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGN

The Fremont Police Department is adding a new sign option to our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program in an effort to further deter crime.



Have you ever felt like someone was watching you? Well, that might just be the case. Over the last couple of years, we have been experiencing a growing trend of residents installing personal video surveillance cameras on the outside of their homes. The decline in price and easy to install plug 'n play wireless systems make video surveillance attractive to homeowners. In November several residents approached us about video surveillance and asked if we could look at additional sign options as part of the Neighborhood Crime Watch (NCW) program in the effort to publicize the use of private surveillance in residential neighborhoods.

Video surveillance is an effective tool in deterring crime. It is also what we believe to be a true partnership between police and the community. It allows private businesses and residents to take a proactive stance in fighting crime. In return, law enforcement benefits from having access to video displaying real time information, a way to identify suspects and most importantly solve cases. A typical video surveillance system combines video, wireless access and physical presence to help deter criminal activity in the community. As recent as last month, residents in the south end of Fremont were able to provide police with a video that led to the arrest of several burglary suspects. While we cannot completely prevent crime, video surveillance certainly contributes to making the City a safer place to live and work.

Members of the Community Engagement Unit met with a group of Block Captains earlier this year and together, came up with a new sign to meet this need. We are now excited to offer the new "Neighborhood Under Private Surveillance" sign. The sign is now available to all current NCW groups who have at least one resident on their block utilizing video surveillance. That resident will be required to provide us with their name, address, email, and the specific location of their camera. This information will go into our NCW database to be used only by law enforcement for the future purpose of solving crimes. We would also welcome, encourage and accept the information from anyone else who is utilizing video surveillance as we see it a significant benefit in our NCW program. If you aren't currently a member of a NCW program, but have private surveillance system and are interested in this sign, please contact one of our Community Engagement Specialists.

The cost for the sign will be \$8.00 each. The Community Engagement Unit can take all requests and the required contact information. Once ordered, it's estimated that it will take approximately 4 weeks to install the sign. Call the Community Engagement Unit at 510 790-6740.