

# City of Peoria

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### APPLICATION

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH **NAME:**

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Contact Person Name/Title:

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Street/P. O. Box

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City & State and Zip Code

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Telephone:

Email Address:

RETURN APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS TO:

Sgt. Stevie Hughes  
Neighborhood Services Unit  
Peoria Police Department  
600 SW Adams St.  
Peoria, IL 61602  
(309) 494-8207

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## WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

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Neighborhood Watch is crime prevention program that:

- Teaches citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home and in public.
- Trains citizens on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- Teaches participants how to make their homes more secure and properly identify their property.
- Allows neighbors to get to know each other and their routine so that any out of place activity can be reported and investigated.
- Creates a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that concern the entire community.

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## WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS NOT?

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- Not a vigilante group working doing law enforcement.
- Not a program designed for participants to take personal risks to prevent crime.

<b>HERE'S WHAT YOU WILL GET ONCE YOU BECOME AN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP:</b>
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- Blue Eye Neighborhood Watch signs

- Neighborhood Watch brochures and education materials
- Education and training by police
- Assistance from the neighborhood division • Know your neighbors

## ACTION STEPS TO ORGANIZE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

1. **INFORMAL SURVEY:** Talk with your neighbors and area business owners to inquire about their concerns, and their willingness to contribute to a neighborhood watch.
2. **HOLD A START-UP MEETING:** With your neighbors to gauge their interest in starting a watch group. Consider inviting representatives from local churches, schools and businesses. (City staff are available to attend a meeting to discuss Neighborhood Watch.)
3. **IDENTIFY** activities that the neighborhood watch may take on including community clean-ups, block parties, community gardens, street lighting, code enforcement, and youth recreation.
4. **CONTACT** Sgt. Stevie Hughes at the Neighborhood Services Unit (494-8207) for need assistance to organizing a meeting and to host a kick-off event.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH APPLICATION NARRATIVE

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**Please describe some of the issues and challenges in your neighborhood that could be addressed by Neighborhood Watch activities:**

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ACTIVITIES

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**Here are examples of activities that your group may be interested in:**

- Gang identification \_\_\_\_\_

- Crimestoppers \_\_\_\_\_
- Neighborhood Youth Involvement \_\_\_\_\_
- Watch group leadership \_\_\_\_\_
- Police safety training \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone trees \_\_\_\_\_
- Block Captains \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER PROGRAM IDEAS:

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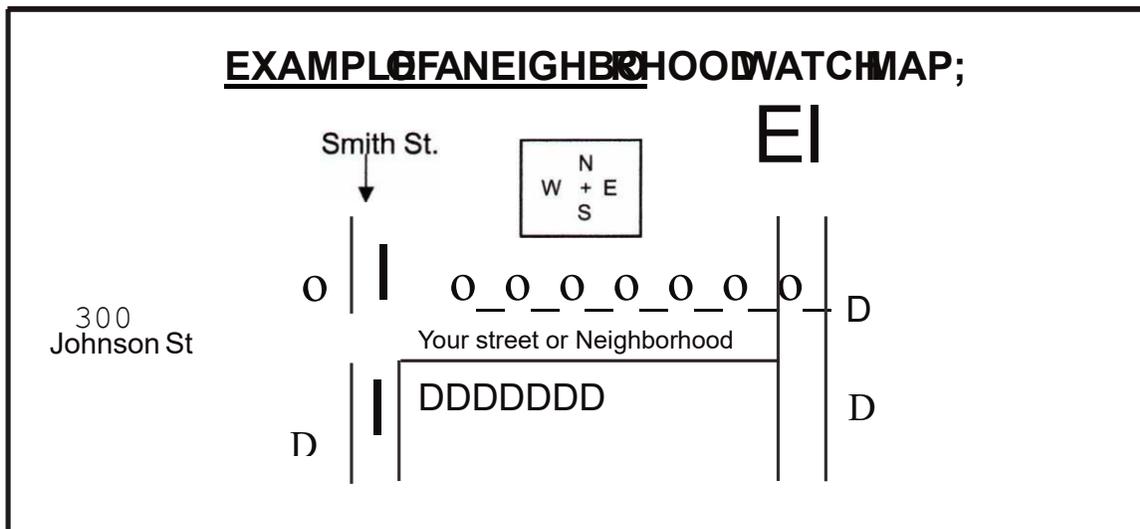
## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP BOUNDARIES

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In the box below please draw and label a map of the area that your

proposed neighborhood watch group will cover.

**(NOTE: A true neighborhood watch area is no more than what can be observed (watched) from your front and back yards.)**



**This map should also include streets and block numbers - such as: "The 300 block of Johnson St. between Smith and Elm Streets."**




(Attach additional pages if necessary.)