What is Neighborhood Watch?

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*Not Pictured: Suzanne Flecker-Bonilla, Lisa Nash, & Lisa Sakaguchi*
Neighborhood Watch Board of Directors

Area 1
- Suzanne Flecker-Bonilla
- Lisa Nash
- Lisa Sakaguchi

Burlingame border south to HWY 92, west of HWY 101

Area 2
- Cindy Hui
- Victor Luscap
- Marleen Mason

HWY 92 south to the Belmont border, west of HWY 101

Area 3
- Rich Hedges
- Rick Sakuda
- Donna Divodi
- Joe Gershaneck

Entire east side, east of HWY 101
What is Neighborhood Watch

• A Crime Prevention Program that enlists resident participation & involvement in a Police-Community collaborative battle against neighborhood crime

• Our primary purpose is personal and property protection for neighborhoods & residents by knowing your neighbors and working together in a program of mutual assistance

• It is an extension of the “eyes & ears” of the Police Department and about crime prevention education and the implementation of important home and personal security strategies

• Governed by the Police Department and a Board of Directors, with the assistance of Block Captains
Block Captains
Roles & Responsibilities
What is a Block Captain?

• A volunteer

• A conduit to receive and relay information to and from neighbors, and the community at large, to and from the Police Department

• A point person for their block to foster the benefits of Neighborhood Watch

• Provide safety & security information and advice on defensive measures and to provide advice on what to report
A Block Captain is NOT...

- Law Enforcement
- A vigilante
- An authority in a criminal situation
- Authorized or encouraged to become physically involved in a crime in progress
- A neighborhood gofer
Block Captain Responsibilities

• Organize your block. To be a recognized Neighborhood Watch Block, there needs to be a Block Captain.

• Know your neighbors! Meet current residents and welcome new ones.

• Attend and/or host neighborhood/community meetings & events. Encourage block participation.

• Actively promote the ideals of Neighborhood Watch.

• Provide neighbors with information and resources provided by the Police Department.
Time Commitment

• Minimal and as needed

• There are generally 2x’s a year when the Police Department will ask you to deliver materials to residents on your blocks...
  • for National Night Out and the Neighborhood Watch Holiday Social
  • National Night Out is the 1st Tuesday in August annually (Next date-8/6/19)
  • NW Holiday Social generally in the 1st week of December (Date TBD)

• There may be times when you or your neighbors request a presentation from the Police Department. We’d like you to attend if requested. (More prevalent in HOA’s)

• When contact information changes or you move
Your involvement will directly affect the crime rate of your neighborhoods!

• On average, Neighborhood Watch Blocks are 84% safer than non-Neighborhood Watch Blocks

• Attributed to appearing “occupied”, meaning your neighborhoods look “lived in”, people coming and going, knowing what’s going on and who belongs; therefore, creating a riskier environment for crooks to target

• Areas with the highest crime rates are the most reluctant to organize

“SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!”
Neighborhood Watch Program

We have one of the most active Neighborhood Watch programs in the County!
Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are kept constantly updated on crime trends and safety information through Community Alerts, and are responsible for insuring their neighbors are receiving the information as well. Block captains also organize neighborhood meetings or discussions to talk about neighborhood safety issues.

A Board of Directors made up of concerned residents oversees the program with support from the Neighborhood Policing Unit. SMPO's Patrol Lieutenants are assigned Policing Areas within the City, and are points-of-contact for neighborhood issues.

Start a Neighborhood Watch on Your Block
Get familiar with your neighbors and help keep your block safe as a team! The Neighborhood Watch program is total resident participation and involvement in a police community cooperative battle against burglaries or other neighborhood crimes. Its primary purpose is personal and property protection for you and your neighbors.

As an extension of the eyes and ears for your police department, your involvement will directly affect the crime rate in your neighborhood. View the SMPO Block Captain Introduction Letter.

If you have any questions about Neighborhood Watch in San Mateo please contact our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Officer John Rink Sr. by phone at 650-522-7744 or Email Neighborhood Watch.
Stay Connected
Follow us on our Social Media & Alert Platforms

Social Media

- Twitter (@SanMateoPD)
- Facebook (@CityofSanMateoPD)
- Instagram (sanmateopd)
- YouTube (San Mateo Police Department)

Alert & Communication Platforms

- Nextdoor.com (Neighborhood Social Media)
- Nixle (Critical text and email alerts)
  - Text your zip code to 888777 or
  - Visit nixle.com/san-mateo-ca-police-department
- Rapid Notify/Rave Mobile (Reverse 9-1-1)
- SMC Alert (County alerts)
  - www.tinyurl.com/smcalerts
San Mateo NEST
(Neighborhood Eyes Security Team)

This voluntary registry simply informs the PD of the locations of home security cameras in the city. We do not have access, remote or otherwise, to your personal property. This simply aids the PD in locating potential video evidence in the event an incident occurs in a residential neighborhood.

Register your Home Security Cameras at www.tinyurl.com/smpdnest
TIPS TO MAKE IT EASIER!

- Stay Connected with the PD
  - Follow us on all of our Social Media and Alert platforms
  - Contact us at:
    - neighborhoodwatch@cityofsanmateo.org
    - (650)522-7791

- Keep a Block Roster with Contact Info

- Be a Good Witness

- Be a Nextdoor Ambassador for your Community
  - The PD can’t view posts and comments we aren’t tagged in, so please encourage police reporting when appropriate.
San Mateo Police Department’s success depends on a Community Policing model we call Neighborhood Safety Partnerships. We believe success in crime prevention and control is a responsibility we share with the community. We provide you with updated, expedient, and accurate information about public safety, and, in turn, you partner with us by investing in your community by way of sharing information with your neighbors and the police, informing us when you see issues in your neighborhoods and the city in general.