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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