

City of Peoria

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

APPLICATION

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NAME:

Contact Person Name/Title:

Street/P. O. Box

City & State and Zip Code

Telephone:

Email Address:

RETURN APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS TO:

Lt. Scott Cook
Neighborhood Services Unit
Peoria Police Department
600 SW Adams St.
Peoria, IL 61602
(309) 494-8228

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch is crime prevention program that:

- Teaches citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home and in public.
- Trains citizens on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- Teaches participants how to make their homes more secure and properly identify their property.
- Allows neighbors to get to know each other and their routine so that any out of place activity can be reported and investigated.
- Creates a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that concern the entire community.

WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS NOT?

- Not a vigilante group working doing law enforcement.
- Not a program designed for participants to take personal risks to prevent crime.

<p>HERE'S WHAT YOU WILL GET ONCE YOU BECOME AN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP:</p>

- Blue Eye Neighborhood Watch signs
- Neighborhood Watch brochures and education materials
- Education and training by police
- Assistance from the neighborhood division
- Know your neighbors

ACTION STEPS TO ORGANIZE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

1. **INFORMAL SURVEY:** Talk with your neighbors and area business owners to inquire about their concerns, and their willingness to contribute to a neighborhood watch.
2. **HOLD A START-UP MEETING:** With your neighbors to gauge their interest in starting a watch group. Consider inviting representatives from local churches, schools and businesses. (City staff are available to attend a meeting to discuss NeighborhoodWatch.)
3. **IDENTIFY** activities that the neighborhood watch may take on including community clean-ups, block parties, community gardens, street lighting, code enforcement, and youth recreation.
4. **CONTACT** Lt. Scott Cook at the Neighborhood Services Unit (494-8228) for need assistance to organizing a meeting and to host a kick-off event.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Please describe some of the issues and challenges in your neighborhood that could be addressed by Neighborhood Watch activities:

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ACTIVITIES

Here are examples of activities that your group may be interested in:

- Gang identification _____
- Crimestoppers _____
- Neighborhood Youth Involvement _____
- Watch group leadership _____
- Police safety training _____
- Phone trees _____
- Block Captains _____
- OTHER PROGRAM IDEAS:
