



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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The Torrance Police Department
presents

A Community Safety Training Day

WHEN: Saturday, November 7th, 2009
Registration / Check-in from 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

WHERE: West High School
20401 Victor, Torrance CA 90503

Training Topics:

- * Child Safety
- * Map Your Neighborhood /Disaster Preparedness
- * Burglary Prevention
- * Personal Safety / Holiday Safety
- * Traffic

The community is invited to attend free safety workshops and a Continental Breakfast hosted by the Torrance Police Department. Each workshop is 45 minutes in length with a chance to attend four different safety workshop topics. The workshops will be taught by Torrance Police Officers. You may register online at www.police.TorranceCA.gov or contact the Community Affairs Division at (310) 618-6391. Attendance is limited to the first 200 people who register. Please note that these safety workshops are for adults only.

Schedule:	8:00 - 8:30 AM	Check-in / Continental Breakfast
	8:30 - 9:00 AM	Introduction
	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Workshop Session
	9:45 - 10:30 AM	Workshop Session
	10:30 - 11:15 AM	Workshop Session
	11:15 - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session
	12:00 - 12:30 PM	Question & Answer Period

This is the fourth and final "Safety Training Workshops" for 2009 at venues within the City of Torrance, with the goal of teaching people how to protect their loved ones and property. The safety topics will be taught by police officers with expertise in their particular subject matter. For further information, please call the Torrance Police Department's Community Affairs Division at (310) 618-6391 or 6392.

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

SATURDAY 10 AM - 2 PM October 10 2009

For more information please contact
Torrance Emergency Services
310.618.5670
www.torrtel.com/disasterpreparedness

Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Chic Center Drive
Torrance, CA 90503

GET THE THINGS YOU NEED!

- Local vendors
- Disaster supplies

DISPLAYS!

- Equipment
- Vehicles
- Supplies

TRAINING!

- What you need to do & know

City of Torrance City Council

Mayor Frank Scottio
Gene Barnett
Tom Brewer
Pat Furey
CMT Neumarik
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Bill Sutherland

City Clerk
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Linda M. Barnett

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LeRoy J. Jackson

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A TORRANCE 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 that 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 here from different officers as they share their stories regarding their current assignment. The classes are free and the class is comprised of 25-30 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 have 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 go to www.police.TorranceCA.gov or contact Officer Chad Farley at (310) 618-6391. The next class will start on October 22nd.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (MYN) PROGRAM

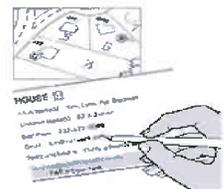
MYN empowers citizens in the event of a disaster, when police and fire response may be delayed, knowing your most immediate source of help will come from your neighbors.

This 9 step program (taught in a 90 min session) allows neighbors to share the skills that they have as well as the equipment/resources each household can provide in the event of a disaster.

We at the Torrance Police Department feel it is a perfect complement to Neighborhood Watch, so as we have begun to strengthen our Neighborhood Watch Program we have also started to plant the seed for MYN.

THANK YOU

The Community Affairs Division would like to thank all the Block Captains and Co-Captains that have brought this wonderful program to their neighborhood, we look forward to continue working with you in the future. If you have had your initial Neighborhood Watch meeting, but have not presented Map Your Neighborhood to the members of your block, please contact Services Officer Luz Aceves at (310) 619-6392 and she will help you coordinate your event with our FEMA certified C.E.R.T trainers.



Did you know
Torrance Police offers the following
FREE services to Torrance residents?



- *Home Security Inspections
- *Neighborhood Watch Program
- *Disaster Preparedness Training
- *Speaker Requests

- * Home Vacations Checks
- * Business Watch Program
- *Crime Prevention Seminars
- *Email Notifications



CONTACT THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIVISION FOR MORE INFORMATION
AT (310) 618-6391 OR 6392
Or log on to www.police.TorranceCA.gov



KIDS CORNER



Safety Message—**CHECK FIRST**

“I will CHECK FIRST with my parents, guardians, or other trusted adults before going anywhere, helping anyone, accepting anything, getting into a car or leaving with anyone. I will remember to CHECK FIRST with a trusted adult if I decide to change my plans and if someone needs my help or offers me anything.”

For more tips on how to stay safe check out some of the fun games at www.netsmartzkids.org. But before you do, make sure to CHECK FIRST with your parents.

Halloween Safety Tips

Make sure children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door to door. Go with them yourself if you can.

Instruct children never to eat anything until they've returned home and the treats have been examined.

Check wrappers of commercial treats for tampering.

Make sure costumes fit and youngsters can see well.

Use reflective tape on costumes so people driving cars can see children.

Try using makeup instead of a mask.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TORRANCE POLICE AND FIRE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



The holiday season is quickly approaching and with it so is our annual toy collection. We will begin collecting toys Monday November 16th. If you would like to donate a new unwrapped toy (please **NO USED** toys or stuffed animals), or a food certificate, you may do so at the following locations:

*Torrance Police Department:

3300 Civic Center Dr

*North Torrance Police Department:

3624 Artesia Blvd (McMaster Park)

Torrance Fire Stations:

#1 1701 Crenshaw Blvd

#2 25135 Robinson Way

#3 3535 W. 182nd St

#4 5205 Calle Mayor

#5 3940 Del Amo Blvd

#6 21401 Del Amo Circle

If you know of a family that is in need of assistance please contact Luz Aceves (310) 618-6392. They must be City of Torrance residents (with proof of residency) or attend TUSD schools

2009 TPOA SANTA FLOAT SCHEDULE

DAY / DATE	MAP	AREA
SAT 28 NOV	1**	Carson to Maricopa, Madrona to Crenshaw
SUN 29 NOV	2	Carson to Sepulveda, Crenshaw to Western (Chatelaine)
MON 30 NOV	3	Del Amo to Carson, Crenshaw to Western
TUE 01 DEC	4	Sepulveda to 239th St., Crenshaw to Arlington
WED 02 DEC	5	Sepulveda to 242nd St., Arlington to Western
THU 03 DEC	6	Sepulveda to Lomita, Hawthorne to Crenshaw (Springwood)
FRI 04 DEC	7	PCH to South City Limits, Crenshaw to East City Limits, Windmill to South City Limits, Rolling Hills Road to Singingwood
SAT 05 DEC	8**	Sepulveda to PCH, West of Anza/Calle Mayor
SUN 06 DEC	9	PCH to Winlock, Rolling Hills Way to Hawthorne and residences West of Deportola Park
MON 07 DEC	10	Calle Mayor to South City Limits, Southwest to Anza/Calle Mayor
TUE 08 DEC	11	PCH to City Limits, West of Calle Mayor
WED 09 DEC	12	Torrance to PCH, Hawthorne to Anza/Calle Mayor
THU 10 DEC	13	PCH to South city limits, Hawthorne to Via Colusa and Calle De Ricardo
FRI 11 DEC	14	Torrance to Sepulveda, West of Anza
SAT 12 DEC	15	Torrance to 190th, Anza to Madrona
SUN 13 DEC	16	Del Amo to Torrance, West of Anza (Pacific Colony)
MON 14 DEC	17	190th to Del Amo, West of Anza
TUE 15 DEC	18	Artesia to 190th, West of Prairie
WED 16 DEC	19	Artesia/405 Fwy, Prairie to Crenshaw
THU 17 DEC	20	RBB to Artesia, West of Crenshaw to Hawthorne
FRI 18 DEC	21	RBB to Artesia, Crenshaw to Western
SAT 19 DEC	22**	Artesia to 405Fwy, Fwy to Western



The **Tip-A-Cop** program is an activity to benefit children and adults with mild to severe mental retardation. Police officers partner with regular servers addressing customer requests such as beverage refills and serving their meals, working hard to **EARN** donation for a good cause. Customers offer an additional tip beyond the regular server's tip as a donation to South Bay Special Olympics. **100%** of tips/donations received by the Police Officers goes directly to the **South Bay Special Olympics** program, Donations help pay for training, uniforms, transportation, and competition fees. Nothing goes to administrative fees. So far this year, the Torrance Police Department has raised

\$10,762.00

The next Tip-A-Cop will be **Thursday, November 19th**, from 5 pm to 9 pm at Romano's Macaroni Grill.



Float leaves the station promptly at 5:00PM each night.

**Float leaves at 4:00PM on these nights.

Torrance Police Department



We are very proud to announce the retirement of Officer David Crespin. Officer Crespin has been faithfully serving our community for the last 28 years and has been an inspiration to his fellow officers and the citizens of Torrance throughout that time. His career has taken

him through nearly every division in the department. Including assignments in Patrol, Detectives, K-9, Field Training, Community Lead Officer, Youth Services and most importantly Community Affairs. Officer Crespin spent nearly thirteen years in Community Affairs where he came to define the position. His infectious humor and the fact that he had "saved the life" of nearly every person he has ever introduced to a crowd, have endeared him to every citizen with whom he comes in contact. Officer



Crespin will be greatly missed. If you know him and would like to send him a message congratulating him, or share one of your favorite memories, you can email him at

dcrespin@torranceca.gov until November 11.

