## BE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAIN

For just a few hours of your time,

**YOU** CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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COMMITMENT FROM BLOCK WATCH CAPTAIN(S)
1.      Contact residents on your block to gauge interest.

2.      Contact CSO Renet Martin Renet.Martin@tucsonaz.gov 520 837-7241 and arrange for a meeting.  Meetings can be weekday evenings or on weekends.

3.      Notify residents on your block of the meeting.

4.      Host the once-a-year meeting - preferably at your own home or in your front or back yard or at a neutral location such as a library, church, or office.

5.      Arrange to have house numbers painted on the curb and, hopefully, on back walls.  The Neighborhood will supply paint and loan the stencils.

6.     Submit to Renet Martin the contact list with names, phone numbers, and email addresses of participants on your block.  Tell her your house numbers are painted.  She will drive by and check, then she will order a free Neighborhood Watch sign for each end of your block.

 7.  Distribute the contact list to neighbors.

**The Garden District Neighborhood Association will help with:**
            - a map of your block, information sheets explaining Neighborhood Watch, sign up sheet, and invitation to meeting notice.

 - reimburse you for up to $20 in copy and refreshment costs.
            - provide someone to walk your block with you every time you contact residents.

 - supply paint and stencils for painting house numbers.

For more information on Crime Prevention Tips and Neighborhood Watch and its requirements and benefits go to TPD’s website: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/neighborhood-watch

To contact the neighborhood for assistance, go to the Garden District website thegardendistrict.org and complete the form on the Home Page.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR BEING A LEADER AND STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

When walking your street to find out if neighbors are interested, carry a clipboard and write down: first and last name, house number, email address, and phone number. If you get some interested neighbors contact Renet Martin.

In order to qualify for Neighborhood Watch signs, participants need to paint their house numbers on the curb and hopefully also on the back wall if they have an easement or alley. Sometimes a street will have a neighbor who volunteers to paint numbers for everyone. Some streets just pass the cans of spray paint and the numbers on from one neighbor to the next.

At a TPD meeting I attended, someone asked about what to do if you want to start a Neighborhood Watch, but you are suspicious of someone on your block and you think they might be part of the crime problem. This resident asked TPD, “Isn’t that like inviting the fox into the hen house?” The officer responded that those are exactly the people you want to know that you are starting a Neighborhood Watch. You want them to know that the neighbors are joining together to fight crime, are being trained by police to recognize suspicious activity and what to do when they see it, are learning how to improve the security of their home, are receiving crime alerts from the police, etc. Also, those people rarely show up at a Watch meeting.

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***The next page is a sample invitation to distribute asking your neighbors to join and start a Neighborhood Watch. It would be the first contact you make with neighbors.***

***The last page is a sample invitation to the actual meeting. Meetings can be held in your home, in your front or back yard, or even in a neutral, nearby location like a school, church or office.***

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**





To Sign Up, Contact:

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at 000-0000

email address

**ONE MEETING ONCE A YEAR**

**FOR ONE HOUR**

**Let's start a Neighborhood Watch program on our block!**

 **Our commitment:**

 One meeting once a year for one hour.

 Ideally 51% of the households on our block agreeing to join and attend the

 one meeting. (only 1 individual per household needs attend.)

 Your name, email (if you have one), and phone number added to our

 block map.

 Your house number painted on the curb and behind your house.

 (We’ll help with that!)

 **TPD's Commitment;**

 Install, at no cost, Neighborhood Watch signs at each end of our block.

 Information about improving home security and how to make a 911 call that will get the response you want.

 Alert Neighborhood Watch Leaders about crime in our area.

 Free home security inspections.

 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS HAVE A LONG, PROVEN TRACK RECORD FOR DETERRING CRIME! The purpose of a Neighborhood Watch is to create an alert community by using simple crime prevention methods. Neighborhood Watch will not prevent every crime, but it will unite your block to "Harden the Target". It will empower you against crime with knowledge, with neighbor's phone numbers, and with information about your community. You will receive training in how to be observant, how to help each other, How to improve your home’s security, and how to work with law enforcement.

Members of a Neighborhood Watch are never asked to put themselves in harm's way to prevent a crime. You are asked to be the eyes and ears of the police. The small time commitment to participate in a Neighborhood Watch has vast rewards!

Numerous research studies have shown that a Neighborhood Watch:

* Reduces opportunities for crime.
* Deters offenders. Offenders see the posted signs and are aware that local residents are more likely to report suspicious behavior so offenders are more likely to be caught.
* Enhances police protection through the increased flow of useful information from the public to the police.

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**MEETING!**

**DATE**

**6:30 – 7:30ish**

**Front yard of ADDRESS**

**Only one person per household need attend.**

* Be able to recognize and report suspicious activity
* Learn ways to increase your home's security
* Benefit from a block map and telephone tree system
* Be part of a positive relationship with your neighbors and the Police
* Meet new neighbors and greet old!

Leader: NAME, PHONE, EMAIL

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