

BECKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
(218) 847-2661 OR 911 EMERGENCY

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

HOW DO YOU START?

CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBORS AND ASK THEM IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH GROUP, ASK THEM FOR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. SET UP A DATE AND TIME. MOST MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE EVENING MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY. OFTEN RESIDENTS HAVE MEETINGS IN THEIR HOME OR YARD. CONTACT THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR CRIME PREVENTION UNIT IN YOUR AREA TO SET UP A MEETING.

HOW FORMAL IS THIS ORGANIZATION?

YOU WILL NEED TO CHOOSE A BLOCK CAPTAIN AND AN ALTERNATE BLOCK CAPTAIN AND KEEP A LIST OF MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS.

WILL THIS BE VERY TIME CONSUMING?

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS NEED TO MEET ONLY TWO TIMES PER YEAR. THE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER OR DESIGNEE WILL ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. THE MEETINGS USUALLY LAST APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR.

WATCH GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THEIR OWN, WHICH ARE ORGANIZED BY THE BLOCK CAPTAIN.

WE ENCOURAGE BLOCK PARTIES, PICNICS, CHRISTMAS PARTIES, HALLOWEEN PARTIES ETC. JUST REMIND THE ATTENDEES ABOUT THE CRIME PREVENTION GOAL OF THE WATCH GROUP.

WHAT'S THE REAL ADVANTAGE OF A WATCH GROUP?

FIRST, YOU'LL GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS BETTER. WITH EVERYONE WATCHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR SUSPICIOUS SITUATIONS AND POTENTIAL CRIMINALS, YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BECOME A SAFER PLACE.

WATCH GROUPS HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT HELP YOU BY GETTING INFORMATION TO US IN A TIMELY MANNER. THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY OFFICERS AND WE NEED GROUP EARS AND EYES IF OUR JOB IS TO BE DONE EFFECTIVELY.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TAKES ONLY A SMALL COMMITMENT FROM YOU, A COMMITMENT TO OPPOSE CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY COOPERATING WITH NEIGHBORS TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A SAFER PLACE.

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