



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR

It is my pleasure to introduce myself, Jennifer Burkhardt, as the new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the City of Downey. I look forward to working with and sharing new crime prevention information with our community.

I grew up in Downey and graduated from Warren High School in 2007. I went on to attend Chapman University where I graduated with Honors in 2012.

In 2007, I started working as a Police Aide for the Downey Police Department. As a Police Aide, I had the opportunity to interact and assist the public on a daily basis.

In 2011, I was reclassified as a Police Records Specialist where I worked closely with the public, informing them about the Public Records Act and the release of Police documents.

I officially took over as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator in July 2014. The city's Neighborhood Watch Program takes proactive measures aimed at protecting our community. The focus of the program is to reduce criminal activity through citizen involvement.

Since it's reestablishment in 2008, the program continues to grow. Currently, there are 155 Neighborhood Watch groups and we are actively adding new ones and encouraging citizen participation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank existing Neighborhood Watch groups for their involvement in this great program. Your participation is key to maintaining a safe environment for all who live and work in Downey.

I look forward to working with the Downey Community as the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

Best,
Jennifer
Burkhardt



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<http://tinyurl.com/k28hxqy>

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NEW CITY OF DOWNEY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

The Downey Police Department has introduced a newly designed Neighborhood Watch sign that is specific to the City of Downey. The purpose of this new logo is to show unity among the community and display the strong partnership between the community and the Police Department.

The new Neighborhood Watch Signs will be handed out at a group's second Neighborhood Watch meeting.

One sign will be distributed per household.

Please contact Jennifer Burkhardt for more information at (562)904-2374 or jpreda@downeyca.org



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCKPARTY BBQs

This summer I had the privilege to attend two Neighborhood Watch block party BBQs.

On August 13th, the Neighborhood Watch group at the 12300 block of Richeon Ave hosted a block party potluck.

Additionally, on September 4th the Neighborhood Watch group at the 12600 block of Dunrobin Ave hosted their 6th annual block party.

The BBQs were well attended by residents and provided neighbors with an opportunity to get to know each other and introduce new residents to the Neighborhood Watch program.



COLLECTION OF UNWANTED MEDICATION

On Saturday, September 27, 2014, the Downey Police Department, Downey Police Explorers, members of Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.) and C.E.R.T volunteers took part in *National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative*. This event provides residents an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous medications and minimizes the potential for misuse and abuse. As a result, community members brought 384 pounds of expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. All of the collected items will be disposed of by the D.E.A. and Downey Police Department.

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Downey City Hall

562-904-7246

Police Department

562-861-0771

Dispatch - 562-861-0770

Neighborhood Watch

562-904-2374

Fire Department

562-904-7345

Code Enforcement

562-904-2392

Graffiti Removal Hotline

562-923-4484

Emergency Preparedness

562-904-7347

Business Watch

562-923-2191

Gangs Out of Downey

562-904-3514

Shopping Carts

800-252-4613

Animal Control

562-803-3301

DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2nd ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out is a community event that is celebrated annually across the U.S. on the first Tuesday in August. It is designed to increase awareness of crime prevention, generate participation in local programs, improve neighborhood spirit and create police-community partnership.

On August 5, 2014, members of the community gathered to the front of City Hall to visit information booths and attend a community BBQ. The food and beverages were provided by Wal-Mart, Fresh & Easy and the Coca-Cola Company. The focus of this year's event was to allow Downey residents to meet members of the Police Department. Our Bike Patrol Detail partnered with the Downey Bicycle Coalition to provide bicycle safety lessons. Our K-9 Handler, Cpl. Kurtz and his partner, Duke, were in attendance as well as our Police Dispatchers, Detectives, Patrol Officers, Motor Officers, and members of the Downey Fire Department. The Downey Police Department and I would like to thank our community, sponsors, community volunteers and city staff who made Downey's 2nd Annual National Night Out a reality and a great success!



Emergency Preparedness

The Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) and Emergency Preparedness Committee (E.P.C) are designed to educate residents and prepare them for an emergency or natural disaster.

To schedule an Emergency Preparedness meeting please contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Jennifer Burkhardt at (562) 904-2374 or jpreda@downeyca.org