



# The Watchdog

Fresno's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

June 2009

Presented by the FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2323 Mariposa Street, Fresno CA 93721

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## Contact Numbers

### Report Crime:

Police Emergency.....9-1-1  
Non-Emergency.....621-7000  
Crime Stoppers.....498-STOP  
Graffiti Hotline.....621-TAGS

### Policing Districts:

Southwest District...621-6100  
Central District.....621-6200  
Southeast District...621-6300  
Northeast District...621-6400  
Northwest District...621-6500

### Crime Prevention:

If you need information about securing your home and property, personal safety, starting a Neighborhood Watch, etc... please contact your district Crime Prevention Officer.

Southwest-Michele Shockley  
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For assistance with neighborhood problems that are not crime related please call the City of Fresno One Call Center.....621-2489

## Crime Prevention Tip of the Month



### What's in your wallet?

If your wallet were lost or stolen, would you be able to give an accurate description of the contents? Do you know your account numbers, and the numbers to call, in case your cards are stolen? That information is on the back of the cards. We suggest taking your wallet to a copy machine. Make copies, front and back, of all the credit, debit, ID, and membership cards that you carry. In addition, consider downsizing the contents of your wallet to only essential items. This will minimize your loss, and your stress, if your wallet ever gets taken.

## \*Special Request\*

This newsletter is intended to be a paperless, email publication. If you are not currently receiving this letter via email, please sign up for this service by sending an emailed request to the crime prevention officer in your district. (see contact info on left) Thank you for helping the Fresno Police Department save time and resources.

## BE A GOOD WITNESS



Recently, four Bulldog Gang members were arrested, following a series of robberies in which the suspects pointed a gun at the victims, and demanded their money. Officers and detectives were able to make a suspect profile, using victim statements. This profile was used to apprehend the suspects.

If you are ever a robbery victim stay as calm as possible. Never risk your life over money or property. Try to notice as many details about the suspect(s) as possible. Information such as sex, race, age, hair and eye color, hair style, height, weight, clothing, tattoos, weapon description, and vehicle description are all important factors in creating a suspect profile.



## Upcoming meetings and community events...

### Southwest District:

\*Block Party hosted by Deliverance Temple/BBNBL

When-June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm

Where-311 North Ave

Contact: Anne Gaston 621-6145

\*Community Forum

Guest Speaker: Chief Jerry Dyer

When-June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm

Where-Mary Ella Brown Center

1350 E. Annadale

Contact: Michele Shockley 621-6126

\*Block Party hosted by

BBNBL(Bringing Broken

Neighborhoods Back to Life)

When-June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm

Where-Calaveras/Belmont

Contact: Anne Gaston 621-6145

\*Southwest Neighborhood Watch Association Meeting

When-June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

Where-Carver Academy NRC

2463 Martin Luther King, Rm 27

Contact: Michele Shockley 621-6126

### Central District:

\*Block Party hosted by Fresno

Police Dept-Central District

When-June 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7pm

Where-Victoria West Park

Clinton/Brawley

Contact: Tony Casarez 621-6226

\*Community Forum

Guest Speaker: Chief Jerry Dyer

When-June 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm

Where-Ted C. Wills Center

770 N. San Pablo

Contact: Tony Casarez 621-6226

### Southeast District:

\*Community Forum

Guest Speaker: Chief Jerry Dyer

When-June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm

Where-Fresno Pacific University

McDonald Hall/Ashley Auditorium

Contact: Sandi Frost 621-6226

## Hats Off To Seniors

Anyone who has been part of Neighborhood Watch knows that senior citizens are the backbone of the organization. They are the ever vigilant eyes, ears and voices of our city. You will also find that most of the participants in the Fresno Police Department's Citizens on Patrol program, and our Police Chaplaincy program, are also seniors. They care deeply about keeping peace and harmony in their neighborhoods. But more importantly, they are willing to step up and get involved, in order to make things better.

For all that they do, however, our seniors can still be vulnerable to crime. Recently, efforts have been made to increase awareness in seniors, and make them better able to prevent victimization. As part of these efforts, the Fresno Police Department has organized and implemented two large Senior Safety Events in Fresno.

The first was held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Senior Citizen's Village in South-east Fresno. It was a huge event with dozens of volunteers working together to distribute safety information to the residents of the Senior Village. CSOs Sandi Frost and Denny McAlister, along with detectives Lloyd Flores and Rich Jones gave presentations. Dignitaries, including Mayor Ashley Swearingen, Councilman Mike Dages, Chief Jerry Dyer, and Deputy Chief Pat Farmer were present to show their support and commitment to these outreach efforts.



The second event was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, in Southwest Fresno, at Kings View Manor and Estates. Once again, volunteers from Fresno's Citizen Corp, Reserve Officers from Fresno PD, and others, went door to door distributing crime and safety information to approximately 200 residents. They were also given an opportunity to sign up for additional services including home safety inspections, and having window locks installed on their windows. Several guest speakers gave presentations, including Southwest District Commander Captain Mike Reid, Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinator Paula Chute, Elder Abuse Prevention Specialist Denny McAlister, and Southwest Crime Prevention Officer Michele Shockley.

A special thank you to San Mar Properties for all of their hard work in making this event a success. In addition to providing lots of hands on assistance, San Mar Properties sponsored all of the food, door prizes, and window locks.

Southeast District cont:

\*Southeast Neighborhood Watch  
When-June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
Where-Butler Church  
4884 E. Butler  
Contact: Sandi Frost 621-6330

Northeast District:

\*Community Forum  
Guest Speaker: Chief Jerry Dyer  
When: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm  
Where: Wesley Methodist Church  
1343 E. Barstow Ave  
Contact: Ying Vang 621-6410

Northwest District:

\*Community Forum  
Guest Speaker: Chief Jerry Dyer  
When-June 22, 5:30-7:30pm  
Where-Pinedale Community Center  
7170 N. San Pablo Av  
Contact: Linda Sigler 621-6537

**Message from the Chief**



Nearly eight years ago, after being sworn in as Chief of Police, the department was carefully reorganized into the structure we have today. Since that time, we have achieved many of our goals set to improve public safety. Today, however, there are additional challenges, to include rising crime rates, a depressed economy and, now, the potential premature release of thousands of State Prison inmates.

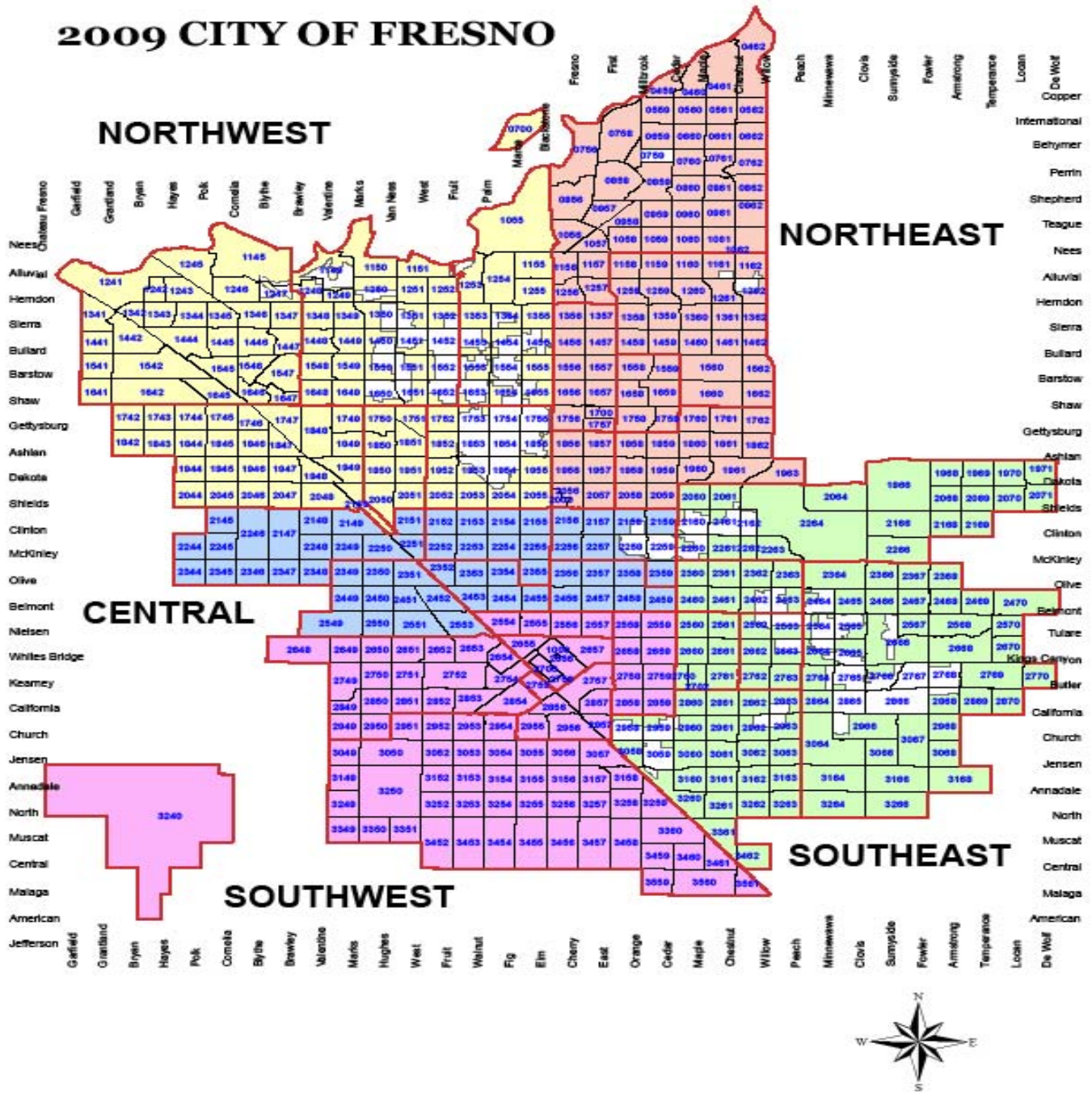
As we look forward to the next eight years, it is critical that we take time to re-evaluate our priorities, establish new goals and lay out strategies that will guide us towards these objectives. The first step in this process is gathering input from our most important stakeholders; the community. In the coming weeks each district will host a public forum to ask several questions to include, what you believe is important and how police services can be improved.

I'd like to extend a personal invitation for you to attend one of these very important meetings. See you there.

**Crime Statistics within the City of Fresno  
April 23, 2009 - May 21, 2009**

Part One Crimes	Southwest District	Central District	Southeast District	Northeast District	Northwest District	City Totals
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	1
Robbery	24	18	11	10	8	71
Rape	4	3	0	1	2	10
Aggravated Assault	41	24	36	19	21	141
Burglary	55	71	71	60	59	316
Larceny	127	117	160	333	242	979
Vehicle Burglary	43	34	38	92	104	311
Vehicle Theft	41	47	52	48	57	245

Not sure which policing district you live in?  
See map below



For more information on crimes that have occurred in your neighborhood please go the following website: <http://data.fresnobeehive.com/crime>

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Crime Prevention Unit  
1211 Fresno St.  
Fresno, CA 93706*



Neighborhood Watch member's name  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code