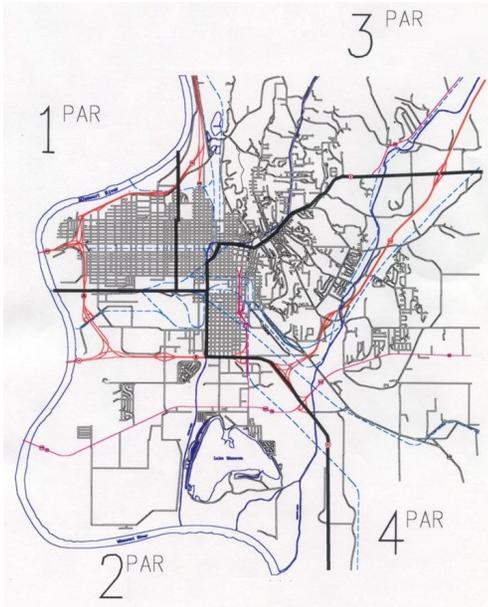


## Contact Information

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# Council Bluffs Neighborhood Watch Program



*Don't sit at home watching 'Neighbors'  
There's much more you can do with your time!  
Your next-door neighbor needs your support,  
Together let's ensure we beat crime!*

### What is a Neighborhood Watch?

A Neighborhood Watch is a group of neighbors who are willing to communicate with each other and pass along information. The group will be educated in crime prevention and will watch for suspicious activity and report this activity to the police.

**\*\*Neighborhood Watch does not require citizen patrols or citizen assist.**

### How often does a Neighborhood Watch have to meet?

We like each group to meet 3 times a year. This can be a formal meeting or can be a neighborhood BBQ in someone's backyard. Many of our groups have one meeting in the spring and one in the fall. We can help give you direction and come talk during the meetings about crime prevention, calls for service or other concerns.

### How many homes have to be a group to qualify as a neighborhood watch?

There is no required number of members, but we like to see involvement from as many people as possible in your area. It can be as small as a cul-de-sac or as large as an established neighborhood.

### Why should I start a Neighborhood Watch?

When you participate in the Neighborhood Watch program you will have a direct liaison with the Police Department through your Community Resource Officer (CRO). Your CRO can provide you with crime prevention information.

### What are a Block Captain's responsibilities?

A Block Captain's job is fairly simple. You are to be a point of contact for your neighbors and the Police Department. The Police Department will occasionally send out information to you, the Block Captain. When you receive the information it is your responsibility to communicate the information to your neighbors.

### Signs are provided.

Neighborhood Watch signs are provided at no cost.



**\*\*If you are interested in starting or joining your local Neighborhood Watch, please contact Officer Dave Burns at 712-329-1825 for more information.**

### Your Neighborhood depends on you!

The most successful Neighborhood Watch groups are those who do not hesitate to call 911 for in-progress emergency calls. For non-emergency calls (like those listed below) call 712-328-5737.

Types of non-emergency calls that can help deter crime in your area:

- Suspicious persons—there may be people in your neighborhood/area that don't belong, let us talk to them and see what they are up to
- Suspicious vehicles—vehicles that are parked for long periods of time may be stolen or abandoned
- Drug houses—help us by being our eyes and ears so we can weed out these problem houses
- Suspicious noises—if you heard it, your neighbor probably did, too

### CAUTION!!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH does not mean prying or nosy neighbors who try to stop criminals all by themselves. As a member, your responsibility is to call the police and report what you've seen -- NOT to take action yourself.