



The Watchdog

Fresno's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter
Special Summer Safety Edition

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Presented by the FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT
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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.

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Northwest-Linda Sigler
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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



When Good Trees go Bad

The types of trees and bushes you have in your yard, and the way you trim them, can make a difference in how appealing your home is to a potential burglar. Low hanging tree branches, and large bushes near windows can provide excellent hiding places.

-Keep your trees trimmed so that the lowest branch is 6 feet up.

-Keep your bushes and hedges trimmed down so they are no more than 3 feet tall.

-Choose thorny plants such as roses, cactus and Pyracantha, to plant under windows. These unsocial shrubberies will deter most burglars.

The lights are on...but nobody's home

Your dream vacation can quickly turn into a nightmare, if you return home and find that your house has been burglarized. Giving your house the appearance of being lived in is the key to preventing burglaries while you are on vacation. Here are some ways you can make your home safer while you are away.

*Attach lights, radios and televisions to programmable timers. Set the timers to turn on intermittently in various rooms.

*Have mail and newspaper delivery temporarily suspended. A pile of old newspapers on your porch is a dead giveaway that no one is home.

*See if a neighbor would consider parking one of their vehicles in your driveway while you're away.

*Ask a friend or family member if they will stop by to check on things.

*Be sure your neighbors have a way to contact you, or a designated responsible party, in case something does go wrong.

*Do a final check before you leave the house. Make sure all doors and windows are locked and secured.

Don't forget to set your alarm!

Upcoming meetings and community events...

Southwest District:

*Block Party-sponsored by Trinity COGIC/BBNBL(Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life)
When-July 11, 10am-2pm
Where-46 E. O'Neil
Contact: Sharon Williams 237-1899

*Southwest Neighborhood Watch
When-July 16th, 6:00pm
Where-Southwest Police Station
1211 Fresno St
Contact: Michele Shockley 621-6126

*Block Party-sponsored by New Birth Christian Center/BBNBL
When-July 18th, 10am-2pm
Where-2360 S. Bardell
Contact: Ed Bailey 237-5212

*Block Party-sponsored by Great Faith Miss. Bapt. Church/BBNBL
When-July 25th, 10am-2pm
Where-260 E Street
Contact: Yolanda Randels 264-7185

Central District:

*Central Neighborhood Watch
When-July 14, 5:30-7pm
Where-Ted C. Wills Center
770 N. San Pablo
Contact: Tony Casarez 621-6226

*Block Party sponsored by Fresno Police Department/Central District
When-July 17th, 5-7pm
Where-Radio Park (Clinton/First)
Contact: Tony Casarez 621-6226

Southeast District:

*Southeast Neighborhood Watch
When-July 16th, 6pm
Where-Butler Church
4884 E. Butler
Contact: Sandi Frost 621-6330

Northeast District:

*Northeast Neighborhood Watch
When-July 29, 6:00pm
Where-Northeast Police Substation
1450 E. Teague
Contact: Ying Yang 621-6140

Northwest District:

*Northwest Neighborhood Watch
When-July 15, 7:00pm
Where-3789 N. Hughes

Summer Safety for Kids

Summer is a much anticipated time for children. It can be a magical and fun time. But it can also be hazardous for our little ones. Although it is critical to properly supervise children, it is also important that they are taught rules and habits they can use to keep themselves safe from harm.

1. Insist that your child wear his/her helmet when bicycling, skateboarding, roller skating, riding a scooter, etc...
2. If your child is allowed to play in your neighborhood, make sure he/she uses the buddy system. A lone child is much more likely be targeted for abduction.
3. Teach your child how to be safe around strangers. They should know that it is NEVER ok to go anywhere with a stranger, take gifts from a stranger, or go into a stranger's home, without their parent's permission.
4. Make sure that your child knows that streets, alleys, vacant buildings, railroad tracks, and canals are unsafe play places and are OFF LIMITS. Better yet, tell your child where they ARE allowed to play. Be specific.
5. Teach your children they must always tell you where they are going, and when they will be back.
6. ALWAYS supervise children around any water (including kiddie pools, bathtubs, and large buckets of water.) Drowning is the second cause of injury-related death for children 1-14 years. If you have a pool, it is very important that your child be taught to swim as soon as possible.
7. In the Summer months, BBQ's, campfires, and the 4th of July creates a lot of exposure to burning hazards. Teach your children that it is NOT ok to play with fire. Half of all fireworks related injuries are to kids under 15. For this reason, fireworks should be used with extreme caution. Older children should be closely supervised with fireworks. Younger children should not be allowed to play with fireworks. Instead, allow them to wave small flags and blow horns. www.firesafety.gov/citizens/firesafety/fireworks.shtm



**Save the Date for
*National Night Out***

August 4th is National Night Out. All districts will be planning large outdoor events to recognize and celebrate the efforts of community members who take a stand against crime. Please plan on attending a National Night Out celebration in your area. Or, plan a National Night Out block party in your neighborhood!
www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno

Southwest-Martin Luther King Elementary: 1001 E. Florence/
5:30-8:00pm

Central-Ted C. Wills Center:
770 N. San Pablo/5-7pm

Southeast-Pilibos Park: Lane and Winery/ 5-7pm

Northwest-Target Store Parking Lot: Shaw and Marks/4:30-7:30pm

Northeast-Fashion Fair Parking Lot: Shaw and First/5-7pm

Message from the Chief



With our economy continuing to slide, with foreclosures on the rise and unemployment rates at all time highs, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep crime down. At the same time, the depressed economy has resulted in less money for government solutions.

It is times like this that requires citizens to band together to watch out for one another to keep crimes from occurring in the first place. Starting a neighborhood watch group and keeping its members focused on being vigilant of suspicious activity is a great way to do your part.

**Crime Statistics within the City of Fresno
May 27, 2009 – June 24, 2009**

Part One Crimes	Southwest District	Central District	Southeast District	Northeast District	Northwest District	City Totals
Homicide	0	0	4	0	0	4
Robbery	28	15	20	11	14	88
Rape	1	2	3	1	1	8
Aggravated Assault	43	32	21	20	21	137
Burglary	77	60	80	62	76	355
Larceny	108	132	139	268	182	829
Vehicle Burglary	24	28	31	62	54	119
Vehicle Theft	29	62	62	45	75	273

