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:

_____ **(Zip)**_____

Telephone: **Email Address:**

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RETURN APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS TO:

Steve Fairbanks
Neighborhood Services Unit
Peoria Police Department
600 SW Adams St.
Peoria, IL 61602
(309) 494-8250

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

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.

WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS NOT?

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

HERE'S WHAT YOU WILL GET ONCE YOU BECOME AN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP:

- 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 NEIGHBOHROOD 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** Steve Fairbanks at the Neighborhood Services Unit (494-8250) for need assistance to organizing a meeting and to host a kick-off event.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH APPLICATION NARRATIVE

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

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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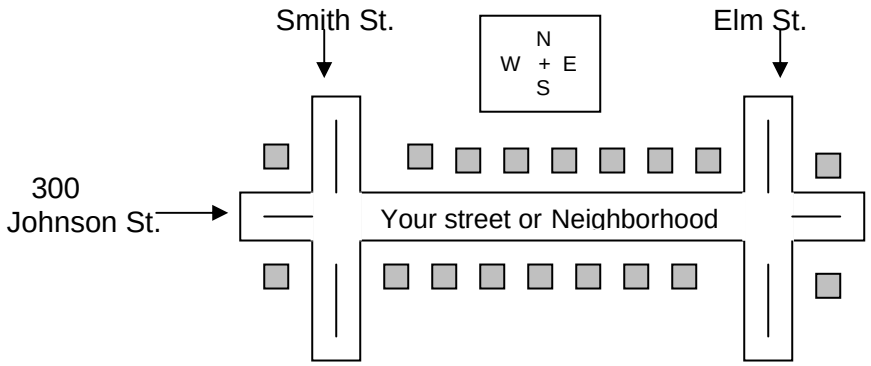
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP BOUNDARIES

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.)

EXAMPLE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MAP:



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

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP SIGN-UP SHEET

The more neighbors you enlist, the stronger your neighborhood watch will be. Go door to door to introduce yourself and the neighborhood watch program. Ask your neighbors to show their support by signing their name, address and telephone number here:

Name: (Signature)	Address:	Phone:

(Attach additional pages if necessary.)