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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GOALS



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WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch empowers residents to work together with law enforcement to prevent crime and enhance safety. By staying alert and connected, neighbors help protect their homes, reduce burglaries, and build a stronger, safer community for everyone.

THREE MAIN FUNCTIONS

A successful Neighborhood Watch group focuses on three main responsibilities:

- Conducting neighborhood patrols
- Reporting suspicious activity
- Reporting criminal incidents

Important Reminder: Neighborhood Watch members should never intervene or attempt to apprehend suspects. That responsibility belongs to law enforcement professionals. Stay safe and alert—your role is to observe and report.

OVERALL GOAL

Criminals do not want to be seen. The goal of a Neighborhood Watch group is to create a strong perception that suspicious or criminal activity is being observed.



5 STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



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SELECT A BLOCK CAPTAIN

Choose a block captain—or co-captains—who will serve as the main contact for DPS and help organize and lead Neighborhood Watch meetings.

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IDENTIFY PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS

Start connecting with your neighbors to invite them to join your Neighborhood Watch group. Going door-to-door in teams is a great way to build relationships.

3

GATHER INFORMATION

To help keep neighbors connected, assist emergency personnel when needed, and recognize who and what belongs in your neighborhood, gather the following details:

- Home addresses
- Phone numbers and email contacts
- Names, gender, and age of household members

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CREATE A MAP

Create a neighborhood map that includes basic demographic details for each household. Share the map only with Neighborhood Watch participants, and ensure it remains confidential. Each group is responsible for keeping the information up to date.

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TIME TO GET ACTIVE!

Neighborhood Watch groups are designed to allow you and your neighbors to continue to enjoy your everyday routine by making a few simple adjustments. “Patrol” can range from neighborhood dog walks to holiday house competitions. Remember, more eyes on the street.



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A block captain plays a vital role in the success of the Neighborhood Watch program. Your active involvement and enthusiasm help inspire others and encourage neighbors to participate.

A BLOCK CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Block Captain, you'll coordinate Neighborhood Watch meetings and activities. Don't worry it's easier than it sounds, and you can always recruit co-captains to help.

Your first meeting can be used to:

- Introduce and organize your group
- Explain the purpose and benefits of the Neighborhood Watch program
- Or simply host a fun activity to bring neighbors together

Responsibilities include:

- Keeping sign-in sheets for each meeting
- Updating the neighborhood map with any changes
- Serving as the main point of contact between your neighborhood and Dublin Police Services (DPS)



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MAP



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It is important to remember that your Neighborhood Watch maps are to remain **confidential**.

The purpose of creating a neighborhood map is to be able to quickly communicate with neighbors, easily identify anything that is out of place, and accurately convey information to emergency personnel if needed.

MAP EXAMPLE

Name _____
Car Info _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Misc. _____

Name _____
Car Info _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Misc. _____

Name _____
Car Info _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Misc. _____

**The
Jacksons**

**The
Mahomes**

**The
Swifts**

Clark Ave

**The
Baldwins**

**The
Hudsons**

**The
Johns**

Name _____
Car Info _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Misc. _____

Name _____
Car Info _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Misc. _____

Name _____
Car Info _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Misc. _____

Dublin Blvd

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS



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Get as many neighbors involved as possible. Not everyone will want to be a part of the program, and that's all right. Make sure they know about the Neighborhood Watch program and that they are always welcomed to come to the get-togethers and events.

HOSTING YOUR MEETINGS

Make it convenient! Host meetings in your neighborhood so that your neighbors will come. Meetings can be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. If outside, ask the participants to bring their own chairs. Most meetings are held outdoors, in the front of the home, in the driveway, garage, etc.

At minimum host a meeting at least twice a year. Evenings, Mondays through Thursdays, are typically the best days to host a meeting. It allows everyone to get home and not have to worry about weekend activities.

MEETING TOPIC IDEAS

Creating an agenda helps keep your Neighborhood Watch meeting focused and respectful of everyone's time. While meetings are a great chance to socialize, they're also an opportunity to:

- Plan upcoming events
- Discuss recent incidents or concerns
- Invite guest speakers to share helpful insights

Suggested Topics to Cover:

- Safety for children, teens, and the elderly
- Traffic and parking issues
- Home security and safety tips
- Crime prevention strategies



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS



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Neighborhood Watch meetings are important to good home security. Keep your group motivated by inviting various professionals, maintaining interesting meeting topics, and engaging in various activities.

BRING IN THE PROFESSIONALS

Keep your neighbors engaged and informed by inviting a variety of experts to your Neighborhood Watch meetings. Consider including:

- A topic presentation from Dublin Police Services
- A home security specialist to share safety tips
- A security camera representative
- A legal expert to discuss community safety laws
- A self-defense class to promote personal safety

ALTERNATIVE GROUP ACTIVITIES

Criminals prefer to go unnoticed—so increase visibility in your neighborhood by mixing up your traditional meetings with fun outdoor activities. These events help build community while keeping your streets active and watched.

Ideas include:

- Joining DPS's National Night Out
- Hosting an outdoor movie night
- Organizing weekly group exercise sessions
- Planning neighborhood strolls and group dog walks
- Hosting a bake-off, potluck, or BBQ

The more neighbors outside and engaged, the safer your community becomes.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IDEAS



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The goal of your Neighborhood Watch activities is to create the impression that any suspicious or unwelcome behavior is being noticed by the community.

- Leave a few minutes early and loop around your neighborhood to check for anything out of the ordinary.
- Bring eyes to your street & enjoy your morning coffee on the porch.
- In the evening, leave the porch light on.
- Walk your dog through the neighborhood.
- Organize a neighborhood outdoor workout group.
- Organize a neighborhood walking group.
- Coordinate neighborhood activities—driveway movie nights, barbeques, ice cream socials, etc.
- Show pride & ownership and consider a neighborhood holiday decoration competition.
- Consider leaving the blinds open on an elevated window with a light on in a room that faces the street.
- Sidewalk and/or chalk drawing contest.
- Create a whistle or horn system to alert neighbors.



DUBLIN POLICE SUPPORTING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



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Dublin Police Services supports you and your neighborhood. While a DPS representative isn't required at Neighborhood Watch meetings, you're welcome to request their attendance if needed.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

In addition to providing the latest crime stats and trends in your area, DPS can present on a variety of topics. The following are a few examples:

- First meeting—How to Start a Successful Neighborhood Watch Group
- Home and Vehicle Security
- Fraud and Scams
- Suspicious Activity: What It Is and How to Report It
- When To Call the Police and What Information to Provide
- Prioritizing Calls: Who Gets the Police First

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to assisting with getting your group going and presenting at meetings, DPS' Crime Prevention Unit can provide the following for individual households:

- Vacation Security Checks
- Camera Registrations
- Home Security Assessments



SUSPECT & VEHICLE DESCRIPTION



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SEX Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	RACE White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	AGE:
HEIGHT		HAT (Color/type)
WEIGHT		JACKET
EYES		SHIRT
GLASSES TYPE		PANTS
TATTOOS		SHOES
SCARS/MARKS		WEAPONS
COMPLEXION		OTHER

Emergency — 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 925-462-1212

LICENSES PLATE INFORMATION	Number: State:
MAKE	
MODEL	
YEAR	
COLOR	
BODY STYLE (2-door, convertible, etc.)	
IDENTIFYING MARKS (dents, scratches, hubcaps, bumper stickers, etc.)	

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REGISTRATION



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BLOCK CAPTAIN INFORMATION

NAME:	
PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:	APT/SUITE:

CO-CAPTAIN INFORMATION

NAME:	
PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:	APT/SUITE:

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP INFORMATION

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (if known)
PLEASE LIST THE ADDRESSES OF HOMES IN YOUR WATCH GROUP (i.e. 123 –139 Main St. and 123 –139 Maple St.)