
STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

WHY STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND THE LEAST COSTLY WAY TO PREVENT CRIME, REDUCE FEAR AND MAINTAIN PROPERTY VALUE

HOW TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

- CANVASS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR INTEREST
- DISCUSS YOUR GOALS OR CONCERNS TO YOUR NEIGHBORS
- FIND OUT WHEN IS THE BEST TIME FOR A MEETING TO MOST OF YOUR NEIGHBORS
- ASK WHAT THEY CAN HELP OR JUST ATTEND YOUR MEETING
- YOU MAY ASK FOR HIS/HER NAME AND PHONE NUMBER FOR LATER CONTACT

SCHEDULE YOUR MEETING:

- CALL SDPD DIAMOND GATEWAY STOREFRONT AT (858) 538-8090 TO REQUEST A SPEAKER (*)
- MAKE A FLYER AND DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS, A WEEK OR TWO IN ADVANCE (*SEE PAGE 2 FOR SAMPLE FLYER*)
- THE FLYER MAY INCLUDE: DATE, TIME, LOCATION OF THE MEETING, THE CONTACT PERSON AND THE PHONE NUMBER
- CALL YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR A REMINDER A DAY OR TWO BEFORE THE MEETING DATE

AT THE MEETING:

- PREPARE A SIGN-IN SHEET AND STICKY NAME TAGS, IF POSSIBLE.
- START YOUR MEETING ON TIME – USUALLY IT LAST NOT MORE THAN AN HOUR.
- INTRODUCE YOUR GUEST SPEAKER; HAVE EACH OF YOUR NEIGHBORS INTRODUCE HIM/HERSELF
- ALLOW YOUR SPEAKER TO INTRODUCE THE PROGRAM
- QUESTIONS / ANSWERS TOWARD THE END

Discussion may include:

- CRIME AND OTHER CONCERNS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
- HOW TO REPORT CRIME / SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES
- IMPROVE HOME SECURITY
- INSTALL N.W. SIGNS
- GATHER RESOURCES & VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN YOUR PROGRAM.
- SELECT A BLOCK CAPTAIN(S) AND CO-BLOCK CAPTAIN(S) AT THE END OF THE MEETING
- MAKE A LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS, DRAW THE NEIGHBORHOOD MAP – DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBERS AT LATER DATE
- PLAN FUTURE MEETING OR ACTIVITY TO KEEP THE GROUP ACTIVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
DIAMOND GATEWAY STOREFRONT AT (858)538-8090

EMERGENCY: 911

24 HOURS NON-EMERGENCY: (858) 484-3154 OR (619) 531-2000

(*) CRIME PREVENTION MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING



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EMERGENCY – 9-1-1

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Neighborhood Watch is a program which enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with the Police Department to reduce crime and its effects in our community.

- You can get to know your neighbors and work together on mutual concerns.
- You can receive training in recognizing and reporting suspicious activities.
- You can learn simple and inexpensive crime prevention techniques, including home and vehicle security, personal safety and many more.

Join Friends in Your Neighborhood in Fighting Crime!

DATE: _____

Time: _____

Host: _____

Location: _____

Telephone: _____