

## THE HEART OF BLOCK WATCH

"Neighbor-to-Neighbor" is the Block Watch motto! Neighbors knowing neighbors is the best tool for fighting property crime. Together, neighbors share information about work and vacation schedules, behaviors, vehicles and other events on their block. While 9-1-1 should be called for emergency situations, C.O.P.S. Substations and Crime Check (456-2233) can help with non-emergency problems.

## PREVENTION WORKS!

Having a Block Watch can help prevent and reduce:

- \* Residential Burglaries and Break-ins
- \* Drug/Party Houses
- \* Gang Activity
- \* Vandalism
- \* Malicious Mischief
- \* Graffiti
- \* Vehicle Prowling
- \* Theft

Many such crimes, including increases in crimes against property and vehicle theft, are connected to an increase in drug trafficking/usage and gang activity. The impact such crimes have on the community resources affects us all. Participation in Block Watch fights the isolation and separation that crime creates and feeds upon, it forges bonds among your neighbors, helps reduce burglaries and other crime, and improves relations between the police and the community they serve.

## HOW DO YOU START A BLOCK WATCH?

The first important step for the success of any Block Watch is you! Performing your Block Watch duties takes an average of about two hours per year - a small investment for such a great return! Get someone to be your back up for when you are on vacation or just need help.

Determine which houses will be invited to participate in your Block Watch and fill out a telephone tree and neighborhood map. While size and shapes vary, usually your area is defined by which neighbors you can see from your property. Call your nearest neighborhood C.O.P.S. Substation for crime prevention materials and techniques to share with your neighbors.

A good time to share this material is when you speak to your neighbors to get their contact information. To be an official Block Watch, your information must be registered at a neighborhood C.O.P.S. Substation. While not required, you may want to have a Block Watch meeting. Stay flexible in picking a meeting location and topics. Encourage homeowners and renters alike to participate!

## THE BLOCK WATCH CONNECTION

C.O.P.S. Block Watch represents an important grassroots connection to community crime prevention, emergency services and other resources, including: Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs), Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP), Operation I.D., Operation Family I.D., McGruff Safe House, Graffiti Reporting Teams, Bicycle Registration, Property Pick-up, Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH), Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), National Night Out

Against Crime, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and numerous C.O.P.S. partnership programs. Ask your nearest C.O.P.S. Substation for more information on these programs.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Join the many Spokane neighborhood Block Watches who give crime a "Going Away Party" by holding their annual neighborhood gathering on the first Tuesday of August. National Night Out is a great opportunity to share in a barbecue or ice cream social with neighbors while updating contacts, maps and other useful information. Contact your nearest C.O.P.S. Substation for further details.

## OPERATION I.D.



Operation I.D. is an important Block Watch connection. Engravers and instructions for keeping records are available at each C.O.P.S. Substation. Engraving your property and displaying this protective sticker on doors and windows can help:

- \* Reducing your chances of becoming a burglary victim.
- \* Discourage fencing of stolen property.
- \* Assist in its recovery and return.
- \* Provide evidence in the arrest and conviction of the burglar.

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD C.O.P.S.  
SUBSTATION - A NATURAL PLACE  
FOR BLOCK WATCH**

**Block Watch** (BW) makes sense being located in your neighborhood. C.O.P.S. volunteers - your friends and are trained to help you. C.O.P.S. will assist you with your phone trees, maps, printed materials and educational speakers for neighborhood meetings.

**Block Watch** provides a direct link with the Spokane Police Department and your Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO). Get to know your NRO!

**Block Watch** "Neighbor-to-Neighbor" network is a link to disaster preparedness and emergency response services by partnering with CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams). All personal Block Watch information is strictly confidential.

**CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM**



Spokane C.O.P.S. administers the Crime Free Multi-Housing program (CFMH) to assist landlords in reducing crime and calls for police service by promoting crime prevention education and focusing on safety in the living environment of apartment communities. Membership in the program requires 16 hours of training, meeting minimum Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) requirements, holding two documented meetings per year with tenants and becoming a liaison to the nearest neighborhood C.O.P.S. or S.C.O.P.E. substation. For further information on CFMH, call C.O.P.S. at 835-4572.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Block Watch is a communication program that focuses on crime prevention by educating and involving neighbors to reduce their risk of becoming victims.

If you would like help in establishing a neighborhood Block Watch by becoming a Block Watch Representative or member, call your nearest C.O.P.S. Substation today or visit us at:

[www.spokanecops.org](http://www.spokanecops.org)

**SPOKANE C.O.P.S.  
NEIGHBORHOOD SUBSTATIONS**

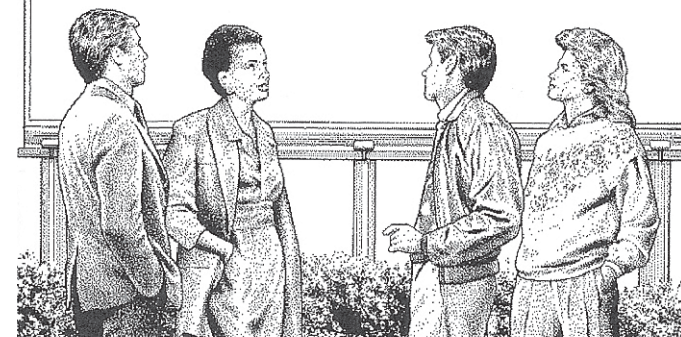
- Greater Spokane C.O.P.S. .... 755-2677  
120 N. Stevens 99201
- C.O.P.S. East Central..... 625-3330  
3001 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. 99202
- C.O.P.S. Logan ..... 625-3333  
802 E. Sharp Ave. 99202
- C.O.P.S. Neva-Wood ..... 625-3353  
4705 N. Addison 99207
- C.O.P.S. North Central..... 625-3348  
630 W. Shannon Ave. 99205
- C.O.P.S. Northeast..... 625-3343  
5208 N. Market 99217
- C.O.P.S. North Hill ..... 625-3346  
Mobile Unit
- C.O.P.S. Northwest ..... 625-3336  
2215 W. Wellesley #D 99205
- C.O.P.S. Southeast..... 625-3326  
2809 E. 29th Ave. 99223
- C.O.P.S. West..... 625-3340  
1901 W. Boone Ave. 99201
- Lewis & Clark C.O.P.S. .... 354-6941  
521 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. 99204
- Mission Ave. C.O.P.S. .... 625-3301  
1810 N. Greene St. 99217  
Bldg 1, Room 149

**CRIME CHECK - 456-2233**

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*Get Involved - Make a Difference!*