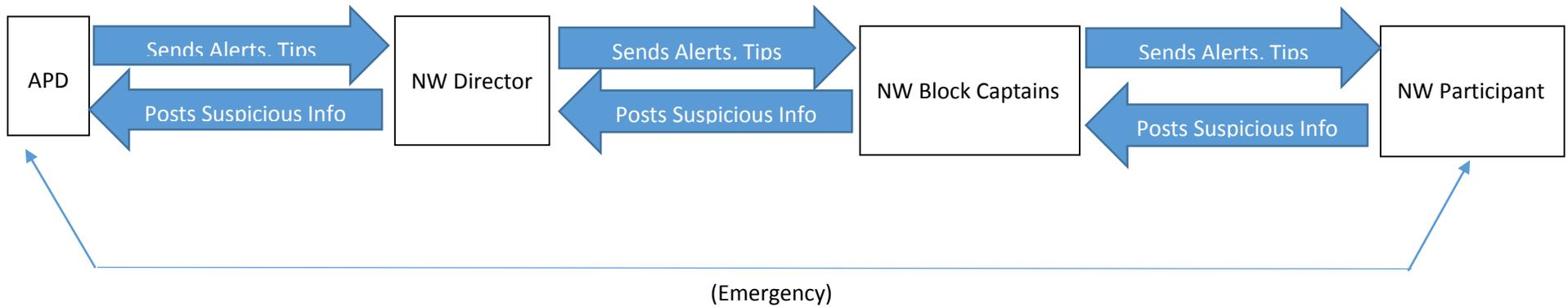


Neighborhood Watch (NW) – General Overview

Some benefits of a Neighborhood Watch are:

1. Reducing the risk of becoming a victim of crime.
2. Being better prepared to respond to suspicious activity. Communication between the neighborhood and the police department is crucial.
3. Get information that impacts your neighborhood. Participants are apprised of trends in criminal activity and sent alerts for suspicious activity.
5. Knowing your neighbors. You will become more aware of activity that does not fit with regular schedules. This means that when you are away, you can feel more secure about your property. This also instills a sense of community.
6. Reducing the fear of crime and making your neighborhood more livable. Neighborhood Watch increases the number of arrests and convictions by serving as a conduit between law enforcement and the community.
7. Increase in property values. Fostering a sense of community makes the neighborhood more desirable.
8. It is a FREE program, and you can participate using the free Next Door website or mobile app

Basic Structure:



What a Neighborhood Watch Is, and Is Not

A Neighborhood Watch is:

- A community and police crime prevention partnership.
- Neighbors coming together to help each other not become victims of crime.
- Neighbors coming together to address community issues.
- Learning and practicing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.
- Learning to identify suspicious activity and reporting the activity to other neighbors and the police.
- Street captains promoting membership on the same street or within line of sight, generally 5 – 25 homes per group.
- Improving the communication between neighbors to increase the safety and quality of life in the neighborhood

A Neighborhood Watch is not:

- Citizens armed patrol or vigilante groups.
- Encouraging residents to take risks to prevent crimes.
- A program that guarantees that a crime will not occur in a neighborhood.
- A political group.
- A neighborhood association.