## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for their Community Watch Training Academy. The Community Watch Program was formed in the fall of 2007 and is comprised of volunteers from neighborhoods that have decided to ensure the safety of their community by forming a partnership with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Volunteers wear clothing that proudly display, to any potential criminal, that they are the eyes and ears of law enforcement within this community.

Each volunteer receives training, clothing, and guidance from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office to ensure that this program succeeds in helping eliminate crime from your neighborhoods. Each volunteer is supervised by a sworn law enforcement liaison officer who monitors the performance of patrols under his jurisdiction.

On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office will host its first class of 6, for new Community Watch members. The class dates will be September 11th, September 13th, September 15th, September 18<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and concluding on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the evening from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, a United States Citizen, possess a valid Driver's License, and must be able to pass a Criminal Background check. Applications can be downloaded at <a href="https://www.sheriff.fairfield.oh.us">www.sheriff.fairfield.oh.us</a> (under Program and Services go to Community Watch Section) or please call (740)-652-7902 and ask for Sergeant Hendershot.