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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The City of Plano Police Department has received the 2010 National Award for Excellence in Neighborhood Watch from the National Sheriffs' Association and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Program, U.S. Department of Justice, for their exemplary Neighborhood Watch Program.

Crime Prevention Sergeant Lindy Privett accepted the award on June 29, 2010 at the organization's annual conference in Anaheim, CA. The award will be on permanent display in the Crime Prevention Unit at the Plano Police Department's main headquarters.

The Department's Neighborhood Watch program encompasses more than 247 neighborhoods and relies on volunteers to recognize and report crimes, identify suspicious activities and behaviors, to reduce crimes such as theft and violence. In addition, it provides citizens with the opportunity to make their neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life.



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The Neighborhood Watch Awards of Excellence Program was established by the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) in 2004 to recognize and honor those law enforcement agencies, Neighborhood Watches, states, organizations, and programs that are doing extraordinary things to promote Neighborhood Watches in their communities. The NSA annually awards only two agencies in the nation, one police department and one sheriff's office (regardless of size), that have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to Neighborhood Watch.

For additional information about the Plano Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program or to start a program in your area, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-941-2439 or by visiting their webpage at www.planopolice.org.



(From Left to Right:
Chief Gregory W. Rushin, John Carlson, Neal Katz, Jill Young, Bob Rippner, George Clark, Sergeant Lindy Privett.)

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