

## 10 Steps to starting a Neighborhood Watch Program

- STEP ONE: Define your neighborhood geographically. Start small – approximately 30 to 35 homes – so you and your neighbors can get to know each other.
- STEP TWO: Talk to your neighbors. Do they know that a Neighborhood Watch program is for their protection and builds a bond in the neighborhood? What are their issues and concerns? What nights are they available for a meeting?
- STEP THREE: Call the [Fort Bliss Crime Prevention Unit](#), (915-) 568-2651 and schedule a mutually agreeable date for the first meeting. Tell the Neighborhood Watch Director about any issue or concern that may be brought up at the meeting.
- STEP FOUR: Ask neighbors to serve as Block Leaders (approx. one neighbor per 7-15 homes).
- STEP FIVE: Start a committee with interested neighbors to plan the first meeting. Assign someone to: market/advertise the meeting, make/buy food, meeting logistics (name tags, copy of sign-in sheet, pens). Focus on the “3 F’s” which are Food, Fun and Free things. The Crime Prevention Unit can help by providing some handouts and giveaway items.
- STEP SIX: Advertise the meeting to your neighbors! Invite ALL your neighbors (in your geographical area). Talk to everyone possible. Deliver flyers to each home.
- STEP SEVEN: Call to confirm with the Neighborhood Watch Director at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- STEP EIGHT: Set up a welcome table before the meeting begins with the sign-in sheet, name tags, and any applicable material provided by the Fort Bliss Crime Prevention Unit.
- STEP NINE: Introduce the Neighborhood Watch representative that will speak on Neighborhood Watch. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes followed by 10 minutes for questions. Thank everyone who attended and acknowledge those who helped, including any neighborhood businesses, or individuals that donated items. Invite neighbors to remain and get to know each other.
- STEP TEN: After the meeting, thank those who helped and solicit their help to work on the next one.