NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- Neighborhood Watch is a community-based program supported by the National Sheriffs' Association and offered by most law enforcement agencies.
- Since its inception in 1972, thousands of communities have established Neighborhood Watches and made a REAL difference.

BENEFITS

Neighborhood Watch

- Unites the community and increases neighborhood cohesion
- Reduces fear of crime in the community
- Improves crime reporting by citizens
- Increases surveillance in the community
- Prevents and reduces crime
- Enhances homeland security

Studies show Neighborhood Watch is effective because;

- It brings neighbors together around a common cause – safety and security
- It provides basics skills to all members on preventing crime and reporting suspicious activity or crimes.
- It builds a base for correcting neighborhood problems.
- It works well with other civic activities.

YOUR ROLE

Should you move forward with this program, you would be considered the "block captain". That essentially means you would be the primary contact person for the police department and would handle distributing information to your neighborhood when needed and assist in coordinating meetings when need be. There can be other block captains to assist you if your neighborhood is larger and needs more assistance.

Once you have read the information, and would like to schedule a presentation for your neighborhood, contact the Santa Clara Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator to schedule a presentation in your area.

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