

Summary of the Responsibilities of a Milwaukee City Wide Block Watch Council Representative

(This summary is a brief overview of the responsibilities of a City Wide Block Watch Council Representative and is based on original city legislation and council bylaws.)

History of Council:

- Established on September 12, 2006 by the City of Milwaukee Common Council, as Substitute Ordinance File # 060528.

Purpose of Council:

- "To provide crime prevention information and assistance to neighborhood block watches throughout the City of Milwaukee."
- To "coordinate the activities of the District Block Watch Councils by maintaining communication and collaboration among members of law enforcement."

Structure of Council and Term of Representatives:

- Composed of the seven Police District Block Watch Council chairpersons chosen by each District Block Watch Council.
- City Wide Council representatives serves a 2 year term.
- Position is entirely voluntary, with no pay.
- Requires the individual be sworn in as the official holder of that position at City Hall.
- The responsibility to "moderating" monthly meetings of the City Wide Block Watch Council is shared among all the Representatives equally, with the responsibility rotating to a different district Representative each month.

Responsibilities of City Wide Block Watch Representative:

- To fully understand the purpose of the City Wide Block Watch Council and how it operates per its Bylaws.
- To attend City Wide Block Watch Council monthly meetings.
- To report to the City Wide Council recent block watch activities in your district and the results attained.

- To announce to the City Wide Council upcoming block watch activities in your district so these may be coordinated with other districts as needed.
- To vote on matters proposed to the City Wide Council for consideration.
- To act as moderator for the monthly City Wide Block Watch Council meetings when so scheduled.
- When scheduled to moderate a City Wide Council meeting, to prepare the official written meeting agenda and distribute this to all other City Wide Council representatives and the City of Milwaukee City Clerk's Office seven days prior to the meeting.
- When acting as City Wide Council meeting moderator, to call the meeting to order, to take up each item on the agenda, to conduct any votes that are required and adjourn the meeting once concluded.
- To act as the Chairperson of the District Block Watch Council for the respective police district.
- To establish a District Block Watch Council so it is composed of qualified block watch captains assisting as Sector Representatives.
- To schedule and conduct monthly meetings of the District Block Watch Council.
- To guide the Sector Representatives' plans and activities so the purpose of the City Wide Block Watch Council is being accomplished at the district level as per its bylaws.
- As much as possible, to build and maintain working relationships and a collaboration between local police officials and the local neighborhoods through increased communication and further implementation of successful Block Watch activities.
- To the best of your abilities, work to promote and implement the most effective and successful aspects of the Block Watch crime prevention program with the intention of assisting the Milwaukee Police Department to reduce crime, fear, and disorder in our city.