

## **UNDERSTANDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

### **What Are the Goals of Neighborhood Watch?**

1. Increase Awareness Through Observation
2. Present Concerns Through a Unified Voice
3. Develop Action Plan W/n Neighborhood
4. Train Citizens in Basic Security:
  - Locks
  - Lighting
  - Landscaping
  - Operation ID
5. Build a Stronger Neighborhood

### **How to Start a Neighborhood Watch?**

1. Measure the Interest in the Neighborhood
2. Select Block Captains
3. Select Captain Coordinator
4. Block Captains Register People in Their Area
5. Establish Means of Communication

### **Coordinator Responsibilities:**

1. Communicate with Your District Captain or Me
2. Meet with the Block Captains Periodically
3. Distribute Materials to Block Captains

### **Member Responsibilities:**

1. Attend a Mtg on Nhw
2. Review Materials Distributed and Commit to Employing Crime Prevention Techniques
3. Be a Good Neighbor!
4. Report Suspicious Activity to Police or Block Captain.
6. Call 911 When in Doubt
7. Be a Good Witness
8. Be Willing to Do Your Share!
9. Inventory and Safeguard Your Property

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