

Neighborhood Watch

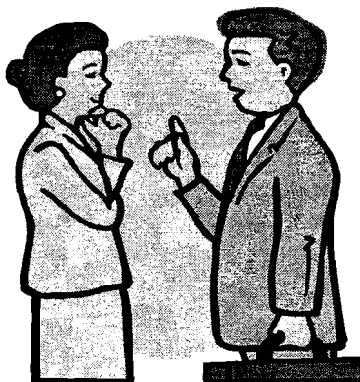
Neighborhood Watch provides an atmosphere of cooperation between the police department and citizens interested in enjoying a crime free quality of life. It is no small coincidence that blocks organized and active benefit from less crime, positive social interaction with neighbors and a sense of unity.

Neighborhood Watch programs often get started and organized for a variety of reasons. Residential and auto burglaries, auto thefts, vandalism or suspicious behavior are just a few. These types of crimes and activity naturally bring people together. A Neighborhood Watch can formalize the process. It supports the concept of neighbors getting to know each other and establishing trusted neighbors who can rely on each other for help and assistance.

Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch on your block. Use the following steps to begin the processes of developing a safer, more secure environment and to partner with the Albuquerque Police Department.

How to Start Neighborhood Watch

1. You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting
2. Whoever is going to host the meeting calls the APD Crime Prevention office at 924-3600 to provide their name, address and phone number. After making the call, the CP office will send a "Starter Packet" that will include, among other things, a form to collect information from your neighbors.
3. The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form. (Note: At least 50% of the homes on the block must be represented at the meeting to qualify for sign purchase and placement.)
4. The host then sends the completed list back to the CP office in the self-addressed envelope provided in the Starter Packet.



5. After the CP office receives the list, a Crime Prevention Specialist will contact the host to set up a date and time for the NW meeting.
6. The CP Specialist will then assist you with invitations for each person whose name appears on the list. Fliers will be given to the host to be distributed to neighbors as a "last minute" reminder.
7. At the meeting, the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
8. The CP Specialist will conduct the meeting and provide a variety of safety and security information. Towards the conclusion of the meeting the Specialist will facilitate a selection of a Block Captain, who will represent the block and serve as a point of contact for the Albuquerque Police Department.

9. The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the CP office including replacement BC information.

10. The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhood Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered by the Block Captain through the Crime Prevention office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA).

Block Captain

The key person in any NW group is the Block Captain. This person is an integral component to keeping the block actively involved in crime prevention efforts as well as the important process of information exchange between neighbors. Many NW groups flourish, but some dwindle while others disappear totally. How successful they are depends on the Block Captain and the support he or she receives from neighbors.

Block Captains can organize block parties and other gatherings, meet and greet new neighbors, distribute numbers and emails, monitor activity in the area and organize follow up NW meetings.

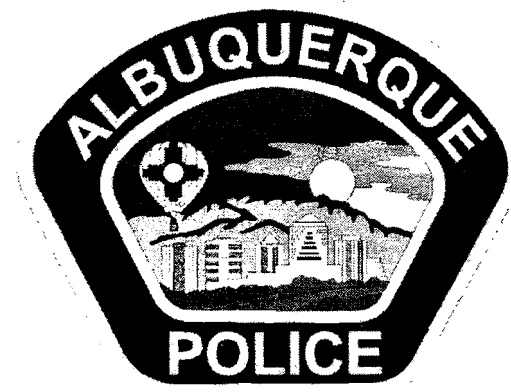
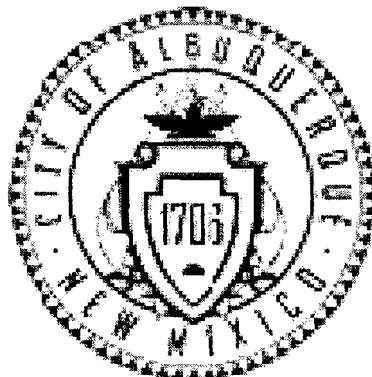
Neighborhood Watch is an important Community Policing program – consider organizing one today. Call 924-3600 for more information.

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For additional crime prevention information contact your local Area Command Substation, or the Crime Prevention office at 924-3600.

West Side Area Command	831-4705
SE Area Command	256-2050
North Valley Area Command	761-8800
NE Area Command	823-4455
Foothills Area Command	332-5240

911 – Emergency Phone Number
242-COPS – Non-Emergency Number
311 – City Information Number



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