**Neighborhood Watch Resources**

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| Web sites and online resources about Neighborhood Watch | * Neighborhood Watch – Austin Police Department – general advice (check with neighborhood association or APD District Rep)   + <http://www.austintexas.gov/faq/how-do-i-start-neighborhood-watch> * National Night Out – Austin – description and registration information for doing a NNO event for your neighborhood; enables you to get City personnel – firemen, police, EMS, Code Compliance – as well as packets of information   + <http://austintexas.gov/nno> * National Night Out – national site – has materials for sale, runs annual contest for those who register their event, newsletter, membership available $35/yr. [very slow web site]   + [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org) * National Neighborhood Watch Institute – has brochures about organizing a neighborhood watch, signs and posters, and other materials for sale; very little information available online – focus is on materials for sale   + [www.nnwi.org](http://www.nnwi.org) |
| Resources online | * Austin Police Department Neighborhood Watch Manual – 25 page collection of advice, including materials from several sources outside of Austin   + <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/downloads/neighborhoodwatchmanual.pdf> * Next Door – Private social network for a given neighborhood; intended for building community and for reporting and hearing about neighborhood issues such as crimes   + <https://nextdoor.com/> |
| Crime Information websites | * Krimelabb – viewer for data and statistics about crimes in Austin; uses APD database of crime reports   + <http://krimelabb.com/> * Spotcrime –information about specific crimes, to get email alerts about crimes   + <http://spotcrime.com/tx/austin> * APD site for alerts on crime and for reporting crime activities – Citizen Observer * To sign up: <https://www.citizenobserver.com/people/sign_up> |
| Property owner information | * Travis Central Appraisal District database (TCAD) – information about who owns the property at a given address, history of changes of ownership, and tax details; can search by owner name, street, specific address. This can be a quick way to get the names of people who live along a street for which you’re setting up a Neighborhood Watch (though you may need some trial and error to get what you want – the system isn’t very user-friendly!)   + <http://www.traviscad.org/property_search.html> |