



HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

GETTING STARTED

- Decide on a date and time for a 1-1 ½ hr. meeting. Contact your San Diego Police Department Community Relations Officer for your Police division.
- Decide how many homes you would like to cover and then send out meeting invitations.
- Have the meeting in your home or yard if possible; if not the library is an option.
- Have name tags, registration forms, copies of safety tips, useful phone list, pens, and REFRESHMENTS. Keep it simple; cookies or brownies or cheese and crackers or dips and lemonade or other drinks.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED AT THE MEETING

1. What are some of the problems in the community and their street
2. Safety tips
3. Discuss a phone tree, email tree, or closed Nextdoor Community to communicate with neighbors and distribution of the contact list.
4. Discuss activity log and the importance of reporting problems to police and street captain
5. Review who to call and when.
6. Follow up with potential participants who could not attend.
7. Collection of funds for the Neighborhood Watch sign.
8. Posting of the new sign or signs.

Plan to have fun with this, it's very social and gives everyone a good feeling knowing what to do, who to call and that each neighbor is looking out for another.