



## **Arbor Hills Neighborhood Watch Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Neighborhood Watch?**

Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned neighbors within our community who, in partnership with the Police help to discourage crime through organized activities. These activities include watching for suspicious activities and reporting them to police, communicating information about crime to one another and watching each other's home when away.

### **How do I participate in Neighborhood Watch?**

You can participate by learning more about Neighborhood Watch, knowing who your block captain is and watching for and reporting incidents and suspicious activity to the Police and your block captain. Also recommended is to form a buddy system with one or more neighbors to watch each other's home while away.

### **What is suspicious activity?**

The following are examples of reportable suspicious activities:

- Selling drugs
- Peeking into or breaking into car or home windows
- Driving around the neighborhood in a car repeatedly
- Wearing gang colors – common ones are bright blue or red bandanas
- Abusing the community facilities by not using it according to the rules, such as smoking drinking and doing drugs in the facilities and hanging around the property after it is closed
- Home or car alarm systems that are going off accompanied by strangers exiting a car or home

### **If I see something suspicious should I try to stop it or should I call the Police?**

Do not try to stop any suspicious activity, instead you should call 911. The Police are aware of the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Watch and recommend calling them if you see activity that looks criminal. Learn to describe the people and cars you see and try to get license plate numbers to provide the Police.

### **What if I mistake one of my neighbors for acting suspicious?**

Get to know and recognize your neighbors and their children in your area. If something looks very suspicious you should still report it even if it might be a neighbor who you could not recognize. It is better to be cautious.