

Burns Lane Residents Alliance
Neighborhood Safety

September, 2025

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch is coordinated by the Williamsburg Police Department (WPD). It is one of the oldest and best-known crime-prevention programs in the U.S., and it is primarily intended to serve as “extra eyes and ears” in a neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Watch has evolved in recent years to become more proactive and community-based by (a) working with our Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) to promote the quality of life of residents and (b) assisting the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the case of a natural disaster or emergency.

Block Captains do not patrol the neighborhood; rather, they are volunteers who are willing to be a first point of contact if you have concerns about the safety and well-being of residents in our beloved neighborhood.

Your Neighborhood Watch Officers:

Neighborhood Coordinator: Chris Gareis, 325 Burns Ln.

Block Captains

Area 1: Jim Barton, 706 Jamestown Rd.

Area 2: Jon Huddleston, 710 Powell St.

Area 3: Ed Lindsey, 207 Burns Ln.

Area 4: William F. Murray, 703 Goodwin St.

Area 5: Michael Grazier, 211 Burns Ln.

Area 6: Chris Gareis, 325 Burns Ln.

Community Emergency Response Team

The Williamsburg Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program was implemented in order to educate the city residents about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community. The CERT members are trained in order to help cope in the time period following a disaster when public safety personnel may be overwhelmed and unable to assist.

CERT is coordinated by the Williamsburg Fire Department (WFD), and representative citizens throughout the city have direct contact with the WFD by two-way radio in the event of an emergency.

Your Neighborhood Radio Operators:

Michael Motes, 701 Powell St

Ted Mittler, 322 Burns Ln

Neighborhood Resource Officer

Your Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) is an officer assigned to your neighborhood to address non-emergency situations. They are able to provide advice and assist in directing you to the resources available.

Your Neighborhood Resource Officer:

Officer O. Quetel

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