



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Torrance Police Department

National Night Out 2012

The "29th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 7, 2012**. We cordially invite you and your community to be a part of our National Night Out Celebration.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- ◆ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ◆ Generate support for, and participation in, local Anti-Crime programs;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- ◆ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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. Plus, the benefits your community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

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 such as:

- * **block parties**
- * **cookouts**
- * **contests**
- * **youth programs**
- * **visits from Torrance Police Officers.**



If you and your neighbors are planning to participate in this year's National Night Out, please contact Services Officer Christina Szczypkowski at (310) 618-6392 or cszczypkowski@torranceca.gov by Friday July 27, 2012. Please be prepared to give us your name, the address of the party and the number of participants.

We hope to see all of you on August 7th!!!



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Keeping your home safe while on vacation....

The Torrance Police Department would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer. We know that this is the perfect time to get away and recharge your batteries. We have some tips to help keep your home safe while you are gone:

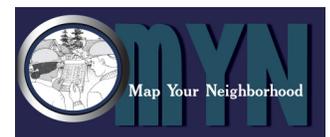


- Have a good lock on all doors and windows and use them.
- Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number (preceded by a "CA") or other identification number. Torrance Police Department has engravers you can sign out to engrave your property. For additional information, contact Community Affairs.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of a door.
- Stop all deliveries or arrange for someone to pick up your mail, newspapers, and packages.

The Torrance Police Department also offers Vacation Security Checks. While you are away, officers from the Torrance Police Department will periodically stop by your home to check for open doors, broken windows or any other suspicious circumstances. This is another added security precaution you can utilize to safeguard your possessions and assure your peace of mind while you are on vacation. This is a free service provided by the Torrance Police Department to the citizens of Torrance. To sign up for a Vacation Security Check, log on to our website at www.Police.TorranceCA.gov and click on the "Online Services" tab. The information requested on the form will be entered into our dispatch system so that our Patrol Officers will be notified at the beginning of their shift and be reminded to check your residence while you are away.

Please feel free to complete the form and submit it so that our officers have the opportunity to provide you with the level of service you deserve as a Torrance resident. If you have any questions regarding this service, you can contact the Community Affairs Division at (310) 618-6391/6392.

Map Your Neighborhood 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.

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 Christina Szczykowski at (310) 619-6392 and she will help you coordinate your event with our FEMA certified C.E.R.T trainers.





Good-bye Officer Erik Eidet...



Officer Erik Eidet will be leaving the Torrance Police Department Community Affairs Division in August and will be reassigned to the Economic Crimes Detective Division/ High-Tech Computer Crime Lab. We are sad to see him go but are very excited for him in his new position. For those of you that got a chance to meet Officer Eidet know he has a very easy going charm about him and a passion for educating our community about crime prevention. He will be greatly missed but will do an amazing job working in our Detective Division!



Hello Officer Kelli McCarthy!!!

As we say good-bye to Officer Erik Eidet, we say hello to Officer Kelli McCarthy! Officer Kelli McCarthy will be taking over Officer Eidet's position as the Community Affairs Police Officer. Officer McCarthy started working for the Torrance Police Department in 2005 and has worked in Patrol and Communications. We are all very excited to have Officer McCarthy as part of our Team!! She can be reached at (310) 618-6391 or at kmccarthy@torranceca.gov.



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Upcoming Events “SENIORS Don’t Be Scammed!”

TELEMARKETING & INTERNET SCAMS

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

10:00am- 12:00 noon

Bonus Feature- Return Home Registry

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



TIP-A-COP

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.



The next Tip-A-Cop will be
Wednesday, August 15th @ 5pm-9pm
at Tony Roma’s
24301 Crenshaw Blvd.

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