

Needed 10 to 15 people to act as Block Captains

Purpose: Communities across the nation use Neighborhood Watch to prevent crime and build stronger relationships with law enforcement. Yet Neighborhood Watch is not just about crime prevention. It is also about knowing neighbors and improving the quality of life in the community. An important goal is to learn more about each other so neighbors are available to help each other during difficult times.

What: Block Captains are recommended for every 10-15 houses, and they should be directly involved with their immediate neighbors. The Block Captain's responsibilities may include:

- Acting as liaison between block residents and the coordinator.
- Establishing a "telephone chain" by compiling and distributing a current list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of block participants.
- Visiting and inviting new residents to join.
- Contacting each neighbor as often as possible to discuss possible crime problems, needs for assistance, and suggestions for program improvement.

How: Block Captains are to meet, greet and host your immediate neighbors for a wine and cheese, or a potluck, etc. 2 to 3 homes on either side of you and the same across the street. Of course, you may have this "get to know your neighbors" gathering as often as you like, but at least twice per year would be recommended. The hosting home may also be shared amongst your neighbors.

To volunteer just let Sandy or Michael Stegman know that you will talk to and host a gathering of your neighbors at 480-922-0909 or mbstegman@cox.net.