

BEAUMONT Cares about you!



Starting a Neighborhood Watch Group

By working with your neighbors and the Beaumont Police Department, you can help fight crime in our community the most effective way – before it begins!

Where to Start

First, talk to your neighbors! Tell them you want to start Neighborhood Watch on your block. If 70 percent of your neighbors are interested, call the Beaumont Police Department COPPS Team and let us know you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group. We can help you choose a date to hold your first meeting and provide invitations for you to distribute.

First Meeting

At the first meeting, Police Department personnel will talk to you and your neighbors about specific crimes occurring in your area, when and how to use 9-1-1, home security and general crime prevention tips. The group will also elect a captain and a co-captain at this initial meeting.

Next Steps

- **Free Placards:** As members of a Neighborhood Watch Group, each household will receive free placards to place in their windows.
- **Neighborhood Watch Signs:** Once your group has held its initial meeting and 70% of the neighbors have the placards in place, your Neighborhood Watch Group will receive a metal Neighborhood Watch sign. Signs are purchased by the Police Department and installed by the City of Beaumont.
- **Continue to Meet as a Group:** Neighborhood Watch Groups are encouraged to meet at least twice a year after the initial session to discuss events occurring on your block or to review presentation materials available through the Police Department's COPPS Team.

Advisory Board Meetings

Neighborhood Watch members are encouraged to attend the city's Beaumont Cares Town Hall meetings. The meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month in the city council chambers at 550 E. 6th Street.

For more information on starting a Neighborhood Watch, please call a member of the Beaumont COPPS team at 951-769-8500.

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