



# Indianapolis CrimeWatch

Good Neighbors Make Great Neighborhoods

## Starting a CrimeWatch/Block Club

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### What is a CrimeWatch/Block club?

A CrimeWatch/Block Club is a self-help cooperative effort to reduce crime and fear of crime. This is achieved by citizens, law enforcement, and local government working together. Members of a Block Club are not asked to be vigilantes or to assume the role of the police. However, they assist law enforcement by observing and reporting suspicious activity.

### What do I need to do to start a CrimeWatch/Block Club?

#### Determine Interest:

1. Talk with your neighbors and get as many as you can to attend a meeting at a location of your choosing.
2. Send me a list of about 2-3 dates that would be good for your meeting.
3. I will attend that meeting and bring materials and tell you and your neighbors in detail what they need to form the group.

**FYI, there will be two signs for each block that has a Crime Watch Block Club**

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## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

There are three volunteer positions within each Crimewatch/Block Club:

### 1. Block Captain

- The Block captain serves as the organizer and their duties include organizing meeting
- Notifying neighbors of meeting
- Completing membership roster
- Distribution membership roster to members and IMPD Crimewatch Office
- Establish a system for sharing information with Neighbors.
- Submitting the annual updated membership roster and meeting summary form to IMPD Crimewatch Office.

### 2. Victim Assistant

- The Victims Assistant offer support to a member who has been victimized
- Accompany victim and/or witness to court

### 3. Hospitality Person

- Welcome new neighbors
- Share Crimewatch information
- Maintain periodic contact with neighbors who has special needs