



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM For the City of CUPERTINO

HOW TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

Simply chose a date, time, and place to meet. Call the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at (408) 777-3177 or email steffaniet@cupertino.org to coordinate the date. Then invite your neighbors. At your initial meeting, the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator will explain more about the program. Each participating household will receive:

- A vinyl Neighborhood Watch Sign
- Neighborhood Watch Window Stickers
- A Neighborhood Watch Participant Handbook

HOW TO STAY ON THE ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ROSTER

Your group should meet twice a year to remain on the City's active Watch roster. Your group can meet for any reason, at any time, and you do not need to have a representative from the City of Cupertino present at every meeting. Only invite the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator when your group wants to learn more about crime prevention, or if they wish to discuss neighborhood issues. Below is a list of Neighborhood Watch presentations that qualify as Neighborhood Watch meetings.

- Introduction to Neighborhood Watch
- Stranger Danger & Kid Fingerprinting
- Home / Auto Crime Prevention
- Personal Safety
- Frauds & Scams
- Identity Theft
- Megan's Law
- 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)
- Political Action or Religious Gatherings

JUST ABOUT ANY MEETING QUALIFIES! Just make sure the Cupertino Community Outreach Officer 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 80% of the homes on your street must have a family member attend at least one neighborhood event. There is no time limit for this requirement. Most streets hold several different types of meetings over a period of a year or two to attain the 80% participation level. Of course, the smaller your street, the faster you may reach your goal!