



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

FORMING SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Self-Paced Learning

Participant's Book



The Participant Handbook:

This Handbook is designed to follow along with the Self-Paced Learning presentation “Forming Successful Partnerships.” By writing down your answers, you will retain more of the information found in the curriculum. Use this book as a reference guide and to review the curriculum before teaching Neighborhood Watch volunteers.

Course Objectives

- To understand the importance of forming partnerships between Neighborhood Watch and other stakeholders
 - To learn how to develop Memorandums of Understanding that are beneficial to all
 - To learn how to build our capacity to leverage resources as we work with other groups
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Community Partnerships

What is a Community Partnership?

Benefits of Partnerships

Fill in the Blanks.

1. Mutually beneficial partnerships create...

2. Partnerships also help us ...

3. ...among many agencies or organizations can also benefit partnerships.

4. The most important component of forming partnerships is to...

Part 1: Characteristics of Effective Groups

List the five characteristics of effective groups or partnerships.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Activity #1:

If you are currently participating in any inter-jurisdictional groups or partnership efforts, do they display these traits? If not, what can you as a leader do to help your organizations work together more efficiently and effectively?

Communication

Why is communication essential to your Neighborhood Watch partnerships?

Define Interpersonal Communications:

Activity #2:

List the logistics of both direct and indirect forms of communications.

What are some of the benefits of each? What are some of the barriers to each?

Give two examples of each of the following types of communication:

| | | |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Direct | 1. | 2. |
| Indirect | 1. | 2. |
| Verbal | 1. | 2. |
| Non-verbal | 1. | 2. |

Potential Problems

In the chart below, list the different potential problems with communication. Give an example of each.

| Potential Problems | Examples |
|--------------------|----------|
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| | |

Handling Conflict

What four tips are given for handling conflict?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Coordination

Define Coordination:

Cooperation

Define Cooperation:

Collaboration

Define Collaboration:

Consensus

Define Consensus:

Part 2: Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)

Define Memorandum of Understanding and give its purpose:

Activity #4

List some groups that your Neighborhood Watch partners with and circumstances under which you might want to draft an MOU in order to clarify roles, responsibilities, obligations, liabilities etc.

MOU CHECKLIST

Fill in the blanks.

- Defined _____
- _____ and _____
- _____ Obligations
- Administration
- _____
- Acts ____ _____
- Timeframes
- _____ and _____
- _____ advice obtained

Part 3: Potential Partners

Activity #5

Take a minute to list some examples of potential partners in each category.

| <u>Businesses and employees</u> | <u>Nonprofit Social Services Agencies</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

List some potential partners for your Neighborhood Watch Program below:
