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Subject : **Redondo Beach Neighborhood Watch Class for Block Captains on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Redondo Beach City Council Chambers**

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The Redondo Beach Police Department will host Redondo Beach Neighborhood Watch 101 – An Introduction to Neighborhood Watch on Wednesday, November 19th, 2008. The class will be held in the Redondo Beach City Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, starting at 7:00 P.M. Parking is available in the garage of the Library.

This is the first in a series of three classes directed to train Neighborhood Watch Block Captains to organize, promote and develop a Neighborhood Watch program for their block. Neighborhood Watch programs reduce crime. Studies show that the Neighborhood Watch Program is one of the most effective and important anti-crime strategies in the country.

This class will cover initial start-up or revitalizing of a Neighborhood Watch program, identifying ways to prevent crimes, type of crimes, methods of reporting crimes and other topics important to the community. The class will identify crime trends in Redondo Beach.

Additional classes at later dates will offer specific training for more in depth areas of concern and ways to expand the program to encompass specific targeted plans for enhancing the block. Participants are encouraged to start with the first class and later build upon their knowledge with the future classes.

Current Neighborhood Watch Captains and residents interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program are encouraged to attend this class. The class will last 1-1/2 hours and reservations for attendance can be made by emailing ian.miesen@redondo.org or calling the Redondo Beach Crime Prevention Unit at (310) 318-0612.