

BLOCK WATCH BASICS

We believe that organized neighborhoods that are willing to communicate and interact with each other are better able to identify suspicious activity, report it, prevent it and therefore deter crime.

The goal of a Block Watch program is to reduce crime by:

Educating the community - this allows citizens to become involved in their own protection.

Increasing reporting - this brings police into the neighborhoods and reduces the opportunity for crime.

Improving communication among neighbors - this makes it easier to identify suspicious activity.

Improving communication between neighborhood groups and the police - this causes the police to be more responsive to unique needs and emerging crime trends.

Neighbors who work together to solve crime problems, or prevent them from happening in the first place, are less likely to suffer continued victimization.

In a neighborhood where residents are not familiar with each other, the Block Watch program can provide the forum for introduction and new friendships. Neighborhoods that maintain their Block Watch group tend to have better communication and resolve problems more quickly and harmoniously. This creates a greater sense of community, which contributes to an overall sense of safety and well being in the neighborhood.

Block Watch also provides a communication link with the police department so citizens can be accurately informed of events that impact their neighborhood.

Block Watch requirements include a formal method of communication and participation in Operation ID.

These requirements and issues pertinent to your neighborhood will be discussed at the initial Block Watch meeting.

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911

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"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

It's easy and convenient

Crime prevention for your family and neighborhood!

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Neighborhood Block Watch Program

Operation Identification

Make an inventory of your belongings:

Most people who lose valuables through burglary, fire or for any other reason find it surprisingly difficult to recall all of their belongings. Details such as brand names, models and descriptions are even more difficult to remember.

A properly completed inventory record of your valuables will prove invaluable in preparing an insurance claim in the event you suffer a loss. It will also provide the police department with critical information that can aid in the identification of your property when someone is apprehended and property recovered.

Simply go through your residence one room at a time and list your property beginning with the most valuable items - and those most likely to be stolen. Please see the inventory form supplied in your Block Watch packet.

Remember - A more detailed listing will be vital, both as an aid to remembering your belongings and for insurance purposes. For insurance purposes you should list the **BRAND NAME, MODEL NAME and SERIAL NUMBER**, along with the purchase date and approximate value of the item. If you have your sales receipt, attach it to the back of the inventory form.

When you have finished your inventory:

Make a copy of this information and keep it in a safe place **AWAY** from your home. It is also recommended that you supplement your list with photographs of the items and a video recording of each room containing this personal property.

KEEP YOUR INVENTORY UPDATES AS YOU PURCHASE NEW, VALUABLE ITEMS!

By marking your property and displaying Operation ID stickers you will discourage thieves. This process will aid law enforcement in identifying your property in the event of an arrest and property is recovered.

Engraving your valuables is another option. Engraving can deter thieves. In addition, engraving your driver's license number will ensure the item will be returned to you if ever recovered by law enforcement. The neighborhood may want to join together to purchase an engraver. Mark such valuable items as TV's, stereo systems, computers, cameras, jewelry, sporting goods, lawn mower, guns, power tools, bicycles, special equipment, etc. Mark those that you can, photograph them and for insurance purposes, record the cost/value of the items. Make a list of your credit cards with the name and account number. Keep duplicate record of this list and photographs away from your residence.

You can also complete an electronic inventory. Contact your insurance company or visit www.knowyourstuff.org.

QUESTIONS? Call The Police Community Programs Office at 753-8049

Operation Identification Personal Property Record

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Engrove property with a unique "owner applied number".
Place a crime watch sticker near each exterior entrance
to your residence. Small stickers are available to be
placed directly on the items you engrove.

ITEM	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER

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Suspect Description



Gender _____	Scars _____	Actions:
Race _____	Tattoos _____	Direction _____
Age _____	Marks _____	Mood _____
Height _____	Speech _____	Weapon _____
Weight _____	Clothing: color/style _____	Words _____
Hair _____	Hair _____	
(length _____)	Coat _____	
(color _____)	Shirt _____	
Complexion _____	Pants _____	
Facial Hair _____	Shoes _____	
Eye Color _____		
Facial Shape _____		
Nose Shape _____		

Auto Description



License Plate:		
Number _____		Unique Features/Identify, etc): _____
State _____		_____
Vehicle:		_____
Make _____		Direction of Travel _____
Model _____		_____
Body Style _____		
Number of Doors _____		
Color _____		
Shape of Bumper _____		

Neighborhood Activity Log

Never place yourself in any danger trying to gather information. Always call 911 immediately if there is any chance to believe you or someone else is in danger or that there is an imminent crime being committed.

Time	Start Time	Activity Description	License Number	Vehicle Description	# of Persons	Name or Description of Each Person	End Time	Other	Notes
/ /	1 : 00 PM						1 : 05 PM		
/ /	1 : 05 PM						1 : 10 PM		
/ /	1 : 10 PM						1 : 15 PM		
/ /	1 : 15 PM						1 : 20 PM		
/ /	1 : 20 PM						1 : 25 PM		
/ /	1 : 25 PM						1 : 30 PM		
/ /	1 : 30 PM						1 : 35 PM		
/ /	1 : 35 PM						1 : 40 PM		
/ /	1 : 40 PM						1 : 45 PM		
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/ /	1 : 50 PM						1 : 55 PM		
/ /	1 : 55 PM						2 : 00 PM		
/ /	2 : 00 PM						2 : 05 PM		
/ /	2 : 05 PM						2 : 10 PM		
/ /	2 : 10 PM						2 : 15 PM		
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/ /	2 : 55 PM						3 : 00 PM		

9-1-1 TIPS



- Pre-program on phone
- Give us much info. as possible
- Call & leave off the hook if you can't talk
- Enhanced 911
- If calling on a cell phone, give location
- Non-emergency # is (360)704-2740 – Thurston County
- Don't be afraid to call; there's no limit!

Important Numbers

- o 911
- o Dispatch (non-emergency/24 Hr) - 704-2740
- o OPD Front Office (8-5) - 753-8300
- o Olympia City Jail - 753-8417
- o Police Community Programs - 753-8049
- o Olympia Municipal Court - 753-8312
- o Victim's Assistant (Domestic Violence) - 753-8408
- o Narcotics Task Force - 786-0572
- o T.C. Crime Stoppers - 493-2222
- o T.C. Animal Services - 352-2510

BLOCKWATCH FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

Please complete ONLY those sections that you feel comfortable distributing to your Block watch members.

<p>Household Address: _____</p> <p>Household Telephone Number(s): _____</p> <p>Home: _____</p> <p>Work: _____</p> <p>Other: _____</p> <p>Household Members (include children's ages):</p> <p>Adult(s): _____</p> <p>Children: _____</p>	<p>Emergency Contact</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Relationship: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____</p> <p>Work Phone: _____</p> <p>Work Schedule: _____</p>
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HOUSEHOLD VEHICLES:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	LICENSE #

SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS:	SPECIAL SKILLS:	OTHER COMMENTS:
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