



KCSO Neighborhood Watch

Block Captain's Guide

What is Neighborhood Watch?

1 Neighbors Communicating with Neighbors

2 Neighbors Communicating with Law Enforcement

3 Securing your Property/ Target Hardening

To act as a liaison between the neighborhood and Law Enforcement. Keep KCSO updated with Block Captain contact info. We want to know about areas of concern. *Remember all reports must be made to our non-emergency number (661)861-3110

Receive information from participants and share information with your group. Participants should be informing the Block Captain of unusual activity and Block Captain can send this info out to the group periodically.

Maintain and periodically update a list of participant information. This includes maps, names, emails, phone numbers, places of work, normal working hours, family size, etc. Have neighbors complete the neighbor information sheet.

Monitor and encourage use of target-hardening. Improvements and techniques provided in the presentation. Remind and make recommendations on what neighbors can do to increase safety. Lighting, strike plate security screws, dead bolts, window locks, alarms systems, security cameras, and locking gates are all great ways to secure your property.

Welcome new neighbors and provide neighborhood watch materials. Block captain can also appoint a neighbor or group of neighbors to welcome new neighbors and provide them with resources, brochures and contact information.

Takes initiative on planning follow up meetings (monthly, quarterly, annually) and notifies participating neighbors. Discuss with members how frequently everyone would like to meet. Consider having guest speakers such as alarm company representatives or make it fun by making it a potluck or BBQ.

Work with neighbors to purchase and place visible Neighborhood Watch signs. Pitch in together if it makes more sense and make sure that the signs are placed in visible and effective locations.

Remind neighbors that it is their responsibility to report suspicious activity and crimes to law enforcement. Ensure that all neighbors have proper contact numbers for law enforcement. *Participants need to report their own crimes and should not rely on the block captain to do so.

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency 9-1-1
Non Emergency (661)861-3110
Online Reporting:
www.kernsheriff.org
Code Compliance:
1-800-522-KERN

Gang Hotline: (661)392-6000
Narcotics Hotline: (661)392-6003
Crime Prevention Unit:
(661)391-7559 or
crimeprevention@kernsheriff.org
Smart911.com