West Midlands County Neighbourhood Watch Association

Partnership & Service Level Agreement With West Midlands Police

The West Midlands County Neighbourhood Watch Association will:

- Ensure that only elected representatives from properly constituted OCU Neighbourhood Watch schemes shall be eligible to serve upon the West Midlands County Neighbourhood Watch Association Committee (WMCNWA).
- Encourage its members to enrol in the West Midlands Police Unified Messaging System (Voice Connect/Ringmaster) scheme to receive advice on personal safety, community safety, crime prevention and current crime trends.
- Encourage its members to take an active part in crime prevention/reduction by seeking funding opportunities and taking measures to ensure that their own local community is safe and free from crime and the fear of crime (e.g., property marking).
- Hold regular partnership consultative meetings with senior management representatives of the West Midlands Police.
- Provide administrative support (following vetting and training) to their local police by voluntary assistance in connection with the recording of messages to be sent out to our members via the Unified Messaging System.

West Midlands Police Will:

- Maximise Neighbourhood Watch Association involvement in the proposed new statutory Police/Local Authority partnerships to reduce crime and disorder.
- Support the West Midlands County Neighbourhood Watch Association in its aims of promoting personal protection, crime prevention and community safety and in its objective of reducing crime and public disorder by making local communities safer and free from crime and the fear of crime.
- Be involved in partnerships with all Neighbourhood Watch Associations at County, Unitary Authority and District levels.
- Improve the Quality of Service to Neighbourhood Watch provided by all Police Officers and members of the Special Constabulary.
- Encourage more people to become involved in Neighbourhood Watch, especially youth and minority communities.
- Organise ‘Best Practice’ conferences for WMCNWA, Police and Community Safety practitioners.
- Provide information, development and training resources and facilities for the Neighbourhood Watch Association members throughout the county.
- Provide conference facilities for the West Midlands County, Sub Committee and OCU level Neighbourhood Watch Associations to meet at Police Headquarters or their local Police Station premises, if circumstances allow.

- Senior Executive Police Officers at Headquarters level and OCU Command level will undertake to attend the meetings of the Association when invited to do so.

- West Midlands Police will encourage OCU Community Partnership Officers to attend regular meetings of their local Associations as an ex-officio (none voting) members of the committee, when invited to do so.

- Current crime statistics will be communicated to Executive members of all Neighbourhood Watch Associations (upon written request) for the information of their members at their meetings, in the spirit of openness, confidentiality and trust.

- When individual members of the Neighbourhood Watch Association supply confidential intelligence to the police, that member shall be informed of any subsequent follow-up action taken by the police, subject to the rules of Data Protection and Sub-Judice rules.

Signed: Date: