

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A BLOCK LEADER?



Work with neighbors to:

- ✓ reduce the opportunity for crime.
- ✓ help people understand the fear of crime is often different than the reality of crime.
- ✓ work in partnership with the Minneapolis Police Department.

How do you do this?

- ✓ By **sharing crime prevention information** with your neighbors, to help people avoid or reduce their chances of becoming crime victims.
- ✓ **Work with each other and the police department** to prevent and/or resolve problems that negatively impact livability on your block and in the community.
- ✓ Take an active role in **promoting the involvement of residents** in preventing crime by actively sharing information with neighbors.
- ✓ **Meet regularly with your neighbors** to share information and build positive relationships so people can feel they are part of a community that cares.
- ✓ **Encourage people to call or text 9-1-1** when they see problems requiring a police response.
- ✓ **Share crime alerts or police advisories with your Block Club.**
- ✓ **Create a non-public directory or email list of the members of your Block Club**, so you can contact one another easily when you want to.
- ✓ **Get youth on your block involved** in community safety efforts.
- ✓ **Recruit a Co-Block Leader** so you can share the load and support one another.
- ✓ Use your Crime Prevention Specialist as a **resource for information, questions and help.**

Benefits?

- ✓ -Build **stronger connections** with your neighbors and local law enforcement!
- ✓ -When you register to host your block's **National Night Out party, the permit is free!**
- ✓ -**Priority** when you register for the MPD Citizen's Academy!

If you have questions or need information, contact:

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