



At the April 14, 2011 general meeting of Osuna Park Neighborhood Association, members present passed the proposal to organize a CrimeWatch system throughout OPNA. The purpose is to work with the Police to facilitate communications and make our Neighborhood a safer place to live. Our long-term goal is reducing crime in OPNA.

The OPNA CrimeWatch Committee coordinates this system. The chairman of the CrimeWatch Committee is the CrimeWatch Coordinator, who reports to the OPNA Board of Directors. The Coordinator's job includes recruiting and training Block Captains throughout the neighborhood. The CrimeWatch Coordinator also emails accounts of suspicious behavior and crime in the area to all the Block Captains. The Block Captains and Co-Captains then inform their immediate neighbors on their block by email.

Because CrimeWatch works in both directions, individuals report to their Block Captain about vandalism, suspicious behavior, or crime events, which the Block Captain emails or phones to the CrimeWatch Coordinator. The Coordinator emails these alerts to every other Block Captain, to the OPNA membership who do not have Block Captains, and to the APD Northeast Command at Wyoming and Osuna. Individuals should also call in suspicious activity to the APD non-emergency number: 242-COPS.

Two-way communications, regular emails covering as much of the neighborhood as possible, and information from APD -- these factors have been used successfully by other neighborhood associations in Albuquerque to fight crime within their borders.

OPNA CrimeWatch participation is open to any resident within OPNA boundaries, whether or not a member of OPNA. The current CrimeWatch Committee is made up of Penny Hoe (Coordinator) and Mark Fidel. If you have questions, email either one at opna@cnsnp.com or phone Penny Hoe at 296-3654. For more information, follow the links provided on the web page.