



Binford Redevelopment & Growth, Inc.

Community Crime Watch Network Residential Crime Watch

Network Description, History and Features:

Binford Redevelopment and Growth (BRAG), in 2006, initially worked cooperatively with the Marion County Sheriff's Department to establish a Residential Crime Watch Network that now includes 38 neighborhoods containing 6122 residential homes that surround Binford Blvd. and 71st Street in the Northeast side of Indianapolis. Since 2007 BRAG Residential Crime Watch Network has had a close working relationship with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), North District. Through BRAG efforts, a Police Satellite Office was opened Oct. 2006 in the BRAG area at 5699 E. 71st St.

Features of this Network:

Established to reduce criminal activity by joining neighborhoods together by:

1. Each BRAG neighborhood assigning 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).
2. The Contact person then immediately notifies the central BRAG Residential 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 so they can 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, or flier notices distributed to all residents (by Crime Watch Captains if they have a Crime Watch Network).
4. Many neighborhoods already have a Neighborhood Crime Watch Network program with a central COORDINATOR (the Contact person in this case) 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 which has a Crime Watch Specialist to work with neighborhoods to instruct and guide them in setting up such a Neighborhood Crime Watch Network.
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 to BRAG of crime incidents and information for the entire North district and further provides monthly reports of major crime 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./Lawrence City on the East.
7. IMPD also has a Community Resource Supervisor, Crime Specialist and a Community Relations Liaison Officer for Districts who establish contact with neighborhoods, attend neighborhood meetings and are a valuable source of information. The Community and Crime Watch personnel of the North District have worked closely with BRAG since the inception of IMPD.
8. To join, contact: Joe Komenda, Residential Crime Watch Communicator, at 317/849-0716, Email brenkomen@aol.com

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