

How do I get involved?

- As an individual, and/or organization, you begin by contacting the Cottage Watch program coordinator at FOCA to learn more
- If your group is interested in the program, access the implementation package and information on the FOCA website
- FOCA and your local O.P.P. Community Services Officer can assist by providing direction on developing your Cottage Watch committee



Hints and Tips for Crime Prevention

Every year there are hundreds of reports of crime in Ontario's cottage communities.

Through the Cottage Watch program you and your cottage community play an active role by simply reporting suspicious persons or activities to the police.

- Record license plate numbers and descriptions of any suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood
- Watch for strangers in your neighborhood
- Watch for persons taking "shortcuts" through your neighborhood
- Watch for unfamiliar vehicles making repeat visits through your neighborhood

How do I Report a Crime?

- Do not attempt to apprehend or pursue the criminal
- If the crime is in progress contact 9-1-1
- If a crime has been detected call 1-888-310-1122



***Working together to
reduce crime in your
community***

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(O.P.P.) and YOU!**



What is Cottage Watch?

A Community Crime Prevention Program

The program promotes the following:

- Secure your property to reduce the risk of crime
- Develop a Cottage Watch Committee in your community
- Work with your local O.P.P. Community Services Officer
- Mark your belongings with an engraver available from your local O.P.P. office

Who is involved in Cottage Watch?

- Cottage Owners
- Cottage or Lake Associations
- O.P.P.
- FOCA

Why a Cottage Watch Program?

Break and enters into cottages continues to be a serious concern.

This program will help:

- Those most affected take ownership of the problem
- Reduce incidents of theft, damage and break-ins
- Establish partnerships
- Assist police in the detection and prevention of crime
- Police identify your valuables and assist with recovery / return
- Promote a cost effective and efficient way to combat crime
- Create a safer living environment

Cottage Watch Resources

- Implementation guide with helpful tips on developing a Cottage Watch committee
- Contact information for your local O.P.P. Community Officer
- Access to an engraver from your local O.P.P. branch
- Cottage Watch fact sheets
- Access to an O.P.P. Home Security Audit guide and form

