



North Buckhead Security Patrol Program Information Sheet

1. What is the North Buckhead Security Patrol?

The NBCA Public Safety Committee has designed the North Buckhead Security Patrol program (“Security Patrol”) for the consideration of NBCA members. The Security Patrol will be staffed by off-duty Atlanta Police Department (“APD”) officers with one officer on duty during service hours (“Patrol Officer”). The Patrol Officer will drive an APD police car. The Patrol Officer will be armed with standard APD equipment including firearms and handcuffs, can make arrests, and will have access to the police radio providing direct communication with APD. The Security Patrol will supplement regular APD coverage within North Buckhead.

2. What is the Security Patrol territory?

The Patrol will cover residential areas within the boundaries of North Buckhead. The boundaries of North Buckhead are Roswell Road on the west, Peachtree Dunwoody Road on the east, the Atlanta city limit on the north, and Peachtree and Piedmont roads on the south.

3. Who may receive services from the Security Patrol?

All residents of North Buckhead, including residents of single-family houses, apartments, townhomes, or condominium communities, may be NBCA members. Every NBCA member in good standing (meaning that NBCA membership dues are paid up) may become a “Security Patrol Sponsor” by paying an additional annual security patrol fee. Only Security Patrol Sponsors may receive Security Patrol Services.

4. What services will the Security Patrol provide?

When on duty, the Patrol Office will provide the following services to Security Patrol Sponsors:

- A. The Patrol Officer will provide additional police visibility by cruising the neighborhood in an APD police car and by stationing the car in visible locations. Locations will be identified by NBCA input and police data.
- B. The Patrol Officer will monitor APD radio for 911 calls in North Buckhead. If the location of the 911 call is a residence of a Security Patrol Sponsor, then the Patrol Officer will attempt to arrive at that location as soon as possible, in addition to any response by an on-duty APD officer.

- Please note: In an emergency, call 911 first. Then, if desired, Security Patrol Sponsors may also call the Patrol Office directly using a special cell phone number.
- C. If requested by the Security Patrol Sponsor and if available, the Patrol Officer will:
 - Visit a Security Patrol Sponsors' residence when the sponsor is out of town to look for any suspicious activity
 - Pull in trash cans and pick up newspapers when the sponsor is out of town
- D. The tasks listed in 4.C above:
 - Are only available when a Patrol Officer is on duty
 - Are secondary to responding to security calls and other patrolling duties

5. How much does it cost to sponsor the Security Patrol?

The cost to sponsor the Security Patrol will be \$350 per household per year. NBCA membership is a prerequisite to Security Patrol sponsorship and costs \$50 for one year or \$90 for two years.

6. When will the Security Patrol begin operating and during which days and hours will it operate?

NBCA will launch the Security Patrol when the number of households to fund the Minimum Coverage outlined below have paid the annual security patrol fee. Once launched, the Security Patrol's coverage will be based on the number of households that sponsor the Security Patrol.

Min/Max	Number of Families	Coverage
Minimum Coverage	215	3 days x 5 hours per day
	260	4 days x 5 hours per day
	305	5 days x 5 hours per day
	345	6 days x 5 hours per day
	390	7 days x 5 hours per day
	690	7 days x 10 hours per day
Maximum Coverage	990	7 days x 15 hours per day

Bottom line, the Security Patrol will only happen if enough neighbors "vote" in favor by becoming a Security Patrol Sponsor. The more sponsors, the more coverage.

7. How can I become a Security Patrol Sponsor?

Fill out the Security Patrol Sign-Up Form and mail with a check for \$350 made payable to "NBCA" per the instructions on the form. You can download the form at www.nbca.org. On the homepage, look under "NBCA Initiatives" or click on "About NBCA" in the menu at the top and then on "North Buckhead Security Patrol".

8. What if NBCA does not receive support from enough families?

NBCA will deposit security patrol sponsorship checks in a separate bank account used exclusively for the Security Patrol program. If NBCA does not reach the number of families required for the Minimum Coverage, then NBCA will promptly refund the sponsorship amount and delay or abandon the Security Patrol program.

9. How will the Security Patrol operate?

The NBCA Public Safety Committee will retain an off-duty APD officer to coordinate the program ("Patrol Coordinator"). Our Patrol Coordinator has coordinated similar programs for other neighborhoods for over 15 years. He will manage the staffing, hours, coverage, and quality of service for the officers working the Security Patrol.

While on duty, the Patrol Officer will drive around North Buckhead and park in visible locations determined by NBCA and police data. The Patrol Officer will have a police radio and will check-in with APD Dispatch to let them know that he or she is on duty in our area. This allows APD Dispatch to contact the Patrol directly and vice versa. The officer will have full police powers including the ability to arrest and detain, carry weapons, handcuff offenders, etc.

As a Security Patrol Sponsor, your name will be on the service list for the Patrol Officer. As a Security Patrol Sponsor, you will have direct access to the Patrol Officer via cell phone.

10. Why do we need a private patrol when we already pay taxes?

APD provides a basic level of coverage in North Buckhead. Some residents desire additional coverage. Although we can wish that additional coverage was available for the taxes that we already pay, the only way to know that we are receiving additional police coverage is to pay for it. Further, the Security Patrol provides additional services, such as home visits when you are out of town, that are not offered by regular police coverage.

11. Is North Buckhead unique in its desire for a Patrol?

No, many neighborhoods in Atlanta currently have a security patrol, including the neighborhoods listed below. There are other neighborhoods that have a security patrol, so this is not an exhaustive list. The operating hours and services vary by neighborhood.

- **Ansley Park**
- **Brookwood Hills**
- **Candler Park/Lake Claire**
- **Castleberry Hill Collier Hills**
- **Dupont Commons, Adams Crossing**
- **East Atlanta**
- **Garden Hills**
- **Grant Park**

- **Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association**
- **Inman Park**
- **Kirkwood**
- **Midtown Ponce**
- **Morningside**
- **Mt Paran Northside**
- **Paces**
- **Peachtree Hills**
- **Underwood Hills**
- **Virginia Highlands**

12. If I pay and my neighbor does not pay, is their house covered by the patrol?

No. Only households that are Security Patrol Sponsors are entitled to patrol services.

13. What about a neighborhood watch?

NBCA is investigating creating a Neighborhood Watch program. If you're willing to participate in this effort, please let the NBCA Public Safety Committee know by sending an email to Cary Cloud at cary@homegeorgia.com.

14. What else can we do as a neighborhood?

Other ideas for crime deterrence are vigilance (if you see something suspicious, call 911), install doorbell and other security cameras, install good lighting on timers or with motion detectors, and know your neighbors.

15. Do you have any more questions or comments?

Please email the NBCA Public Safety Committee Chair Cary Cloud at cary@homegeorgia.com

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