

Steps to become a Neighborhood Watch Program

El Paso Police Department—NERCC

Crime Prevention Office

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Neighborhood Watch Program

- Run by the Police Department
- Reason to reduce crime
- Consists of 1 neighborhood block
- Has a Captain, Co-Captain and member
- Signs(neighborhood watch)
- Contact with CPO's

Neighborhood Associations

- Run by City (Neighborhood Services)
- Assist Neighborhood in Quality of life issues
- Associations consist of entire neighborhoods (Castner Heights)
- Associations may have Neighborhood watch programs within the association.

Vision Statement

The El Paso Police Department's Neighborhood and Business Watch Programs are aimed at reducing criminal activity in both residential and business areas. This is accomplished by joining forces with neighbors, the Police department, to create a safe environment.



Goals and Objectives:

- The ultimate goal of the programs is to prevent crime, before it happens, by early detection and reporting suspicious activity immediately to the Police.
- The prevention of crime as opposed to the prosecution of criminals. *(it is more cost effective & less traumatic for citizens)*
- To send a message to the criminals to not even try to victimize people or property. *(in the first place)*
- To reduce by 50% criminal activity, for those who participate.
- The reporting of crimes in progress by citizens'. *(by 200%)*

Steps that are taken:

- Citizen comes to Police Department with concerns.
- Citizen meets with regional Command Crime Prevention Officer.



Steps that are taken:

- Citizen takes back neighborhood Watch Material back to the neighborhood.
- Citizen passes out information to neighbors.
- Citizen contacts regional Crime Prevention Officer.

Steps that are taken:

- Citizen and Crime Prevention Officer set up meeting.
- Citizen and Crime Prevention Officer conduct meeting.

What Happens in meeting:

- Crime Prevention Officer(CPO) provides information to meeting members.
- Members decide who is going to be Captain and Co=Captain.
- CPO provides information on Signs, CP inspections, Operation ID, and window stickers.
- Meeting is concluded.

Steps that are taken:

- Citizen and CPO complete paperwork.
- CPO provides required information to the other City Agencies for completion.

Information provided in meeting:

- Watch Programs, along with other community policing programs, Started in El Paso in 1995.
- Presently there are approximately 63 Neighborhood watches in the Northeast area.
- We feel the programs have played a major role in helping to reduce crime in the Northeast.

Information Continued:

- If you have a crime problem in your neighborhood- it will help eliminate it.
- If you don't have crime problem in your neighborhood- it will help prevent one from developing.
- Instills a sense of pride and improves the quality of life.

Rules to stay Active:

- Watch Captains must hold at least four meetings per year.
- All participants must attend two of the meetings.
- Watch Captains must attend at least one block captains training seminar per year.

THANK YOU