



# City of Kingsburg Police Department

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## *Starting Neighborhood Watch*

Would you like to join one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear in your neighborhood? Join Neighborhood Watch! This program forms a bond among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between the Police Department and the community. Who can join Neighborhood Watch? Any community resident can join- young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner. Even the busiest of people can belong to a Neighborhood Watch- they too can keep an eye out for neighbors as they come and go.

Live in an apartment building? Yes, Watch Groups can be formed around any geographical unit: a block, apartment building, townhouse complex, park, business area public housing or office building.

To improve departmental involvement with the program we have divided the city into four (4) geographical areas with a team of officers assigned to each area.

Area #41- Located north of Stroud Ave.

Area #42 – Located between Sierra St. and Stroud Ave.

Area #43 – Located south of Sierra St. and west of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Area #44 – Located south of Sierra St. and east of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### *Starting a Neighborhood Watch*

*Phase one:* Getting Started - - Meetings

Contact the police department. One of the team members will provide more information and guide you through the process of starting the group.

Schedule an initial meeting at least one week in advance with door-to-door fliers provided by the Police Department.

Select a meeting place that is accessible to people with disabilities. The Department facilities will be available for the meeting if needed.

The Department will provide an officer to attend the meeting and explain the Watch concept.

*Phase two:* Block Captains and maps

When the neighborhood decides to adopt the Watch idea elect a chairperson.

*The Kingsburg Police Department is dedicated to serving mankind  
and safeguarding lives and property in an honest and courteous manner.*

Select Block Captain volunteers who are responsible for maintaining a list of neighbors and for relaying information provided by the Department to members on their block. Additionally, the Block Captains are responsible for keeping up-to-date information (names, address, phone #, email) on residents and preparing a neighborhood map.

The Department provides a monthly newsletter on our website. We can make copies for the members without internet access along with topics for discussion at future meetings and information on where to obtain Neighborhood Watch signs, and how and where to have them installed.

Organizers and Block Captains must emphasize that Watch groups are not vigilantes and do not assume the role of the police. They only ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring—and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police.

**Don't forget the events like National Night Out or a potluck dinner or block party that gives neighbors a chance to get together.**