

## HOHA Block Watch Meeting

October 28, 2014

Meeting run by Officer Mike Deaton. Deputy Chief Bobby Fisher gave opening remarks, thanking our community for their interest in partnering with Hilliard Police to form a block watch.

Three things need to be present to have a Block Watch organization:

1. Law enforcement (Officer Deaton)
2. Watch captain (Dana Miller)
3. Neighborhood watch members-signup sheet provided

Being a watch member you will receive information about criminal occurrences in our area. The police department will notify our watch captain and she will then notify our members. **To become a member give your name and email address to our watch captain Dana Miller at: [lynn\\_dana\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn_dana_m@hotmail.com)**

Block Watch signs will be posted at the entrance of the neighborhood on Dixon Drive and at Heather Ridge and Edgeley Dr.

Information provided about keeping your home safe.

- Keep garage doors closed
- Keep cars locked and remove valuables
- Trim back shrubs from in front of windows
- Keep doors and windows closed and locked
- Use exterior lighting and or motion detection lighting
- Utilize the police dept when on vacation to do a daily walk around your house, you can make this request at the Safety Services building. They are hoping to streamline and put the request form online in the future.
- Be a nosey neighbor, look out your windows and be aware of what's going on in your area

Signup information for receiving notification from the police dept about citywide activity

- Mailchimp - Sign up to receive email notification from the police dept of citywide activities
- Nixle - Sign up to receive text notification from police dept of citywide activities  
Links for Mailchimp and Nixle can be found at  
<http://hilliardohio.gov/police/educational-programs/block-watch-program>
- Crimereports.com - A way to find out about crime activity in your area
- Follow Hilliard city police on Facebook and/or Twitter

Our Block Watch group is required to meet at least once per year, HOHA will probably plan this meeting to be part of our annual meeting that takes place each April. Please contact Dana Miller if you have any Block Watch related ideas or questions.