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Westerville, OH) – The Westerville Division of Police has partnered with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), a free, private online resource for communities designed to pair social networking and crime prevention at the neighborhood level.

Through this partnership, the Westerville Division of Police will utilize Nextdoor to communicate online with the City’s 42 neighborhood watch groups, using technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

Communities around the nation are using Nextdoor in a number of ways, including spreading the word about neighborhood crime, organizing block watch activities and finding trustworthy resources, such as house sitters, babysitters and more.

With Nextdoor, Westerville residents can join private neighborhood websites to share information, including community events and activities. The Westerville Division of Police will post information, such as safety tips and crime alerts.

“We continue to have success and good participation with our neighborhood watch program. The key to that success is maintaining lines of communications with the community,” said Westerville Crime Prevention Specialist Preston Tartt. “Nextdoor is another tool we can use, especially since we have several already plugged in and using the program.”

Nextdoor is free for residents. Visit www.nextdoor.com and enter an address to get started.

For more information on the Westerville Division of Police, please visit www.westerville.org/police.

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