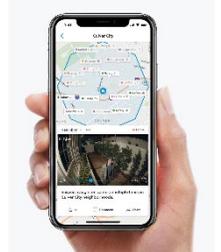


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Ring Neighbors Portal



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Elwood Police Department joins Ring Neighbors Application

Elwood, Illinois – Hello Elwood Community! Our police department is excited to be joining the Neighbors by Ring app in efforts to reduce crime in our Community. This app will allow the Elwood Police to inform the community of real-time crime and safety events so you can always stay informed. The Neighbors by Ring App also allows you, the user, to see something share something directly with Elwood Police. You do not need Ring devices to participate, anyone with any camera system can upload content to the Neighbors App! We are encouraging each and every one of you to spread the word out to the community about the Neighbors App. To download please text "jointoday" to 555888. Remember if you see something share something and report it to the Elwood Police Department# 815-423-5411. The Elwood Police Department will use this application to keep residents informed on community events, crime alerts, and found pets.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The Village of Elwood and the Elwood Police Department does not endorse RING or any specific camera or security system. The Neighbors App by Ring is just another tool used by the Elwood Police Department to communicate with the citizens of Elwood about crime and safety information.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS:

- The Police CANNOT access or view live camera footage from anyone within the Neighbors App.
- The Police CANNOT view any footage without the user giving access through the software.
- The user can determine which videos and which parts of the video can be sent to the Police. They can also choose not to share any videos with the Police. It is completely their choice.
- The Elwood Police DOES NOT monitor the app 24/7. If a crime is happening CALL 911!
- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PURCHASE A RING DEVICE TO BE APART OF THE NEIGHBORS APP. You can purchase any camera system or have no camera system at all.
- All user comments and posts are Anonymous and cannot be tracked by the Police.

NEW WAY TO DO AN OLD THING...

- The Elwood Police (and police in general) have always checked areas where a crime has happened for the presence of video cameras on residences and businesses to obtain possible video of evidentiary value.
- The Neighbors App has just brought this process into the 21st Century by contacting people digitally rather than having to physically searching and knocking on doors freeing up valuable time for investigators to focus on other aspects of cases.
- All tips shared via Neighbors are anonymous unless residents choose to identify themselves, as anonymous tips are an important tactic already used to solve crimes (ie. Will County CrimeStoppers)

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