



Binford Redevelopment & Growth, Inc.

Community Crime Watch Network

Network Description, History and Features:

Binford Redevelopment and Growth (BRAG), initially in 2006, worked cooperatively with the Marion County Sheriff's Department to establish a residential Crime Watch Network that now has incorporated 27 neighborhoods containing 4881 residential homes that surround Binford Blvd. and 71st Street in the Northeast side of Indianapolis. Since January 1, 2007 BRAG Community Crime Watch Network has an extremely close working relationship with the newly formed Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), North District. Through BRAG efforts, a Police Satellite Office was established in the BRAG area.

Features of this Network:

- 1. Each BRAG neighborhood has assigned a Crime Watch Contact Person to be notified by any resident that has experienced a criminal incident or observed a suspicious activity AFTER having reported this to the Police Department. The Contact person will notify all residents of their neighborhood of the incident or activity so they can be on the ALERT.**
- 2. The Contact person then immediately notifies the central BRAG Crime Watch Communicator who broadcasts the information on the incident or activity to the Contacts in all the other BRAG neighborhoods. They in turn notify all of their respective residents for them to be on the ALERT.**
- 3. Communication between the central Communicator and the neighborhood Contacts is done by Electronic Mail (Email) or telephone. The neighborhood Contacts may use Email, telephone "Phone Trees" or flier notices distributed to all residents.**
- 4. Many neighborhoods already have Neighborhood Crime Watch Network programs with a central Coordinator (the Contact person) and a group of Crime Watch Captains each assigned to specific homes. BRAG promotes having such a program and it is highly recommended by IMPD that has a Crime Watch Specialist in each of their Districts to work with neighborhoods to instruct and guide them in setting up Crime Watch Networks.**
- 5. With the BRAG Community Crime Watch Network, it is possible to put all of the surrounding neighborhoods on HIGH ALERT when a criminal incident or suspicious activity occurs in any one neighborhood.**
- 6. IMPD provides weekly reports of crime incidents and information for the entire North district and further provides monthly reports specific for the BRAG area which is within 82nd St. on the North, 56th St. on the South, Dean Rd. on the West and Sargent Rd. on the East.**
- 7. IMPD also has Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO) for Districts who establish contact with neighborhoods, attend neighborhood meetings and are a valuable source of information. The NRO assigned to North District has worked closely with BRAG since the inception of IMPD.**
- 8. BRAG Crime Watch is also active with the Task Force group of North District which holds monthly meetings for discussion and disseminating information.**

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