

Neighborhood **CRIME WATCH**



What is a Neighborhood Crime Watch?

- A partnership between the community and the police department to help reduce crime and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.
- A group of neighbors addressing issues that concern the entire community
- Neighbors are talking to each other, building a sense of community and place.

Neighborhood Crime Watch Basics

- All neighbors are invited to participate in the group.
- Members should be ready to learn how to create a safer community. The community can include homes, businesses, schools, and public spaces.
- All neighbors will report any suspicious activity to the police.
- Neighborhood Crime Watch members are not vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears for their neighbors and the police department.

Getting Organized

- Contact Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI) and your KCPD Community Interaction Officer to set up a meeting time. NNI has space available for these meetings, but the meetings can take place at a church, school, or a neighbor's home.
- Set up a time for the kickoff meeting. This meeting will have an overview of topics like home security, observation and reporting skills, and how to help organize your neighborhood crime watch group.
- Determine your neighborhood boundaries and how you will be splitting up the neighborhood by block captain.
- Next, you will want to pick a person as the coordinator of the block captains who are responsible for organizing meetings and distributing information.
- Meetings should take place at a consistent place and time. We recommend at least doing a meeting every three months.
- Be sure to advertise the meetings to all neighbors using social media, paper flyers, and any other means. Nothing beats a conversation in person or over the phone.
- Recruit new members. Have block captains create a flyer or something with their contact information to distribute to their neighbors. Remember one of the main goals of the neighborhood crime watch is to get to know your neighbors.
- Plan a neighborhood-wide event, like a block party where you can get many neighbors together in one place.
- Remember to have fun!

Neighborhood Crime Watch Signs

- Most neighborhoods need about 5-7 signs depending on the number of entrances and the overall size of the neighborhood.
- Signs are placed in locations recommended by your Community Interaction Officer (CIO)
- They are \$10 each
- The City installs the signs for free on existing light and utility poles.
- The signs are usually installed 2-3 weeks after they are ordered.



Kansas City Safety Contacts

- Emergency – 911
- Non-Emergency number – 816-234-5111
- Officer Bill Keeney (Shoal Creek CIO) – 816-413-3440
- Officer Rick Jones (Shoal Creek CIO) – 816-949-1760
- Officer John Lozano (North Patrol CIO) – 816-437-6230
- Officer Robert Pavlovic (North Patrol CIO) – 816-437-6200
- Kansas City Fire Dept. – 816-513-4600
- City Code Violations – 311 or 816-513-1313

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