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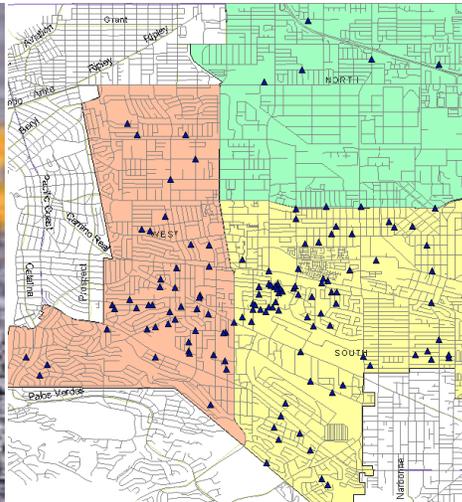


TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ANALYSIS

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2016 COYOTE ACTIVITY

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DETAILS: There have been 148 reports of coyote sightings and attacks on animals (no humans to date) in Torrance since 01 JAN 16 with the following breakdown by month: **JAN** – 6 // **FEB** – 3 // **MAR** – 16 // **APR** – 84 (0600-1600 and 1900-2100 Hrs) // **MAY** (through the 24th, 0600-1200 and 2100-2200 Hrs) – 39. The increase in reported incidents is likely attributable to both increased activity and increased awareness. All 148 incidents are plotted in the map above which reveals the most clustered activity in the area of Sepulveda to the North // Lomita to the South // Hawthorne to the West // Maple to the East.

THERE ARE SEVEN STEPS OF COYOTE AGGRESSION:

1. Increased coyote presence on streets and in yards at night.
2. An increase in coyotes non-aggressively approaching adults and/or taking pets at night.
3. Coyotes present on streets or in parks and yards during morning or afternoon hours.
4. Coyotes chasing or taking pets in the daytime.
5. Coyotes attacking or taking pets while they are on a leash or near their owners and coyotes chasing joggers, bicyclists and other adults.
6. Coyotes present around children's play areas, schools or parks in the mid-day hours.
7. Coyotes acting aggressively toward adults in mid-day hours.

TO DELAY AGGRESSION:

- Let pets outside only when you are with them, especially at night.
- Never feed coyotes or any other wildlife.
- Keep pets and pet food inside. If feeding outside, feed pets during the day (no more than one hour) and remove the food and water bowls when finished.
- Stay close to pets when taking them outdoors and always keep them on a leash, especially from dusk through early morning hours.
- Remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Bag food wastes such as meat scraps or leftover pet food.
- Keep trash in containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Use "hazing" techniques to shoo away coyotes, such as standing tall, yelling and waving arms while approaching the coyote; use a whistle, air horn, bell, bang pots or pans together; stomp your feet; use a water hose, pepper spray, or throw tennis balls or rocks at the coyote.
- Never run away from a coyote.**

Coyote Workshop: Tuesday, June 14th, 2016, @ 7pm, at Torrance City Council. All are welcome.