

Neighborhood Watch...It's Not Just Crime Prevention Any More!

You and your neighbors can learn to better protect yourself, your family, and your property. Neighborhood Watch is a community network that enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with public safety agencies to prepare for "all hazards" in their communities. For more information, visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/watch.shtm>.

It involves:

- Neighbors getting to know each other and working together;
- Getting to know your neighbors' special skills (medical, technical);
- Citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious activities;
- Implementation of overall home safety and crime prevention techniques, such as Operation Identification; and
- Training in emergency preparedness, mitigation, and response to man-made or natural disasters.

Where do I start?

- Talk to your neighbors to get them interested;
- Contact the Broomfield Police Department's Public Education Coordinator at 720-887-2084 to find out about a program for your area;
- Enlist your neighbors' help;
- Host an introductory meeting;
- Identify a "Block Captain" with your neighbors.

Duties of a Block Captain:

- Act as liaison between residents, Police, and the Public Education Coordinator;
- Contact new neighbors and explain the program;
- Encourage neighborhood participation in Home Security Surveys, Operation Identification; and Emergency Preparedness training;
- Distribute Neighborhood Watch and other informational materials;
- Encourage active participation.

