

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM
BLOCK CAPTAIN GUIDE

You have now entered the wonderful world of Crime Prevention. Thank you for taking the first step in a proactive approach to fighting crime. You have volunteered to become your neighborhood's block captain. Do not be scared! It is a painless and low maintenance position. Douglas County needs committed citizens to take a stand and take initiative in their neighborhoods. Welcome to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Program!

Neighborhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention program that is part of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Community Resources Unit. Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are people who take an active role in making their neighborhoods safer by working together with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve quality of life in their neighborhood. This guide is designed to assist the block captain in organizing their neighborhood. We believe that the information we bring to you is the best of what is currently available. This, however, does not guarantee that you will be protected from victimization.

Neighborhood peace of mind goes beyond locks, alarms and block meetings. Neighborhood Watch empowers citizens and communities to become active in emergency preparedness, as well as the fight against crime and community disasters.

Through encouraging citizen participation, supporting neighborhood associations, facilitating neighborhood mediation, and helping people plan effective crime prevention and emergency management programs, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Community Resources Unit provides the county with the information and resources it needs to improve livability, be prepared for disasters, and reduce fear of crime.

Thank you again for your time and dedication.

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