



## **QUICK GUIDE TO STARTING YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP**



### **1.- TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS:**

Visit your neighbor's door to door and explain that you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch Group. Inform them of the benefits of having such a program and invite them to participate.

### **2.- COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Contact Police Services Supervisor Christina Szczypkowski of the Torrance Police Department Community Affairs Division at [cszczypkowski@torranceca.gov](mailto:cszczypkowski@torranceca.gov) or (310) 618-5735. Supervisor Szczypkowski will coordinate with the different divisions within the Police Department to make sure that officers are present at your start-up meeting.

### **3.- PROMOTE THE START-UP MEETING:**

Distribute flyers to remind people of the start-up meeting. Whenever possible, face to face contact with your neighbors is the ideal way to invite them. Be sure to let everyone know that members of the Torrance Police Department will be present.

### **4.- CREATE DATA GATHERING SHEETS:**

You may wish to create a Block Map and/or Telephone Tree. You can distribute these at the start-up meeting.