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## HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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### **HOW TO START BLOCK ORGANIZATION & 3-STEP NHW PROGRAM FOR YOUR ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD:**

1. Neighborhood Association/HOA assigns volunteer *Neighborhood Watch Committee/Coordinator*:
  - NHW Coordinator uses boundaries of association/HOA to determine how many blocks are in neighborhood and makes a list of all blocks. Populate with current block captains if there are any
  - Blocks should be no larger than 20-40 residences
2. Host a neighborhood meeting to launch the Neighborhood Watch Program for your area:
  - Use your local community center, religious organization, park or Wilshire Division Community Room
  - Invite community leaders, LAPD Senior Lead Officer, all neighbors in area
  - Advertise launch of Neighborhood Watch Program for your neighborhood via your neighborhood association/HOA website, nextdoor.com, social media/Facebook groups
  - Ask for volunteer block captains for each block
  - Use a large map of neighborhood to show existing block captains as well as blocks that need captains
  - Have a sign-in sheet for all attendees (name/address/email/cell)
  - Have a separate sign-up sheet for block captains (name/address/email/cell)
  - Share the Block Organization Packet & 3-STEP Neighborhood Watch Plan at meeting
3. Host individual block meetings to recruit a block captain for a block:
  - Send out flyers to all residences on one block (use the ones provided in the Block Organization Packet online at [www.lapdwilshire.com](http://www.lapdwilshire.com)) and advertise block meeting date
  - Host on public parkway/sidewalk at corner or where you can congregate for a quick meeting
  - Announce block meeting on Neighborhood Association/HOA website, nextdoor.com (specific for your neighborhood only)
  - Explain block organization and neighborhood watch program for your neighborhood and as for volunteer block captain for their block. Emphasize the block captain only collects neighbors contact info, maintains a roster and send out emails as needed
4. Train Your Block Captains:
  - Host a training-workshop for your block captains to teach them 'Block Organization' the '3-STEP Neighborhood Watch Plan'
  - Instruct them to meet with their block to teach the block the '3-STEP Neighborhood Watch Plan'
5. Maintain Neighborhood Watch Program for your neighborhood:
  - Keep a list of all block captains and update as you get new ones/replacements
  - Email Neighborhood Watch updates, meetings, pertinent issues regarding crime, crime prevention, local meetings to your block captains and instruct them to email all neighbors on their block
  - Report updates to your Neighborhood Association/HOA at monthly meetings
  - Keep track of crime by using [crimemapping.com](http://crimemapping.com) and LAPD Compstat crime stats
  - Contact your LAPD Senior Lead officer for any issues or questions

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**TRAIN YOUR BLOCK CAPTAINS TO TRAIN THEIR BLOCK**

**1**

**A BLOCK CAPTAIN OR  
REP ATTENDS 1-HOUR  
WORKSHOP**



**2**

**BLOCK CAPTAIN OR REP  
HOSTS MEETING WITH  
NEIGHBORS**



**3**

**EVERY BLOCK NOW IS  
ACTIVELY  
PARTICIPATING IN  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH!**



**SECURE YOUR  
PROPERTY**

**ACTIVE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH**

**LAPD & 24/7  
RESPONSE  
PRIVATE PATROL**