

# CITY OF CERRITOS - COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH OPERATION NIGHT LIGHT

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## **DEAR COMMUNITY PARTNER:**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is seeking your help to reduce nighttime residential and vehicle burglaries within this region.

Criminals are adaptive creatures. Enhanced daytime patrols, security cameras, and automatic license plate reading technologies have caused some would-be burglars to switch their illicit activities to nighttime.

Thieves appear to be surveilling residential neighborhoods at sunset and beyond looking for homes that appear to be unoccupied. Homes that have no exterior or interior lights on draw the unwanted attention of would-be burglars.

OPERATION NIGHT LIGHT is a new crime abatement strategy designed to dissuade would-be criminals during the hours of darkness.

Anyone can participate in OPERATION NIGHT LIGHT by simply turning on your porch light each day from dusk until dawn. Lights equipped with a photocell do this automatically.

A lit porch light will brighten your property and "illuminate" the fact that residents on your street are part of an active Neighborhood Watch program.

OPERATION NIGHT LIGHT gives criminals who operate under the cover of darkness what they don't want ... well-lit areas and exposure.

### UNLIT HOMES ATTRACT UNWELCOME ATTENTION!

# **KEEP'EM ON TO KEEP'EM OUT!**