



The Watchdog

Fresno's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

August 2009

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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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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



Location. Location. Location

We've all heard this phrase in terms of real estate. It is also, however, the most crucial piece of information you can provide when reporting crime, or requesting assistance. Most of us have a cell phone, and may at any time have to use it to call for help. The first thing you need to tell the dispatcher is your location. Get in the habit of knowing where you are at ALL TIMES. As you drive or ride in a car look at the street signs as you pass them. If you are on the freeway, notice the exit signs as you pass them. What if you were suddenly in a collision, or witnessed a crime? Remember, you have to know where you are in order for help to arrive quickly.

Dude, where's my car?

Overall, property crime is down this month compared to last month. It is very important, however, for everyone to realize that vehicle theft and vehicle burglary continue to be serious problems in Fresno.

You can help prevent this type of crime by making your vehicle a harder target. Remember that criminals are predators by nature. Predators look for easy prey. So do everything you can to make the theft or burglary of your vehicle difficult.

- Keep your vehicle garaged if possible. Out of site is out of mind.
- Always lock your doors, and keep your windows rolled ALL THE WAY up.
- Utilize anti-theft devices such as alarms, steering wheel locks and kill switches
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must leave something of value inside your vehicle, for a short time, be sure it won't be visible if someone were to look through the window.



Upcoming meetings and community events...

Southwest District:

*Block Party hosted by True Vine Church/BBNBL

When-August 22, 10am-2pm

Where-Martin Luther King School
1001 E. Florence Ave

Contact: Darlene Holland 264-7185

*National Night Out-Southwest

When-August 4th, 5:30-8:30pm

Where-Martin Luther King School
1001 E. Florence Ave

Contact Michele Shockley 621-6126

*Southwest Neighborhood Watch Association Meeting

When-August 20th, 6:00pm

Where-Southwest Police Station
1211 Fresno St.

Contact: Michele Shockley 621-6126

Central District:

*National Night Out-Central

When-August 4th, 5-7pm

Where-Ted C. Wills Center
770 N. San Pablo

Contact: Tony Casarez 621-6226

*Block Party hosted by

Living World Christian Center

When-August 8th, 11am-2pm

Where-1110 N. Blackstone Ave

Contact: Chaleana 266-1815

*Block Party hosted by

Jubilee Church

When-August 15th, 10am-2pm

Where-1028 N. Fulton

Southeast District:

*Community Event sponsored by

Mennonite Community Church

When-August 15th, 2-6pm

Where-Willow/Olive Ave

Contact: 251-5703

*National Night Out-Southeast

When-August 4th, 5-7pm

Where-Pilibos Park-Lane/Winery

Contact: Sandi Frost 621-6330

26th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The first Tuesday of every August, as the Sun creeps slowly toward the horizon, people all over the country step outside their homes to take a stand against crime and drugs in their cities. It began, in 1984, with neighbors turning on porch lights and standing in front yards. This gesture was meant to symbolize shining a light on crime. It was also meant to let criminals know that neighbors were united, and organized, in their efforts to fight criminal behavior in their neighborhoods.

Now, 26 years later, celebrations have grown to include neighborhood cookouts, block parties, parades, visits from police and city diplomats, safety fairs, contests and more. Police Departments, including the Fresno Police Department, are now taking an active role in organizing these events. They know that it is essential to get the message out that police and community must work together, in order to effectively fight crime and drugs. Neighborhood Watch groups also assist in the planning and coordination of these National Night Out events, which take place all over the city.

Despite the variety in the size and type of events, the purpose remains consistent:

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

Please plan on attending a National Night Out event in your area (see times and locations listed in the community events section). For more information on National Night Out go to:

www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno

Photo courtesy of Ronald Ellis

Right: Area children are entertained during a National Night Out celebration, at Carver School, in Southwest Fresno.



Southeast District cont:

*Senior Appreciation Dinner
(Senior Village residents only)
When-August 27th, 5-7pm
Where-Senior Citizen's Village
1917 S. Cedar Ave
Contact: Sandi Frost 621-6330

Northeast District:

*National Night Out-Northeast
When-August 4th, 4:30-7:30pm
Where-Fashion Fair Parking Lot
Shaw/Fresno St
Contact: Ying Vang 621-6410

Northwest District:

*National Night Out-Northwest
When-August 4th, 4:30-7:30pm
Where-Target Store Parking Lot
Shaw/Marks
Contact: Linda Sigler 621-6537

*Sams Club Safety Fair
When-August 29, 10am-2pm
7663 N. Blackstone

Message from the Chief



I want to encourage each and every one of you to attend one of the National Night Out events that the Fresno Police Department is hosting this year. I visit these events, in each district, every year. I am continually grateful, and hopeful, by the numbers of citizens that come out to take a stand against crime.

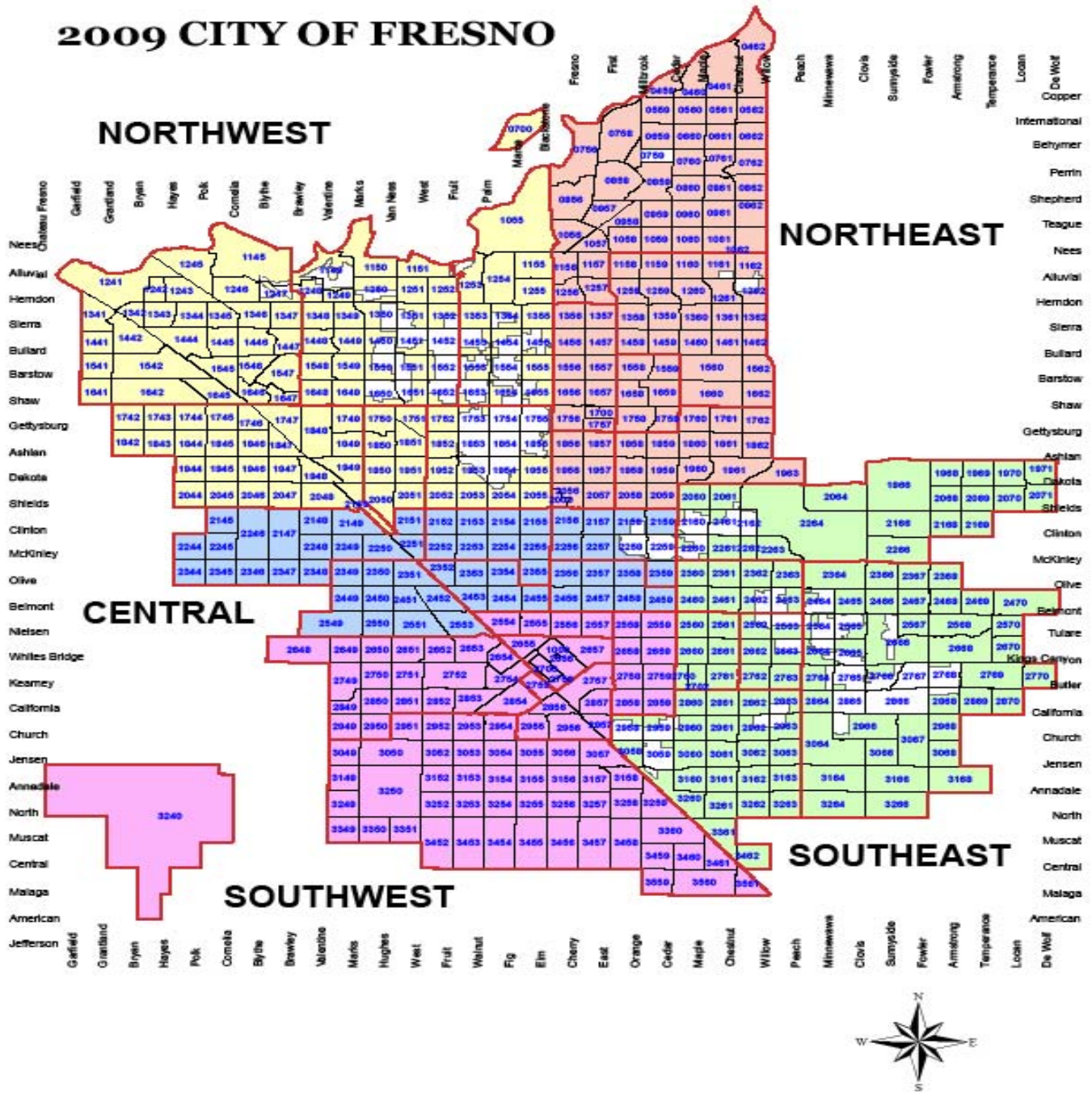
I realize that without the support and assistance of the community, we could not be effective as a law enforcement agency. National Night Out is a great way to strengthen our resolution to work together, in order to reduce crime in our community.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

**Crime Statistics within the City of Fresno
June 24, 2009 – July 22, 2009**

Part One Crimes	Southwest District	Central District	Southeast District	Northeast District	Northwest District	City Totals
Homicide	2	2	1	1	0	6
Robbery	38	13	8	15	16	90
Rape	1	1	0	3	1	6
Aggravated Assault	33	23	21	26	12	115
Burglary	58	58	64	52	66	298
Larceny	174	114	143	235	181	847
Vehicle Burglary	52	30	31	43	43	199
Vehicle Theft	26	37	43	37	44	187

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



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