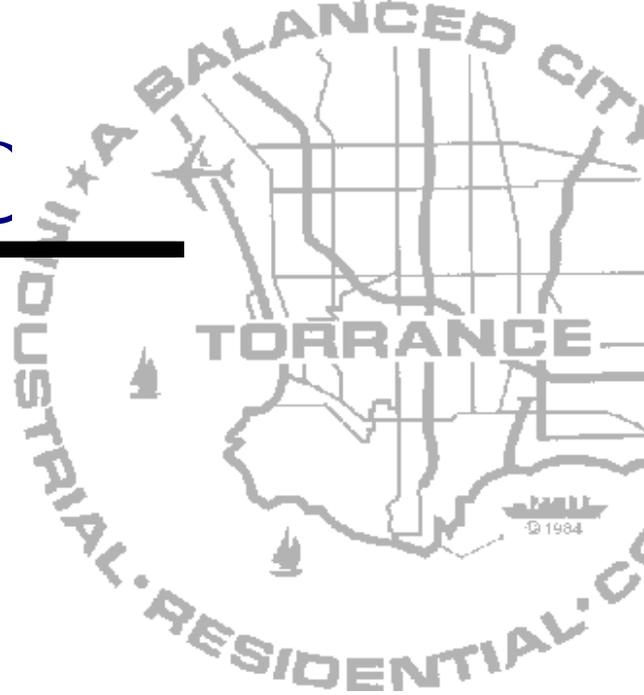


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Press Release
Police Department

Torrance Police Department South Bay Homeless Count January 28, 2015



On Wednesday January 28, 2015 from 8PM-12AM, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) along with officers from the Torrance Police Department will be conducting the South Bay Homeless Count, throughout the City of Torrance.

The census is underway in the shelters and streets of L.A. County this week. Beginning Tuesday, 6,000 volunteers will head out over three nights to get a sense of how the county's homeless population has changed in the past two years.

LAHSA has arranged for 45 volunteers from the City of Torrance, to count specific tracts within the City. City of Torrance Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft will also be in attendance, assisting with the count.

Volunteers working under the direction of LAHSA will be out in the streets counting homeless subjects. The effort will lead to a better understanding of who the homeless are and where they're living. That information then plays a role in determining how millions in funding is allocated across the county.

The Count will follow definitions of homelessness established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which include people living in places not meant for human habitation such as cars, parks, sidewalks and abandoned buildings. A simultaneous count by service provider staff will enumerate homeless individuals and family members staying in emergency shelters and other homeless programs.

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