

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

1. Citizens and police working in partnership to reduce crimes and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.
2. A cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that concern the entire community.
3. Neighbors getting to know each other, taking the time to care about each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.
4. Empowering citizens to help reduce their chances of victimization through education and teamwork.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

Neighborhood Watch programs instill a greater sense of well-being, and reduce the fear of crime in your community.

The residents that live in an area know the needs of that area better than anyone else. By communicating and working together as a team, the residents can really make a difference; and put the **neighbor** back into neighborhood.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To maintain an “active” status, the Neighborhood Watch group **must** ...

- Maintain 50% participation.
- Maintain documentation with the Police Department.
- Have a minimum of 1 Captain.

CAPTAIN REQUIREMENTS

The role of the Captain is to serve as the coordinator and liaison for the Neighborhood Watch group. It is up to the captain/co-captains to coordinate and delegate the activities and responsibilities of their Neighborhood Watch group as needed. This includes the following:

1. Maintain an updated list of all members’ names, and contact info.
2. Setup a communication network for your area such as a telephone tree, newsletter, etc.
3. Distribute information sent out by the Police Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BENEFITS

- Reducing the risk of becoming a victim by taking preventative measures.
- Being better prepared to respond to suspicious activity; including when to call and what to say.
- Increased information on community issues, both through communication with neighbors and the Police Department.
- Knowing your neighbors and your neighborhood.

HOW MUCH WORK IS INVOLVED?

That depends on you and your neighborhood. Some neighborhoods have a major area of concern they want to address. This may require work on behalf of the Neighborhood Watch group. Others may just want to maintain their area. **Your only limitations are the ones you set yourself.**

TYPES OF MEETINGS

- **General Meeting:**

Often an informal get together with Community Resource Coordinator to review crime prevention tips and address problems that may arise.

- **Activity Meeting:**

Get together to combine efforts, such as a community yard sale, bike registration, tree trimming, weed pulling, house painting, etc.

- **Agency Meeting:**

Have speakers from other agencies address the community on issues of concern.

- **Social Meeting:**

Have a barbecue, an ice cream social, a picnic, a baseball game, etc.

NEED INFORMATION?

Apache Junction Police Department

Community Resource Coordinator

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CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergency:	911
AJPD non-emergency	982-8260
AJPD Community Resource Unit	474-5442
AJ Fire Department	982-4440
AJ Chamber of Commerce	982-3141
AJ City Hall	982-8002
AJ Code Enforcement	474-5090

Neighborhood Watch



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