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Subject: Re: Media Request from freelance journalist (Subject: National Neighborhood Watch)

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1. According to the NNW website, there are 24,000 neighborhood watch groups involved with 2,500 law enforcement agencies across the United States. Is this number accurate (current)? If not, what are the most recent numbers? Do these numbers represent watch groups involved with NNW, or watch groups in general (some NNW-affiliated and some not)?

<Can't pull recent number of watch groups – having a website issue – can say that there are over 100,000 registered users. Any numbers would represent people/watch groups that have registered with NNW; these numbers do not reflect the multitude of watch groups that have not registered with us.>

2. Since NNW launched in 1972, the number of neighborhood watch groups increased in the following decades. Compared to previous years, are neighborhood watch groups (particularly NNW) seeing an increase in their presence, or has this been declining?

Neighborhood watch groups – and people interested in forming or participating in one – are still increasing in presence and it's becoming easier to participate as many groups add digital elements or move online completely. With many people staying home more over the last year, they are getting more familiar with their neighbors and communities and want to do more to be involved and keep each other protected. Additionally, many communities are faced with cuts to their law enforcement agencies and neighborhood watch groups have been a way for residents to help alleviate some of the strain on local agencies.

3. If the number of members or number of neighborhood watch groups have been declining, what do you think might be the cause(s) of this?

N/A