

CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

CREATING & MAINTAINING A CONNECTED & EFFECTIVE GROUP



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY

We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you towards achieving a safer neighbourhood. Thank you for taking the initiative and partnering with the VPD. Our team is excited to work with you and your group to create a safer and more connected community.

TAKING ON A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN VANCOUVER BLOCK WATCH

If you want to take on a leadership role in Vancouver's Block Watch program as a Block Captain or Co-Captain, you'll volunteer from home as the main point of contact between the Vancouver Police Block Watch office and the households you involve. Block Watch takes about an hour per week. Here are some essential duties and requirements to keep in mind to help you create a successful group:

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Demonstrate a genuine interest in community safety in your community
- Communicate effectively with the members of your group
- Understand the basic tenets of Block Watch and be able to promote them to your neighbours
- Interchangeably divide responsibilities with your Co-Captain as agreed upon between you

GETTING STARTED

- Explain the Block Watch program to your block/complex and encourage participation
- Create and maintain a clear communication chain with all participating households
- Organize and host an in-person or online introductory First Meeting/Training session with the Block Watch Constable, in your neighbourhood/complex

ONGOING DUTIES

- Keep an up-to-date Block Watch list of participating households and submit it to the VPD Block Watch office every two years
- Share Block Watch office communications and relevant property crime and suspicious activity information with your group as you become aware of it
- Review the public [VPD GeoDASH website](#) for reported crime at least once a week and email issues of interest to your team
- Organize a block party or team meeting each year to help keep your neighbours connected
- Initiate and practice home security and target hardening measures in your own residence to set an example
- Encourage new residents to join your group and participate in Block Watch training sessions
- Refresh your Police Information Check and attend a training session every five years
- Notify the Block Watch office of your intended resignation, identify your replacement and have them apply