



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BULLETIN

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Police Phone Numbers

Non-Emergency: 593-4485 / 593-4486
Watch Commander: 593-4487
Crime Prevention Office: Sherri Lerner 593-4526
Crime in Progress: 9-1-1
Police Web Site: www.fvcpd.org



Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch Office: 593-4488
Coordinator Volunteer: James Black
Asst. Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Larson
City Web Site: www.fountainvalley.org
Report Graffiti: 593-4486 / City Hall: 593-4400

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TAKE A NEW YEAR INVENTORY



Now that the holidays are over, it's a good time to update (or create) your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TV's, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (714) 593-4526, if you would like to use our electric engraver to identify and mark your items, free of charge.

EMAIL CRIME TREND BULLETIN

The Fountain Valley Police Department has a new email service on the Department website. This service allows subscribers to obtain the bi-monthly Neighborhood Watch Bulletin and monthly Crime Trend Bulletin via email. Those who wish to receive this service via email need only register on the website by entering their name and email address. The information will be secured and managed by Police personnel. This information will not be transferred or sold to any other entity. The Police Department website can be found at www.FVPD.org.

Subscribers will also be able to ask questions or provide information via this service. The email address attached to this service is crimewatch@fountainvalley.org and it will be monitored by Police Department personnel.



DIGITAL CONVERTER SCAM

On February 17, 2009 people who don't already have a television with an internal digital tuner will have to buy a converter box to continue to receive a signal. Cable and satellite TV subscribers with analog TV's hooked up to their cable or satellite service should not be affected by the cutoff date.

The government is providing \$40 coupons that can be used toward the purchase of converter boxes. People planning to purchase boxes with these coupons are susceptible to fraud.

The National Crime Prevention Council warns:

- Get coupons only from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Refuse to purchase coupons from anyone else who tries to sell them to you, even at a "discount"
- Refuse to do business with any store that won't accept the coupons for eligible converter boxes but wants you to pay the "entire retail price"

In addition, since March 1, 2007, TV's and associated products (such as DVD players) must have digital tuners. While retailers have been allowed to clear out their existing stock of analog TV sets, they have had to affix a "Consumer Alert" that the TV's have only an analog broadcast tuner. Be aware of this label and what it means if you're shopping for a new TV....especially one at a bargain price!

Residents are encouraged to subscribe to this service. This service will help the Police Department better serve the community and deter crime.

BIKE THEFTS

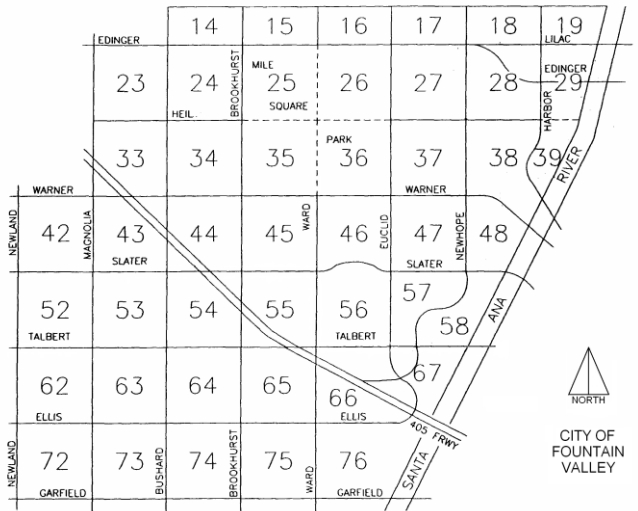
This year there has been a significant increase in bicycle thefts. Through November 2008 the Police Department has taken 45 bicycle theft reports, as compared to 18 bikes stolen for the same time period in 2007. An analysis of bike theft reports revealed adult bikes and juvenile bikes are stolen at similar rates. In 80% of thefts the bicycle was left unlocked in a front yard, near a business or from an open garage. Please lock your bike if you leave it unattended.

A simple method to protect yourself from theft is to register your bicycle for **FREE** with the Police Department. Bicycle registration is conducted on the first Saturday of each month between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. During the short registration process, Police personnel will obtain the serial number and ownership information for your bike. This will be entered into our secure database. We will also issue you a registration sticker for your bike, which should act as a warning for a would-be thief. Should your bike be stolen, an officer may access this information for the serial number, which will then be entered into a nationwide law enforcement computer system. This will assist in locating and returning your bike.

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CRIME WATCH

FOUNTAIN VALLEY REPORTING DISTRICTS

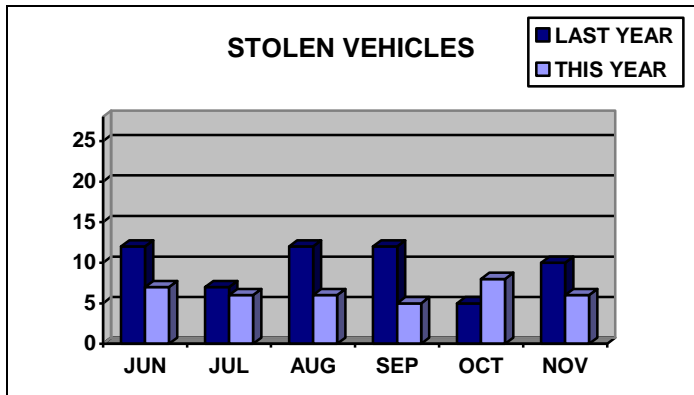
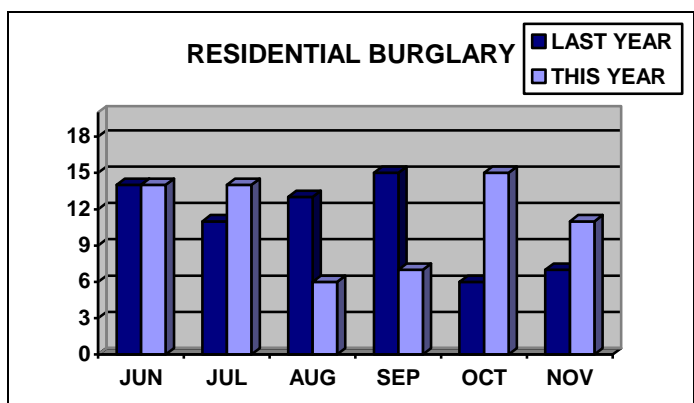


OCTOBER 2008 RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES (15)				
RD	STREET	DATE	TIME	ENTRY
45	SLATER	10-01	8:00AM	F
37	STONECRESS	10-07	10:30AM	F
72	GARFIELD	10-08	12:30PM	F
24	HIBISCUS	10-11	4:00PM	F
46	EL RUBI	10-13	10:00AM	F
14	KENDALL	10-13	12:00PM	NF
43	LA ESTRELLA	10-21	9:00AM	NF
73	CORK	10-23	8:50AM	F
46	SAN RICARDO	10-23	9:30AM	F
44	LA TIERRA	10-28	8:50AM	F
53	LOCUST	10-28	10:00AM	NF
34	APPLE	10-28	2:00PM	F
53	LOCUST	10-29	3:30PM	F
45	SAN MATEO	10-30	4:00PM	F
47	EUCLID	10-31	9:00AM	F

OCTOBER 2008 THEFT FROM VEHICLES = 13	
RD WITH THE HIGHEST OCCURANCE:	RD 45,52,65
OCTOBER 2008 TOTAL STOLEN EHCILES = 8	
RD WITH HIGHEST OCCURANCE:	62 = 2

NOVEMBER 2008 RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES (11)				
RD	STREET	DATE	TIME	ENTRY
75	EGRET	11-01	1:00AM	F
53	LOCUST	11-01	1:30AM	F
63	MT. STEWART	11-03	9:00AM	F
56	LA ROSA	11-04	3:00PM	NF
63	MT. STEWART	11-05	6:23PM	F
75	SAN MARCOS	11-12	10:30PM	NF
73	PALM	11-14	11:00AM	F
18	GLOXINIA	11-15	3:00PM	NF
42	SANTA ISABEL	11-18	8:10AM	F
72	TERN	11-18	5:20PM	F
55	LA DESPENSA	11-22	4:00AM	F

NOVEMBER 2008 THEFT FROM VEHICLES	
TOTAL THEFTS FROM VEHICLES	37
RD WITH THE HIGHEST OCCURANCE:	45=12, 48=3
NOVEMBER 2008 TOTAL STOLEN VEHICLES = 6	
RD WITH HIGHEST OCCURANCE:	RD 45 = 2



Community Policing

If you have a concern regarding crime trends or are seeking assistance in solving neighborhood issues, please contact the Watch Commander at 1-714-593-4487

PLEASE VISIT YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AT WWW.FVPD.ORG

THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to deliver newsletters on a temporary basis when the regular block representatives are unable to fulfill their obligations. Ideally, we would like to have at least four people (one for each section of the city) to take over an area as needed. Quantities delivered door-to-door vary. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Neighborhood Watch Office at 1-714-593-4488 and leave your name, phone number and section of the city you live in (SE,NE,NW or SW) and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for considering this opportunity to become involved in your community!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW FOUNTAIN VALLEY? DO YOU KNOW THIS NICE PLACE?



LOOK FOR THE ANSWER IN THE MARCH/APRIL 2009 BULLETIN

Last Issue: Orange Coast Memorial Hospital