

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM For the City of CUPERTINO

### HOW TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

Simply chose a day, date, time, and place to meet. Invite your neighbors and request a Sheriff's deputy through the program coordinator. Call Marta Drown at (408) 777-3408 or email [MartaD@cupertino.org](mailto:MartaD@cupertino.org). The Sheriff's Office and City representatives will get your group started and explain more about the program at your initial introductory meeting. Each participating household will receive a Neighborhood Watch Participant Handbook

### HOW TO STAY ON THE ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ROSTER

There are no requirements to stay active with the City, but we do recommend that you try to meet each year. Your group can meet for any reason, at any time, and you do not need to have a representative from the Sheriff's Office or City present at every meeting. Only invite a Sheriff's deputy when your group wants to learn more about crime prevention, or they wish to discuss neighborhood issues. Below is a list of the types of meetings that qualify as a neighborhood watch meeting.

#### **Sheriff's Office Presentations:**

- Introduction to Neighborhood Watch**
- Home / Auto Crime Prevention**
- Personal Safety**
- Frauds & Scams**
- Identity Theft**
- Holiday Safety Tips**
- Traffic Calming & Neighborhood Speed Watch Programs**

#### **Other Meetings that qualify:**

- Neighborhood Association Meetings**
- Potlucks, BBQ's, & Block Parties!**
- Emergency Preparedness Classes & Meetings (CERT)**

**JUST ABOUT ANY MEETING QUALIFIES!** Just make sure the program manager gets a copy of your sign-in sheet and an agenda and your group will receive credit for meeting!

### HOW TO GET A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STREET SIGN

The City of Cupertino will post one or two metal Neighborhood Watch streets once your street reaches an 80% participation rate. That means that 80% of the homes on your street must have a family member attend at least one neighborhood event. There is no time limit on this requirement and of course it is accumulative. Most streets hold several different types of meetings over a period of a year or two to get to that 80% participation level. Of course, the smaller your street, the faster you may reach your goal!



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