



Neighborhood Watch Program Block Captain's Responsibilities

- Block Captains shall act as liaison with their Neighborhood Watch Coordinators and law enforcement agency and their respective Neighborhood Watch block area.
- Block Captains help maintain the communication among the neighbors and coordinators by emails, texting, telephone call or meetings as needed.
- Block Captains help keep the contact information of their neighbors in their block current for the networking.
- Be responsible for organizing block meetings in their area; these meetings may be held in the Block Captain's home or the home of any Watch member.
- Distribute information to the members in their neighborhood through flyers, bulletins, newsletters, emails, etc.
- Attend scheduled meetings between the law enforcement agency and Neighborhood Watch Coordinators.
- Keep in contact, at reasonable intervals, with their Watch members so they are aware of any neighborhood problems (such as burglaries or theft crime information) and can alert other Watch members.
- Encourage neighborhood participation in the program and solicit members to attend meetings. Be -sure to welcome new neighbors to the community and encourage their joining Neighborhood Watch.
- Have updated information and materials for members and new members.
- Report suspicious circumstances to police; monitor crime trends and problem areas in your neighborhood. **Non-Emergencies Indio Police Dispatch (760) 391-4051**
- Encourage neighbors to get to know one another and exchange information.
- Helps to encourage neighbors on their block to keep an eye on their neighbors' homes when they are away on vacation or short trip. The neighbors need to be aware who should be home or not.
- Inform neighbors of your responsibility as a Block Captain-WHAT A BLOCK CAPTAIN CAN AND CANNOT DO.
- Remember to encourage your people if they have an **Emergency** to call **9-1-1** and to **file a report if they are a victim of a crime.**
- They encourage the members in their block to be helpful in the investigations of a crime such as thefts, or burglaries, they can call the Indio Police Department Dispatch **Non-Emergency (760) 391-4051** or **Business Line (760) 391-4057** - www.indiopd.org