

**National Night Out: *America's Night Out Against Crime***  
**IMPD Southeast District**  
**Crime Fighter of the Year 2007**

IMPD Southeast District recognizes **Pastor Walt Willett** as our Crime Fighter of the Year. Pastor Willett was nominated by his neighbor, Linda Emery. In her nomination she writes:

“Pastor Willett has made a huge difference in our community. He has melded us together as neighbors, even though we have all been here longer than he has. He walks the streets and introduces himself and he makes a difference! We still have our problems, and our troublemakers, but at least we know there are people around us now that will help us if we need it. He has all the kids going to church on Saturday nights. Who knows if they understand, but they are learning to play nicely with each other and I hear a lot less foul language. There seems to be more laughter on my street now, and I can listen to that all night long.”

Even though Pastor Willett is a relative newcomer to the neighborhood, he has made a tremendous, positive impact in the area. A little over a year ago, he organized the East LeGrande CrimeWatch Block Club and recently expanded his commitment to bringing neighbors together by forming the North Raymond/East Meridian Street Neighborhood Association. He's accomplished much in a short time. He's worked with IPS officials; organized litter clean-ups; encouraged voter registration and held “Prayer Walks” just to name a few of the neighborhood projects he's spearheaded.

In addition, Pastor Willett has shown strong support for IMPD Southeast District community policing events and initiatives. He regularly attends the monthly Police-Community Task Force meeting. He took part in Community Day at Garfield Park and has brought neighborhood children to the Southeast District Breakfast With Santa. He participated in the IMPD **P.R.A.Y.** initiative ~ **Providing Resources for Area Youth** meeting and for the past two years has organized a neighborhood Block Party for National Night Out.

IMPD Southeast District and his neighbors are proud and fortunate to have Pastor Willett working tirelessly in the neighborhood. He is an outstanding leader and he is making a real difference in the community.

His willingness to give so much of himself is a blessing to all!