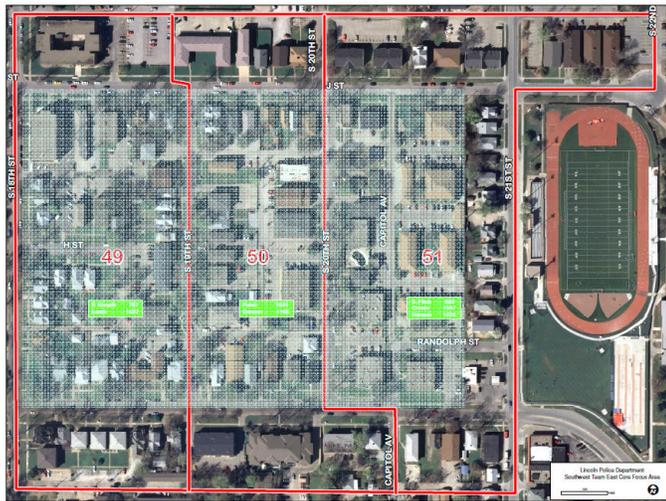




Chief Casady demonstrating the Lincoln Police Department Website which offers free landlord resources.



Chief Casady explaining how LPD offers no and low cost criminal background checks available instantly on-line.



Captain Woolman and Sergeant Bassett discuss what actions the Police have been taking in the area and their plans for the future.

## Capitol Ave Landlord Meeting August 25, 2009

On Tuesday August 25th, 2009 over half the property owners in the area between G to J Streets and 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Capitol Avenue attended a meeting to discuss their role in helping create a Stronger Safer Neighborhood. The room was filled as Chief Tom Casady explained the no cost and low cost resources that the Lincoln Police Department has available for property owners and managers on the [LPD website](#).

Chief Casady demonstrated the use of LPD crime mapping to define problem areas and stated that landlords must be a major force if the focus area is to improve. Southwest Team Captain Mike Woolman and Southwest Sergeants Bassett, Kennett, Reitan and Towle were also on hand to answer questions about the area and listen to concerns.

Jon Carlson, Aide to Mayor Beutler for Neighborhood Projects, talked at length about the need for property owners to manage their properties professionally. As a fellow property owner, Carlson discussed the rental economy in general and stated that good management and safe, clean housing is the only business plan that will succeed in the long haul. Poorly managed properties drive out good tenants and drive down the values of the surrounding property.

Carlson also handed out applications for [Nebraska Rent Wise](#), a tenant education program that helps people find and keep decent, safe, affordable rental housing. Participants are taught communication skills, so they can have positive relationships with landlords