



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association Inc., A non profit association dedicated to crime prevention in association with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office - Community Outreach Division:

Is Neighborhood Watch Dead ??

Once again we start a new year. Crime is down and Neighborhood Watch is one of the reasons. We have a very pro active Sheriffs Office that is always looking and implementing changes to insure it stays that way.

The Sheriffs Office is changing the way new Watch groups are started. They are not recommending new groups to join HCNWA. Why I don't know and still have no real answer. I have requested a meeting with Sheriff Gee and will update you at meeting.

That direction leaves HCNWA on the outside and I can see no way Neighborhood Watch can grow. If you're not growing you're dying. I am dumbfounded by this change. I thought HCSO and HCNWA were a great team working together for a safer County.

If this is indeed the direction HCSO is headed I won't be a part of that. We have worked to hard the last twenty six years to get to where we are, an asset to HCSO and a driving force in helping keep crime down or so we were told..

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Every Organization needs to rethink its goals and direction it's headed from time to time. I think it's time for a change in our leadership. I feel I've let you down .

Please if you want to keep HCNWA alive "Volunteer". Join the Board and make a difference. We will need a new President to lead us, let it be you.

If you have questions call 247-8115 and ask for Crime Prevention supervisor.

I don't think I can do Neighborhood Watch any good anymore. Its been a pleasure serving you.

I wish you all the best---- Nick

Semi-Annual Meeting - HCNWA!

This year marks the second time we will have our Semi-Annual Meeting at the new HCSO - Pinebrooke Training Facility on Falkenburg Road... We hope to make this an ongoing event every year from now on. It's our way of simply saying "Thank You" for all the hard work and efforts you put forth to promote our Association within Hillsborough County. Your help to put crime controlling trends in-place to make your neighborhoods a safer place to live and raise a family is needed and appreciated.

The meeting will take place on April 27, 2010 at 7:00PM promptly. The address is 1409 N. Falkenburg Rd., across from the current Jail Facility. We will have a guest speaker, as well as, the usual door prizes, trivia questions, and snacks. The Sheriffs Command Staff will also be present to answer any questions you might have. Please Join Us!

Help us show our appreciation for the HCSO of Hillsborough County.....

**Remember, Tomorrow Because of You, Hillsborough County
Will be a Little Better or A Little Worse**

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This publication comes out twice a year, and is for the current Coordinators and Block Captains, and active NW Volunteers in Hillsborough County.....

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Sheriffs Corner:

I am extending my gratitude to you and each member of the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association (HCNWA) for the continued efforts and dedication to neighborhood watch. Since its inception, the Neighborhood Watch Program has proven time and time again to be an effective, cost-efficient method for reducing and deterring crimes from occurring within our community.

Participation in a neighborhood watch program by concerned citizens of Hillsborough County adds thousands of eyes and ears to the available resources of Sheriff's Office. Their efforts range in scope from simply recognizing, reporting and identifying suspicious individuals or activity, to providing tips, leads and other useful information. Additionally, participants of the program provide the added benefit of preventing future crimes from ever occurring.

Collectively, each Neighborhood Watch member bolsters our ability to thwart and apprehend criminal offenders. The end result makes each neighborhood safer and this agency remains committed to assisting them with our mutual endeavors.

Sincerely,
David Gee Sheriff

Magnetic Business Cards & Notepads!

The HCNWA has magnetic business cards with important phone numbers on them made to hand out. They will be available at meeting. We also have notepads thanks to ADT Corp.

We hope all current area Neighborhood Watch groups will avail themselves of these items and we look forward to having you join us at the meeting.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve our meetings or Neighborhood Watch please step forward and let us hear from you. We're always looking for good ideas. See you at the meeting.

Membership Renewal Notice 2009-2010 Annual Dues Due in Oct. each year

Please Remit Twenty Five (25) Cents per Household in Your Community

Date _____
 Membership Association Name _____
Number Of households _____ X \$.25 Per Household = \$_____.
 Watch Coordinator _____ Phone # _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Home Phone & E-Mail: _____
 HCNWA Invoice # _____

Please remit to: HCNWA c/o Treasurer, P.O. Box 261152, Tampa, Fl. 33685-1152 (813-885-9491)

Make checks payable to HCNWA. Please write your community name on the check so we can properly credit your account. Your early attention to this notice will be most appreciated. HCNWA Federal tax # 59-232-4347
Thank you! Lois Fedon, Treasurer.

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**

Will hold its annual dinner/Meeting on the 19th of October at HCSO Admin. Bldg.-520 N.Falkenburg Rd. Tampa, Fl. 33619 beginning at 6:30PM. Please join us for this event & share your ideas and thoughts about curbing current crime trends in your area. **JOIN US!**

If anyone from any Watch Group has an item they would like to see in the Newsletter in coming issues, please e-mail to either Ken Atkison at kengatki05@verizon.net, or Nick Bates at allstate@gte.net, and we will be happy to oblige. We'd like to see it grow and become the "speaking platform" for all current members.

A Somber Note from the HCNWA:

We'd like to take this opportunity to echo the many voices about the recent passing of past Hillsborough County Sheriff – Walter C. Heinrich on Feb.15, 2010. He was a hands-on type of Sheriff, who was instrumental in establishing many firsts for the current HCSO.

It was under his guidance that the current NW Program, as we know it, was established by the HCSO Crime Prevention Bureau. That particular Division is now known as the "Community Outreach" Division of the HCSO.

To his family and many, many friends, we simply say – "Rest in Peace."

GOD BLESS



GOD BLESS AMERICA

News from the HCNWA!

The HCSO has completed the redistricting of their patrol zones within the County. They have also recently instituted a new program called – ILP – which stands for "Intelligence Led Policing." This will give our Deputies heads-up on potential crime trends within the County and greatly increase response time to same.

The HCNWA now has its power point equipment, and is looking forward to coming out to your neighborhood to put on a presentation. We have over 25 different power point presentations ready. They show the merits of having a NW group. Contact any Officer for more details. This is **YOUR** Organization use it to get your members motivated.

Your current Treasurer – Lois E. Fedon recently was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, and has been placed on Oxygen full-time, along with medications & a regimen of physical therapy. She is responding very well and getting back into the "swing" of things quite nicely. To all of you who sent cards & made phone calls wishing her the best, we both simply say – Thank you so much. It meant a lot to both of us.

Lastly, remember this, the only way to make a difference, is get out there and "Volunteer."

The Board of the HCNWA wishes all of you a very safe, prosperous New Year, and hope that you will attend the Semi-Annual meeting coming up on April 27th at the HCSO Pinebrooke Training Facility.

FIGHT-CRIME-FIGHT-CRIME-FIGHT-CRIME

OCTOBER NITE OUT

If your watch group is planning a function for "October Nite Out" our local answer to "National Nite Out," please let your Community Outreach Deputies know. They can be reached at 247-8115. They will perhaps be able to visit your event. Check it out.

October is Crime Prevention Month so help fight crime by showing support for Law Enforcement and get involved.

**Special Message from the Treasurer-
Lois E, Fedon!**

It is Dues time again for our Organization. When submitting your Dues notice to your HOA or Prop. Mgmt. for payment, **please include a copy of the original notice.** This will assist your Treasurer in making sure the dues payment is credited to your account. Your Group ID number is on that notice

A few of the current Prop. Mgmt firms have not included it with the payment and we have to manually look up Group name & ID number. Please help us out on this one.....

HCNWA News in Brief:

Just a reminder, The HCSO is still offering the VCP – which is the “Volunteer Citizens Patrol.” Information about same can be obtained from their web-site www.hcso.tampa.fl.us.

The HCSO is also still offering the “Citizens Academy” and is available to any citizen of Hillsborough County interested in learning about the Community involvement with the HCSO. Contact the Community Outreach Division at 247-8115 and get the details about the Academy.

The Community Enrichment Grant Program from the HCSO is now available. Go on to their web-site and obtain the information about this Grant and help your group obtain up to \$1500. Why not let the “criminals” pay for this. This has been a well received feature of the HCSO for quite a few years now. Get involved & put a Grant request in for your group...

Hopefully, many of our group Coordinators attended the recent Neighborhood Conference, sponsored by the ONR on Sat. the 27th of March at HCC – N. Dale Mabry Campus from 8:00AM till 2:00PM. There were some very interesting workshops. They also put on a luncheon and gave Neighborhood Awards in different categories.

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Alert to Coordinators:

Please be advised we need Coordinators to notify us if there is a change in your address or if a new Coordinator will be taking over your Watch Group. You or the new coordinator need to call your Deputy or the HCNWA Treasurer so they can make the change.

There have been a few occasions where the Coordinator left without letting us know and we have no way of reaching the Neighborhood Watch Group. When this happens we eventually have to remove the Group from our master list.

Please notify us of any changes. Don't lose the listing for your Neighborhood Watch Group. Thank You..

Trivia Questions:

1. How many corvettes were produced the first year of production?
2. What colors were they offered in?
3. What saved the corvette from being discontinued?
4. What was missing from first corvettes?
5. Who are Hortense and Quackmore?
6. What was first video game based on a movie?
7. What was first political t shirt slogan and year?
8. Name Barbie's four sisters?
9. There have been A bomb test in five states name them?
10. How many minutes a day is spent texting by average American?

VOLUNTEERS Make A Difference!

Taking the time to care.

Helping other people in your area.

Answering the needs of your Community.

Nurturing others to participate.

Keeping involved and active.

Spreading hope and joy for NW.

We believe the above sums it all up. We have some of the “Greatest” Volunteers in the world within our Organization.

Become a Member – “JOIN US”

DO I REALLY NEED A NW?

If you’re perfectly contented with your present situations in your area, then, probably not. We have one of the premier Sheriffs Offices right here in Hillsborough County. They are working everyday for your protection and safety. They have trained Deputies in NW, and are ready to help you set up a Neighborhood Watch program. You also have the HCNWA, which has been in existence for some 26 years now, and offers assistance to establish a working Neighborhood Watch within any given area of Hillsborough County.

Neighborhood Watch Does Work!

Become involved. Make your area safer, and leave it in better condition than when you moved into it. Don’t let gangs or dope houses rule your household. Help to make your children and others feel safer. Donate some time and effort in learning what you can do to achieve this goal of – “Safety.”

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Street Address
City, State, Zip