

THE BLOCK CAPTAIN'S ROLE

The Block Captain serves as the crucial link between the Neighborhood Watch organization and the individual residents. The role requires a responsible person with the time and interest in working as part of the team. Most Block Captains have full-time jobs; being at home during the day is not required. The Block Captain should have a reliable telephone messaging system. Specific duties include:

1. Responsibility responsible for a manageable number of homes (usually 10-15). Go door-to-door and introduce yourself! Keep track of who is living in each home in your area; record the person's name, telephone number, e-mail, and their participation status in the Neighborhood Watch program.
2. Distribute and/or collect Neighborhood Watch forms (Fliers, Security Surveys, Property ID brochures, etc.).
3. Coordinate the use of the Engraver.
4. Serve as the contact person for people on your street to notify about crime or suspicious activity. Promptly notify the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator of this information.
5. Meet new neighbors: Explain the Neighborhood Watch program, and distribute materials.

Becoming a Block Captain can be a very rewarding experience. You meet neighbors you might not have known otherwise. You serve the important functions of keeping people informed about incidents in the community and providing information about how they can secure their homes. It is a highly visible position, and vital to the success of the Neighborhood Watch program as a whole.