



CITY OF BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Eric J. Gieseke
Chief of Police

Neighborhood Watch Application

I/we wish to serve as a Block Captain in the Neighborhood Watch Program. My/our Neighborhood Watch area includes the following streets:

Neighborhood Watch Guidelines

- Block Captains should meet a minimum of twice per year with your neighbors to keep your Neighborhood Watch group active.
- A commitment of one year is desired, with a two- to three-year commitment preferred.
- Block Captains serve as a spokesperson for their area and act as a liaison between your neighborhood and the City.
- Block Captains should participate in block captain meetings and “Night to Unite.”
- Block Captains will distribute information to neighbors and keep your block map up-to-date with current names, addresses and phone numbers of your neighbors.
- Block Captains will welcome new neighbors and provide them with information about Neighborhood Watch.
- Block Captains will report suspicious activity to the police and be the “eyes and ears” for the neighborhood. ***For your safety, we ask that Block Captains not become actively involved in checking out suspicious activity.***
- Block Captains must submit to and pass a criminal background check performed by the Burnsville Police Department.

Agreement

The City of Burnsville reserves the right to refuse, cancel or revise this agreement. By signing this agreement, the group agrees to comply with the terms and conditions herewith to the satisfaction of the City of Burnsville.

Except for the negligent acts of the City, its agents and employees, the volunteers or their agents shall assume all liability for, and hold the City, its agents and employees, harmless from, any and all claims for damages, actions or causes of action arising out of the work to be done herein.

Any and all volunteers of the group or other persons while engaged in the performance of any work or service performed under this agreement shall not be considered employees of the City, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Worker's Compensation Act of Minnesota on behalf of said employees or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party of the group's volunteers or other persons while so engaged on any of the work or services to be rendered shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the City.

To ensure the integrity of the program and instill a sense of security for the participants in the Neighborhood Watch Groups, the Burnsville Police Department will conduct a criminal background check on those interested in applying for the Block Captain position. As neighborhood leaders, it is important that the Block Captains feel comfortable sharing pertinent information with other Block Captains throughout the city.

The data you are being asked to provide is defined under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Under the Data Practices Act, this data is classified as private data or confidential. As a result of the classifications of this data, data will not be released to any person other than the Neighborhood Services Coordinator and the Sergeant in charge of Community Resources. The purpose and intended use of the information provided is to assist with the Block Captain selection process.

Questions

If you have questions about the Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain Program or application, contact Sergeant Dan Anderson at 952-895-4596 or daniel.anderson@burnsvillemn.gov.

Block Captain Applicant

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(please print full name – First/Middle/Last)

Sex: _____ Race: _____ Driver’s License #: _____

Name of Neighborhood Watch Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Co-Block Captain Names: _____

“I have read and understand the above.”

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Sergeant Dan Anderson: _____ Date: _____

Completed applications can be emailed to Sergeant Dan Anderson at daniel.anderson@burnsvillemn.gov.



Government Data Practices Act Release Information

Block Captains have requested information about other block captains in their area. Typical requests include the names, addresses and phone numbers of other block captains. Many have expressed interest in networking with one another as a way to strengthen the program. However, Neighborhood Watch information is protected by the Government Data Practices Act, and the City of Burnsville may not provide this information without your written permission.

If you would like the City of Burnsville to provide this information to other Burnsville Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, please sign the attached statement. This information will not be shared without your written permission. You are not required to share this information with other Block Captains, and it is not a requirement of the Neighborhood Watch program.

“The City of Burnsville has my permission to release the following information to other Burnsville Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.”

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____