

**HELP STOP CRIME
IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
BY STARTING
A BLOCK WATCH
GROUP ON YOUR
STREET TODAY!**

*Distribute this announcement to invite people
to the Block Watch Meeting:*

**You're Invited to an Important
Meeting!**

If you are as interested as I am about maintaining and improving the quality of life on our street and in our neighborhood, please attend an important meeting to be held:

DAY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

LOCATION _____

A representative of the Phoenix Police Department will be there to discuss a way we can impact and improve our community. It is called **BLOCK WATCH**, and we will be informed how to combine our efforts to make our homes and our neighborhood a safer place to live.

Please Plan to Attend and RSVP to:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

***NEED MORE INFORMATION?
CONTACT THE POLICE PRECINCT IN
WHICH YOU LIVE:***

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT
33355 N. Cave Creek Rd. 85331
(602) 495-5002 Fax: (602) 495-3795

SOUTH MOUNTAIN PRECINCT
400 W. Southern Avenue 85041
(602) 495-5004 Fax: (602) 534-1566

CENTRAL CITY PRECINCT
1902 S. 16th Street, 85034
(602) 495-5005 Fax: (602) 534-0766

DESERT HORIZON PRECINCT
16030 N. 56th Street 85254
(602) 495-5006 Fax: (602) 495-3639

MOUNTAIN VIEW PRECINCT
2075 E. Maryland Ave 85016
(602) 495-5007 Fax: (602) 495-3638

MARYVALE / ESTRELLA PRECINCT
6180 W. Encanto Boulevard 85033
(602) 495-5008 Fax: (602) 534-1530

CACTUS PARK PRECINCT
12220 N. 39th Avenue 85029
(602) 495-5009 Fax: (602) 495-3660



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**BLOCK
WATCH**



WHAT IS BLOCK WATCH?

This is a simple program of neighbors watching out for each other. It is designed to enlist the active participation of citizens in cooperation with the police to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

- It is becoming acquainted with your neighbors.
- It is working together to identify and solve problems in our community.
- It is helping the police by being aware of and reporting any unusual activities as they occur. You know best what “normal” activity is in your neighborhood.
- It is the implementation of crime prevention techniques to enhance home security.
- It is NOT apprehending someone. Leave that to the police.
- It is putting neighbors back into neighborhoods.

HOW DOES BLOCK WATCH WORK?

BLOCK WATCH works when you and your neighbors use simple techniques to deter, delay and detect crime and improve the quality of life for the neighborhood.

Being aware of criminal activity can help in keeping your neighborhood safe. Promptly reporting all criminal or suspicious activity to 911, or **Crime Stop at 602-262-6151** helps the police assist you in promoting a safe and healthy neighborhood.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Since the police are unable to cover every neighborhood at all times, you can help by forming a neighborhood BLOCK WATCH. You and your neighbors can stay safe by looking out for one another.

Call the Phoenix Police Precinct you live in and ask to have the Community Action Officer in your area contact you about organizing a BLOCK WATCH group and scheduling a BLOCK WATCH Meeting. At your meeting the CAO will explain how you can create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods.

GET GOING!

- Canvas your street for interest.
- Ask neighbors about convenient times to schedule your initial BLOCK WATCH meeting.
- BLOCK WATCH does not require frequent meetings.
- It does not ask that anyone take personal risk to prevent crime.
- BLOCK WATCH leaves the responsibility of apprehending criminals where it belongs, with the police department.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Virtual Block Watch is one of the Phoenix Police Department's contemporary crime prevention and investigation tools that showcase our partnership with the community.

Virtual Block Watch (VBW) utilizes your security cameras to help solve crime. This exciting new program is now live, and like all new programs, there are questions.

Q: How will Virtual Block Watch assist the Phoenix Police Department?

A: VBW will assist detectives by collaborating with the virtual community who may have captured digital evidence of a crime for prosecution.

Q: Do you recommend any specific security camera system?

A: This will be completely up to the owner's discretion. It is recommended that cameras are at a resolution of 1080p for a clear picture, but a 720P system can be registered with VBW. A DVR with a 30-day retention is preferred.

Q: Does the Police Department have remote access to my security camera system?

A: No. Virtual Block Watch will not have any type of streaming capabilities or live feed from your CCTV system. The Police Department will have the address of the registered system along with the directions of the camera views.

Q: If my security camera system captures a criminal or crime, will I be required to testify in court?

A: No. Once the Police Department copies the portion of video needed for prosecution, the Police Department will testify on the digital evidence collected from your security camera system.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch

or e-mail your question to:

virtualblockwatch@phoenix.gov