



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2013

Come out to join us for the
30th Annual National Night Out Against Crime!
Tuesday, August 6th, 2013

As many of you are aware, National Night Out (NNO) is celebrating its 30th Anniversary on August 6, 2013. The Torrance Police Department has promoted this event for over 12 years.

The City of Torrance Police Department is a strong promoter and supporter of Neighborhood Watch. We are very fortunate to have over 400 active Neighborhood Watch groups and we are continuously working to encourage more citizens to become involved.

National Night Out is an important event in our community, our officers look forward to attending the various block parties that take place throughout the city. In the past we would have an average of 25 to 30 block parties for NNO. Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities.

These include block parties, cookouts and visits from local police. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation.

If you and your neighbors are planning to participate in this event by hosting a block party, please contact Services Officer Christina

Szczykowski at 310-618-6392 or cszczykowski@torranceca.gov by **Friday July 26th, 2013** so we have a chance to stop by. Please be prepared to give your name, the address of the party and the number of participants.

Thank you!

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DON'T BE A VICTIM!!!!

Residential burglaries are on the rise in YOUR neighborhood...We need your help!!

HERE'S WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Criminals are knocking on doors to see if anyone is home. When there is no answer, the criminal walks to the back of the residence and breaks in.
- Unexpected visitors knocking on your door. If you do answer your door, suspicious stories of why they are at your door (i.e. they are looking for someone who does not live there).
- Multiple persons- some may even be female or high school age. Other suspects may be waiting outside or in vehicles talking on cell phones.
- Most residential burglaries occur during the day (weekdays).

WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO:

- Time is a factor, *immediately* call the Torrance Police Department if you see anything you consider suspicious at 310-328-3458 or 911.
- If you are home during the day, be aware of who is approaching your neighbor's residence or knocking on your door. Let the person know someone is home without opening the door.
- Take note of suspect descriptions such as gender, race, clothing, height, weight, hair color, eye color, tattoos, etc.
- If possible, take note of vehicle descriptions, license plates, and direction of travel.



Spotting A Home Break-In (Call TPD)

To see an example of what it looks like go to www.YouTube.com/TPDCommAffairs

**“If You See Something,
Say Something”**



What is it like being a Police Officer?



Have you ever thought what it would be like to walk in the shoes of a Police Officer? Imagine being seated in a police unit as it pursued a suspect vehicle at a high rate of speed or being able to talk to SWAT Officers while you were allowed to handle their firearms and equipment. Or what about seeing a Police K-9 up close and witness demonstrations by the K-9 Officer? Even better, how about meeting and learning from approximately 30 Officers from various divisions within the police department? And finally, how about getting the opportunity to experience things that only a police officers get a chance to do?

Sound interesting and exciting? Well that opportunity is available through the *"Partners In Policing"* Program offered by the Torrance Police Department. This program is offered twice a year to adults who reside or work in the City of Torrance, who belong to local organizations or have ties to the city. The Partners In Policing Program is an 11 week course held at the Torrance Police Department on Thursday nights, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Each night you will hear from different officers as they share their stories regarding their current assignment. The classes are free and the class is comprised of 30-40 people.

Every aspect of the Torrance Police Department is covered through lectures, hands on exercises and demonstrations. By graduation time the participants have gone through 11 sessions involving everything from the police academy to the apprehension and prosecution of criminals. They have learned why we do certain things and had the opportunity to actually experience certain training scenarios. Other topics covered during the program are the Police Range, Detectives, Motor Officers, and the internal workings of the Torrance Police Department, plus much more. The program is fun and informative.



For more information and to register for the program, contact Officer Kelli McCarthy at (310) 618-6391.

The next class will start in September 2013.



For more information visit our website at

www.Police.TorranceCA.gov

Upcoming Events



NOW YOU CAN LIKE US
ON FACEBOOK, FOLLOW
US ON TWITTER AND
SUBSCRIBE TO US ON

YOUTUBE [Facebook.com/TorrancePD](https://www.facebook.com/TorrancePD)
[Twitter.com/TorrancePD](https://twitter.com/TorrancePD)
[Youtube.com/TPDCommAffairs](https://www.youtube.com/TPDCommAffairs)

GET EMAIL AND TEXT ALERTS AT
WWW.NIXLE.COM



Community Safety Training Workshop

The community is invited to attend free safety workshops hosted by the Torrance Police Department. Each workshop is scheduled from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and will take place at the Torrance Police Department (3300 Civic Center Dr.) You may register online at www.Police.TorranceCA.Gov or contact Community Affairs at 310-618-6391. Attendance is limited to the first 35 people who register. Please note that these safety workshops are for adults only.

Date: TBA @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Topic: TBA

Check out upcoming events on our website for the Date & Topic or sign up at www.Nixle.com for a Community notice.

Upcoming Events

“SENIORS

Don't Be Scammed!”

Topic– Current Top Scams

Tuesday, August 06, 2013

10:00am- 12:00 noon

Seniors, caregivers, family & friends are invited to learn about the latest scams.

Katy Geissert Civic Center Library

Community Meeting Room

Light refreshments will be served

No RSVP necessary

For more information, contact TPD Community Affairs

at (310) 618-5735 or visit our website at:

www.Police.TorranceCA.Gov

