



## JUNE 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

- **Chief Doherty** handed out a flyer courtesy of Boise Idaho Police Department (attached).
  - This flyer explains what a neighborhood watch is, what the responsibilities of the volunteers and the goals of the program
  - Chief went thru some common concerns in the area.
  - Chief went thru some common ideas to secure your homes and cars
    - Always keep your doors and windows locked
    - Spot Lights (this also helps the officers with trailing suspects at night)
    - If your on vacation have someone get your mail so it doesn't build up and set lights on a timer.
    - Close blinds and drapes in the evening.
- **Call 911 immediately** See something; hear something unusual or suspicious.
  - DO NOT call the non-emergency number. By the time the officers on duty get your message it is too late.
  - You will not get in trouble by 911 for calling to report unusual or suspicious activity.
- **Know your neighbors.**
  - Know their names and routine.
    - This is important so that you can start to notice who comes and goes on your street so unusual persons or activity is noticed sooner.
- **Brainstorming**
  - There were numerous ideas and suggestions on how to grow this program.
    - Phone Tree
    - Block Captains
    - Picnics
    - Advertising
    - Word of mouth

- Community Events
- Social Media
- Ingram Web Page

- **Ingram Days**

- The Watch will be having a table at Ingram Days both days July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - We will need volunteers to help set up, man the table and take down.
    - Email [Hbtwigg@gmail.com](mailto:Hbtwigg@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

- **Flyers**

- Flyers will be printed out and volunteers will be needed to hand them out to residents
  - Residents suggested to have the volunteer as well as contacting the boy scouts to assist us with this.

- **Curfew**

- 11pm for minors 18 and under

- **Contact Information**

- Ensure that the contact number and email you use to sign up with is one that you answer and check regularly.
  - If you change any of your contact information contact the chairman (Hellena Twigg at [hbtwigg@gmail.com](mailto:hbtwigg@gmail.com))

- **MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Spread the word to your friends and neighbors.
- Take flyers and hand them out to people on your street.

- **Meeting Attendance**

- Attendance at the meetings is very important for the success of the group.
- We will try to announce meetings in advance to help ensure everyone can make it
- Bring friends to the meetings that are interested but unsure. They can come and see what it is about and what we are doing and then decide. Anyone can sign up at the meetings.

- **NEXT MEETING**

- County Sherriff will be there to give the volunteers more information and direction on making The Watch successful.
  - Chief will be contacting the Sherriff for availability
- Next meeting will be announced once we confirm a date with the Sheriff.



Hello Ingram Resident,

We need your help. The Neighborhood Watch is a new Ingram Borough program designed to help us look out for one another by providing extra eyes and ears for our amazing Police Department. The attached flyer explains what a Neighborhood Watch Program does and what is expected. Our hope is to have this grow into a fun and rewarding way to get to know your neighbors and look out for one another which in return helps our Police Department keep our Neighborhood safe. ***It is very important that everyone know the importance of calling 911 if you see or hear something unusual and NOT the non-emergency number.***

We are in the beginning stages of setting this up, so there will be a few meetings (not more than once a month) where your input will be encouraged. We, as the Neighborhood Watch, will receive useful information and important direction from our Police Department and the County Sheriff.

**Benefits of Neighborhood Watch:**

1. Reduces fear of crime
2. Deters criminal activity
3. Stimulates neighborhood awareness by people watching out for each other
4. Reduces the risk of becoming a crime victim
5. Trains residents on securing their homes and property, recognizing and reporting suspicious and criminal activity, and communicating with neighbors
6. Residents receive information by the Boise Police Crime Prevention Unit on criminal activity in or near their neighborhood so residents can take precautions, and be the eyes and ears for law enforcement
7. Offers updated crime prevention literature and information
8. Encourages block parties, visiting with neighbors, and having fun in your neighborhood.

If you are interested in helping improve safety and be part of building a strong Neighborhood Program, then please fill out the information below and return to the address listed, or you can email your contact information to the emails listed below to have your name added to the list and begin to receive the information. Please pass this information onto your family, friends and neighbors so we can get plan around to everyone in the community.

Fill out the information below and return to: 97 Linshaw Ave or

Email Hellena Twigg @ [Hbtwigg@gmail.com](mailto:Hbtwigg@gmail.com) or Seth Masley @ [smasley@ingramborough.org](mailto:smasley@ingramborough.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Be sure to use the phone number and email address you can be contacted at by the group if needed.***