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## Learning a New Skill—Training Our New Volunteers!

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Volunteering for Neighborhood Watch is a great way to learn a new skill. The ongoing training sessions bring volunteers together where veteran volunteers assist new volunteers. Computer skills are recommended, however, training sessions are geared to support all levels.

Improved training methods continue to be implemented to assist our Neighborhood Watch volunteers. As technology improves, so must the training. Some use desktop computers or laptops, while others have transitioned to iPads. No matter the equipment or software used, keeping it simple is the key.

The training session, held on September 10, focused on the updated Website [sclhWatch.org](http://sclhWatch.org) and “how-to” complete new 2021 forms.

Mailbox Captains and Village Coordinators improve their technical skills while learning how to collect and report contact information. This information has proven to be a vital factor in neighbors helping neighbors and reuniting lost pets with their owners.

New volunteers, and those who have volunteered for many years, learn new methods of communication, improving the essential information gathered. Signing up

for Neighborhood Watch *Alerts*, in collaboration with local law enforcement, provides current safety information for our community. Past Alerts are available on the NW website.

Join our team! Sign up for the next training session and learn a new skill.

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