

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commission  
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager  
DATE: January 13, 2010  
RE: Overview of Clare Neighborhood Watch Program



For the Agenda of January 18, 2010

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Background. The Clare Police Department initiated a Neighborhood Watch Program in Clare approximately two and one-half years ago; Chief Midge appointed primary responsibility to then-Officer/now-Sergeant David Saad. The Program has grown from six active citizen-members at its inception to 87 citizen-members. And most recently, Mr. Robert (Bob) Andreotti, Jr. a former Saginaw resident, has moved to Clare and has volunteered (no cost) to assist us in moving our Neighborhood Watch Program to the next level. Mr. Andreotti was very active in the Community Policing Program and Neighborhood Watch Association Programs in the City of Saginaw for nearly 20 years and brings with him extensive grass-roots and personal experience; we believe he will be a significant asset for our Neighborhood Watch Program.

I've invited Mr. Andreotti to the January 18<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting to allow the City Commission an opportunity to meet him, ask questions, and provide Mr. Andreotti an opportunity to share his future vision of the Neighborhood Watch Program in Clare.

Issues & Questions Specified. N/A.

Alternatives.

Financial Impact. The cost of this community policing program is minimal (notices, announcements, and flyers; refreshments at Neighborhood Watch meetings; some signage, etc.).

Recommendation. I recommend that the City support Chief Midge, SGT Saad, Mr. Andreotti, in advancing and promoting our Neighborhood Watch Program and encouraging participation by our City residents.

Attachments. None.