



Setting Up A Neighborhood Watch

1. Create a roster with house number, names, cell phone and email addresses.
2. Create a map with first names.
3. Invite SLO County Crime prevention specialists, Grace Norris[(805-781-4483), email: gnorris@co.slo.ca.us] or Brandy Swain[(805-781-4578), email: bswain@co.slo.ca.us] to a gathering at your home (or in the park) to present the standard neighborhood watch program. Suggest 30 days out to give everyone time to fit it into their schedule. You will need to tell Grace and Brandy how many people will attend as she will bring all the handouts, including window clings which announce your members as participating in Neighborhood Watch.
4. Coordinate a second presentation date with Mary Beth Baker (TSPC NW lead) to:
 - a. explain the importance of entering the important phone numbers (Sheriff, Highway Patrol, and Neighbors in your cell phone)
 - b. explain why getting to know neighbors prevents crime
 - c. encourage reporting of suspicious activity
 - d. set expectations about crime (most are crimes of opportunity)
5. Encourage people to get to know one another with at least one annual opportunity to socialize.
 - a. Annual party in a park (standard neighborhood watch fare)
 - b. Reserve a Neighborhood table for Club House events
 - c. Invite the neighbors to:
 - i. listen to free music during the summer or on Wednesdays at Adelina's
 - ii. meet at Market Place for Coffee Talk (free)
 - iii. Host a hob nob (host opens their home from 4 to 6, neighbors bring whatever they want to drink, glasses, and appetizers to share)
 - iv. Coordinate simple ladies outings
 - v. Invite dog people to meet you at a dog park (small or large dogs)
6. Ask Mary Beth for a Secure Your Home Presentation.
7. Attend Security Committee activities for Neighborhood Watch Captains (and other interested folks).
8. Identify neighbors who want to participate in Preparedness.