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OC Sheriff to join Neighbors Public Safety Service by Ring

SANTA ANA, Ca (Sept. 8, 2021) The Sheriff's Department will join Neighbors Public Safety Service, a free application from Ring that will allow the department to engage with the community on public safety-related issues.

The Department is the 18th law enforcement agency in Orange County to join Neighbors Public Safety Service. The Sheriff's Department will activate its account profiles beginning Thursday, Sept. 9.

Neighbors is a free application that allows residents to share public safety information and stay informed of incidents in their area, while protecting their privacy. The application is available to the public and does not require the use of a Ring home security device.

Sheriff's Department personnel will be able to share important crime prevention information, safety bulletins and event notifications. In addition, residents can anonymously share relevant video and photos from a crime or incident with the Sheriff's Department to assist in an investigation.

"Engaged neighbors make for safer communities, and this is another tool we can use to interact with the residents we serve on relevant and important public safety issues," said Don Barnes, Sheriff-Coroner. "While it is not a replacement for reporting suspicious activity directly to law enforcement, it will be a valuable resource for residents and law enforcement alike."

How to Use Neighbors:

- Download the free Neighbors app on iOS, Android and FireOS devices.
- Once downloaded, users can join their neighborhood to share public safety information using video, photos and text-based posts.
- Residents can customize alerts and updates from their neighbors, law enforcement and fire agencies.
- User profiles are anonymous and residents determine what content to share and whether they want to engage with others, including with law enforcement and fire agencies.

As with any social media application, the platform is not a substitution for reporting crime or suspicious activity to law enforcement. Residents who observe a crime in progress or need assistance from the Sheriff's Department should call 9-1-1 in an emergency or 714-647-7000 for non-emergency calls.

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