



Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Information Sheet

Q. What is a block captain?

A. Block captains are the eyes and ears for a block of houses, and look for anything out of the ordinary that might need attention. They carry out the Neighborhood Watch Program on each street and report suspicious activity to the police and notify neighbors. They are not vigilantes, and are supposed to notify the police when necessary, not try to act as police themselves.

Q. How do you become a block captain?

A. You can sign up with Tonianne Soster (tasconstruction@austin.rr.com) or 825-3773 who will then set up a time to do the 30-45 minute training at your convenience.

Q. What are the duties of a block Captain?

A. Create a contact list for your block, hold block meetings, recruit more block captains, update residents of your block on any pertinent issues such as a break in, keep your eyes and ears open and call 911 if you feel an officer is needed, coordinate the annual National Night Out on your street if you choose to.

Q. What are the benefits of the Neighborhood Watch Program and having a block captain on your street?

A. It fosters better communication and a closer knit community on your block. The time commitment is very small and the outcome can be extremely helpful. Block Captains have had Neighborhood watch signs installed, alerted residents of everything from break-ins on their street to happy events going on. The idea is to watch out for each other and keep communication open, which makes for a better community all around.

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Or 825-3773 for more info or to sign up to be a block captain.**