



Block Captains

Block captains are a very important part of the Frisco Neighborhood Watch organization because the Block Captains often are the only direct contact with the organization for many of the neighbors. In order for communication to flow effectively to and from neighbors, they need to feel the Block Captain is interested and available to hear their comments.

The number of Block Captains will depend upon the size of the neighborhood and the number of residences on each street. In some neighborhoods, co-Block Captains share responsibility for a block; in others, a captain may be responsible for more than one block. As a rule, a Block Captain can be most effective with a limited number of households, possibly 10 to 15.

DUTIES OF THE BLOCK CAPTAIN

- Meet the neighbors on the block, inform them about the Neighborhood Watch group, get their input about what is important to them, and enlist their help to organize the block and/or neighborhood.
- Prepare and maintain a block directory listing or map of the block with names, addresses, and home and work telephone numbers. Distribute copies to all residents on the block. (Get permission to list & distribute information from each resident before distributing)
- Distribute meeting flyers and newsletters to the block residents as needed.
- Act as a liaison between all block residents and the Neighborhood Watch Board. Meet with neighbors periodically to maintain the flow of information and promote neighborhood cooperation and friendliness.
- Visit with new residents to inform them about the Neighborhood Watch program and encourage their participation and membership.
- Assist in encouraging neighbors to:
 - ⇒ Recognize and **immediately report** unusual and suspicious activity to the police.
 - ⇒ Be more observant and accurately record good descriptions, license numbers, etc.
 - ⇒ Exchange information with other residents such as types of automobiles, work hours, emergency contacts, and other helpful information so that neighbors may know what is normal at each other's homes.
 - ⇒ Make their home more secure against illegal entry.
- Immediately relay information between the neighbors and the Neighborhood Watch Communicator regarding criminal activity.
- Participate in periodic meetings with the Neighborhood Watch Board and other Block Captains. Pass on the input received from your neighbors.

BACK-UP BLOCK CAPTAINS

Because of the many ongoing responsibilities of a Block Captain, it may be advisable to recruit a back-up volunteer willing to fill in when the Block Captain is unavailable. This is especially important in areas in which you are relying upon the Block Captains to distribute urgent information. Back-up Block Captains' responsibilities normally are to substitute for or assist the Block Captain as needed.

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