## Valmont Park Homeowners Association Block Watch Program

The Valmont Block Watch program was established in 2007 to increase neighborhood safety and awareness of safety issues in and around our neighborhood. The neighborhood is divided into eight zones, each with a focal and one overall captain. The intent of this program is to keep our neighborhood safe by keeping watch over our homes and sharing security and safety information.

## **Focal Responsibilities:**

- Get to know the neighbors in their zone
- Gather phone numbers or email addresses to communicate with each other and exchange safety information
- o Contact numbers are shared voluntarily and will be kept confidential
- Share safety info received from the captain and other focals with your neighbors
- o Inform your neighbors of recent safety or security issues and events for their awareness
- Look out for neighbors and their property, especially if they are away, and report suspicious activities to the police.
- After reporting to the authorities, contact your Zone Focal, the block watch captain and send an email with the incident info to contact@valmontparkhoa.org for awareness.
- Call your neighbors if you see something or someone suspicious on their property
- o Attend Block Watch meetings when called upon

## **Captain Responsibilities:**

- o Maintain and update the Block Watch Contact list and map
- o Be the liaison with the HOA board
- Be the contact person who will interact with crime prevention staff regarding Neighborhood
   Watch program improvements
- Gather and share safety info from agencies such as the Snohomish County Sheriff's and other crime prevention sources
- Share this info with the eight Zone focals
- Coordinate quarterly meetings with the eight Zone focals to discuss neighborhood security incidents/issues and identify areas for improvement

The best crime prevention device ever invented is a good neighbor!