

## Neighborhood Watch Program Guidelines

The Bellevue Police will officially recognize your Neighborhood Watch Group after you complete each of the steps listed below.

### Select or Elect a Block Captain

This person must be willing to oversee the organization of your group and be willing to devote a *minimal* amount of time and effort to the group's continued effective operation. Some of the duties of this person will be:

- Maintain a membership roster
- Schedule regular meetings
- Be a contact for the Bellevue Police Department

The Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (C.O.P.P.S.) Coordinator will assist the block captain to start and maintain the group.

### Define Boundaries

The group should decide the exact area they wish to include in their watch group. Only blocks with 60% participation will be considered for

membership. It has been found that participation by less than 60% of the residents on a block make an ineffective watch group. A block is defined as the houses on both sides of a given street from intersection to intersection. This will be waived for blocks with irregular configurations.

### Maintain A Roster

The block captain must maintain a roster of all active members. This should include names, addresses, home and work telephone numbers and email addresses. The information is kept *strictly* confidential.

### Telephone Tree

The block captain will create a telephone calling tree. Each neighbor is responsible for calling one or two other block members when issues arise. The information must be kept in a secure yet accessible location.

### Regularly-Scheduled Meetings

Neighborhood Watch Programs unite neighborhoods. The most effective way to accomplish this goal is to have regular meetings. The Bellevue Police Department would like to see your group

meet as often as possible, but you must meet at least once every calendar year. These meetings do not have to center on "crime talk." They can be used to exchange ideas about all types of neighborhood concerns including crime.

### Contact C.O.P.P.S.

As soon as practical, the block captain should contact the Bellevue Police Community Policing Coordinator, Jayme Krueger at 402-293-3086 or by mail to:

C.O.P.P.S. Unit  
Bellevue Police Department,  
1001 Fort Crook Rd. Ste 108  
Bellevue, NE 68005

Jayme will attend your first meeting to certify your group. In addition, she will provide Neighborhood Watch door stickers, and provide a comprehensive look at crime statistics for your neighborhood. The Community Policing Coordinator and the block captain will decide where the large neighborhood watch sign(s) will be located, and the police department will arrange to have the sign(s) installed.

## C.O.P.P.S. Blog and Crime Map

The C.O.P.P.S. Blog is administered by the C.O.P.P.S. Unit. It is primarily intended to enhance communication among Neighborhood Watch groups. The Crime Reports crime mapping system is a tool for citizens to see daily updates of crime occurring in Bellevue and receive email alerts if a crime occurs near their home or office. You can locate the Blog at <http://bellevuepd.com/coppsblog> and the Crime Map at <http://crimereports.com/map/index/>

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area. In it you will get to know and work with your neighbors, and learn how to:

- Recognize and report crimes and suspicious activities
- Protect yourself, your family, and your property
- Protect your neighbor's family and property
- Identify crime and disorder problems in your area and work with Bellevue Police personnel to solve them

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group in your neighborhood please Contact Jayme Krueger, Community Policing Coordinator for the Bellevue Police Department. Or, complete the form on the back and return this flyer to the Bellevue Police Department and Jayme will contact you.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Wanted

by the Bellevue Police Department:

## Neighborhood Watch Members



Become a Member of  
Neighborhood Watch  
and Make a  
Difference in **YOUR**  
Community