

CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

CREATING & MAINTAINING A CONNECTED & EFFECTIVE GROUP



THE CAPTAIN ROLE

Captains are the liaisons between the Vancouver Police Block Watch office (BWO) and their group. As a Block Watch leader you should have a genuine interest in preventing crime in your neighbourhood or complex. You will need to be available to listen to and communicate with the participants in your group. You should have a good understanding of Block Watch and be comfortable promoting it to your neighbours. You will need access to a computer or device to access, share and receive information. Block Watch takes minimal time per week. More than one Captain is recommended to share duties based on each person's strengths.

GETTING STARTED

- Once you've completed your Police Information Check and required training, 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 to qualify for your Block Watch street signs

ONGOING DUTIES

- Keep an up-to-date Block Watch list of participating households and their contact information and fully update it each year
- Every other year, submit your participating household list to the VPD Block Watch office
- Share Block Watch office communications, training opportunities and relevant property crime and suspicious activity information with your group as you become aware of it and in a timely manner
- 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 group meeting each year to help connect your neighbours
- 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 opportunities
- 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