

# Tower Homes Association Neighborhood Block Watch



## What is a Block Watch?

A Block Watch is a grassroots program that deters crime and increases security at the most fundamental level of a neighborhood - an individual block.

Block Watches benefit residents by:

- Reducing and Deterring Crime
- Promoting Neighborliness
- Establishing a Line of Communication With Police
- Creating a Unified Neighborhood Voice on Crime Issues

## What Does a Block Watch Do?

Starting a Block Watch is really a simple task. Round up your neighbors and introduce yourselves, talk about how you can work together to make your block safer, and exchange phone numbers or email addresses so that you can communicate with one another about crime-related news or in case of an emergency.

The KCPD has suggestions on ways that Block Watch residents can expand their commitment to protecting one another, but the basics of Block Watch are as simple as getting to know your neighbors!

## How Can I Help?

The KCPD has an official Block Watch program that offers resources such as Neighborhood Watch signs, Block Watch training and crime trend and information updates.

THA has volunteered to take the lead by setting up a Neighborhood Watch Committee that will work with the KCPD to provide these resources to individual block watches. What we need now are residents interested in building a Block Watch who are willing to serve as block captains or co-captains.

Each Block Watch captain will be asked to recruit at least a majority of households on his or her block to sign the Block Watch petition. The Block Watch captain will take the lead on collecting the names, addresses and contact information of Block Watch members and setting up a chain of communication to help the Block Watch members communicate important information.

Once your Block Watch is established, the Neighborhood Watch Committee will help you schedule a meeting with a Community Interaction Officer from the KCPD to talk to members of your Block Watch about ways that you can keep your neighborhood safe. The Neighborhood Watch Committee will also help your block obtain Neighborhood Watch signs, alerting would-be criminals that your block is on guard!