

# Responsibilities of a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain

It is the responsibility of the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain to:

- Maintain your **group's map and roster**
- Be your group's **contact for the Oakland Police Department.**
- Help your group **organize a block party on National Night Out** – the first Tuesday in August.
- Hold at **least one Neighborhood Watch meeting per year** (this can be fulfilled by having a block party on National Night Out).
- Work with your **Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council** and the **Neighborhood Services Coordinator** assigned to your beat to solve any problems that your group can't solve on its own.
- Take the **CORE (disaster preparedness) training**, and encourage others in your group to do it too. By doing this, your group will know how to respond in an emergency and can help out at the Neighborhood Command Center (Maxwell Park School).
- **Welcome new neighbors** into your neighborhood with a welcome package of useful information about your neighborhood

## Neighborhood Watch Groups Menu of Possible Activities

In addition to holding the two basic Neighborhood Watch meetings to establish your group and learn about home security and personal safety, the following list of activities offered as a way to help build your block's spirit and unity which is the foundation of a safe, cohesive neighborhood.

- Hold a block party on National Night Out
- Develop an email distribution group for your block
- Hold a block garage sale
- Hold a monthly movie night
- Sponsor an Earth Day project in your neighborhood
- Arrange for a bulky goods pick up
- Arrange for a neighborhood tree planting
- Develop a baby sitting co-op
- Sponsor a neighborhood book club
- Arrange for CORE (disaster preparedness) training for the group and set up a block command center.
- Help neighbors with gardening projects
- Sponsor a neighborhood composting or community gardening project.
- Sponsor neighborhood paint and toxics run to the disposal site.
- Know where everyone's gas and water shut off valves are in case of an emergency.

