

**Recap from Last Year's Meeting**

- What is Neighborhood Watch?
  - Group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working in conjunction with law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life.
- Three core meeting requirements:
  - *1<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Watch Meeting:* Introduction to Neighborhood Watch
  - *2<sup>nd</sup> Neighborhood Watch Meeting:* Neighborhood Watch Fundamentals
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> Neighborhood Watch Meeting:* Emergency Preparedness

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Ed Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works

- STEP 1 — Report the Problem
- STEP 2 — Project Area
- STEP 3 — Data Collection
- STEP 4 — Stage 1 Traffic Calming
- STEP 5 — Follow-up Evaluation
- STEP 6 — Stage 2 Traffic Calming Study
- STEP 7 — City Council Approval
- Pros and Cons

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- Step 1 – Report the Problem
  - City of Downey Engineering staff – (562) 904-7108
  - City will not implement problem on “arterial” or “residential collector” streets, unless they are located in a residential area (Section 515 CVC).
- Step 2 – Project Area
  - Staff will then determine the tributary area for the traffic calming evaluation.

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- Step 3 – Data Collection
- City staff will collect traffic volume and speed data for the street and observe traffic patterns
  - Speeding Problem Threshold
  - Traffic Volume Threshold
  - Cut-Through Problem Threshold
  - Other issues
  - Priority

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- Step 4 – Stage 1 Traffic Calming
  - If the location exceeds the thresholds identified above, City staff will first suggest possible solutions that do not involve the use of physical controls or impediments on the roadway system.
  - Stage 1 traffic calming (education and enforcement based)
    - Radar Speed Trailer Deployment
    - Traffic Enforcement Actions
    - Traffic Signing and Pavement Markers
    - Semi-Permanent Radar Speech Sign Deployment

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- Step 5 – Follow-up Evaluation

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    A[Follow-up Evaluation] --> B[After one or more traffic calming measures are implemented, City staff will observe the area and determine the effectiveness of the Traffic Calming measure. If measure is considered successful and the thresholds identified in step 3 are no longer exceeded then the traffic calming process will end.]
    A --> C[If the location continues to exceed the threshold for speed and/or volume on a residential street, City staff will proceed to analyze possible Stage 2 Traffic Calming methods. In the mean time, the location will be referred to the Police Department for appropriate enforcement.]
            
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- Step 6 – Stage 2 Traffic Calming Study
  - Formal Traffic Calming Study will be performed to suggest possible solutions to the problem
  - The solutions could involve physical modifications of the street intended to control traffic speeds and/or volumes.
  - Engineering experience and judgment along with neighborhood involvement will be a large part of the Stage 2 Traffic Calming Study process.

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- Step 7 – City Council Approval
  - Once City staff and neighborhood agree on an appropriate solution(s) as detailed in the Traffic Calming study, the Study will be presented to the City Council for final approval. This process will include a formal public hearing.

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General Pros and Cons of Stage 2 Traffic Calming

<p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic Calming Measures often achieve the desired result</li> <li>Permanence</li> <li>Accident and crash reduction</li> <li>Increase Neighborhood Property Values</li> </ul>	<p><u>Disadvantages:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts on Emergency Response vehicle and response times</li> <li>Diverting the “Problem” traffic to another street</li> <li>Everyone is inconvenienced</li> <li>Benefits sometimes very localized</li> <li>Maintenance impact for heavy vehicles</li> <li>Impacts on other road users</li> <li>Visual impacts, noise impacts, and aesthetic concerns</li> </ul>
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### New Neighborhood Watch Sign

The sign features a yellow top section with the word "WARNING" in bold black letters. Below this, the text reads "DOWNEY IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMUNITY" in bold black letters. To the right of this text is the Downey Police Neighborhood Watch logo, which is a shield-shaped emblem with a blue background and white text. At the bottom of the sign, a yellow section contains the text "WE IMMEDIATELY REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITY TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT" in bold black letters.

### Neighborhood Watch Street Sign

The sign features a yellow top section with the words "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" in bold black letters. Below this, a white section contains the text "PROGRAM IN FORCE" in bold black letters. To the right of this text is the Downey Police Neighborhood Watch logo. At the bottom of the sign, a yellow section contains the text "WE IMMEDIATELY REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITY TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT" in bold black letters. To the right of the sign graphic is a photograph of the sign installed on a street corner.

### Burglary Prevention

Det. Price & Det. Galindo Downey Police Department

- Buy alarm systems
  - If you have one, *USE IT!*
  - Set your alarm
- Lock your doors and windows
- Don't keep cash in the house
- Hide jewelry
- Keep a few lights on in the house all day if you are going to be gone after dark (makes it look like someone is home).
- Keep a radio on while you are gone to make it appear as though someone is home
- Don't use a small safe
  - Make sure the safe weighs 600lbs+
  - Bolt the safe to the ground
- Install lighting outdoors
- Lock all gates around your house

### Burglary Prevention

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- Fume Alert
  - Portable alarm system to be placed inside residence prior to being tented for fumigation.
- Never let anyone into your house or backyard
  - This is a scam to get you in the backyard while another suspect goes into the house through the front door.
  - Ex. Individual will say they are with the Gas Co. but don't have an ID.
  - Usually happens with older victims.

### Burglary Prevention

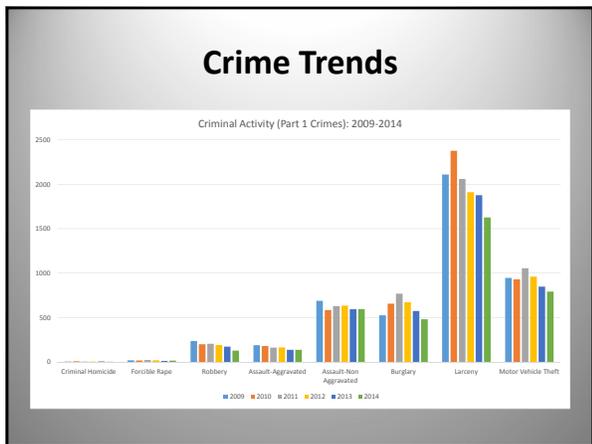
Det. Price & Det. Galindo Downey Police Department

Burglary Analysis Map  
From 11/2011 to 3/2014

### Vehicle Burglary Prevention

Det. Lockwood, Downey Police Department

- Lock your vehicle
- Hide valuables
  - Place items out of sight before reaching your destination
  - Better yet, take valuables with you
- Do not park in secluded areas.
- Keep a record of serialized property
- Operation Save Out Seats (S.O.S)
  - Stamping the vehicle license number on your third row seat



### Neighborhood Preservation

Officer Barajas, Downey Police Department

- A team of police officers assigned to preservation areas. These officers work closely with residents to help eliminate criminal activity from these areas.
- Neighborhood Preservation strives to address the needs of identified neighborhoods through bridge-building between various City departments and residents

# Question & Answer



- ### Communication Resources
- Social Media
  - Join us on...
    - Facebook
    - Nixle
    - Nextdoor
    - City website
  - Print
    - Neighborhood Watch Newsletter
      - Sent out Quarterly
      - Also posted on the Neighborhood Watch Website

### Nixle



- ### Useful Websites
- National Crime Prevention Council - [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org)
  - USA on Watch - [www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org)
  - Federal Trade Commission (Identity Theft) - [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)
  - Megan's Law - [www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - <http://www.fema.gov/> or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
  - Internet Crime Complaint Center- [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

# Break Time

10 MINUTES

- ### Opportunity to Network
- Please gather in groups of ten and discuss:
    - What are you doing to keep your group moving forward.
    - What areas may you need help in?
    - Share what topics your groups have discussed.
    - What have you seen that works for you group?
    - Suggestions

**Thank you for coming!**

