



We're ALWAYS watching

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:

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President's Message:

Once again we find ourselves in a quandary. Our Secretary and Treasurer are resigning to take the time to enjoy life. They have been a driving force behind our Organization for seven years.

I understand their need to do something different. We always are looking for Directors and one of the reasons is when you are short handed you rely on those available. The problem is you burn those people out and they need to get reenergized.

Ken and Lois have put in many hours helping us grow. I have never asked them to do something that didn't get the best they had to offer and it was always completed, quickly and professionally.

They will be missed and now it is time for someone else to get involved. You need to become a working Director and keep us operating at the same level Ken and Lois did.

I shall miss them on a working and personal level. I wish them the best in whatever they decided to do. I know they will pursue life with the same gusto no matter what the challenge.

Thanks to Ken we were able to get, apply for, and receive a few grants that we needed.

Ken, Lois thank you for a job well done my friend.

Semi-Annual Meeting - HCNWA!

Our Semi-Annual Meeting will be held at the HCSO Pinebrooke Training Facility on Falkenburg Road. Thanks to the HCSO this will be our meeting place 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 much appreciated.

The meeting will take place on April 19, 2011 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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“WE’RE ALWAYS WATCHING”



Sheriffs Corner: March 15, 2011

Dear Neighborhood Watch Participant:

Once again, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to you and your neighbors for taking the initiative to form a Neighborhood Watch Program in our community. With the help of your dedication, commitment and continued efforts, Hillsborough County achieved an overall reduction in crime of 16.2 percent in 2010 from the previous year. This could not have been accomplished without the collaborative effort of everyone involved.

Participation in a Neighborhood Watch Program by concerned citizens like you greatly assists the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office with combating crime and preventing future crimes from ever occurring. Working together provides this agency with the necessary resources to make our neighborhoods safe and secure with a better quality of life in this community. "Thank You" to all of you.

Sincerely,

David Gee
Sheriff

The HCNWA echoes the above statement from our current Sheriff - David Gee, and simply says "great job" by all of you in reducing the crime rates for 2010. Stay active, and alert, and continue to be the extra "eyes & ears" of the HCSO.

"WE'RE ALWAYS WATCHING"

HCSO has a new Internet-based crime information application that allows citizens to easily access and locate crime data.

To access the application go to HCSO's home page, <http://www.hcso.tampa.fl.us>, click Inquiries Online and then select the [Crime Mapping link](#).

You will be able to easily view crime type, location, reference number, and date reported. Note: victims' names are not included and locations are generalized to a block as opposed to the exact address.

Users can search for crimes countywide based on Zip Code, Place Names, or by entering an address.

Users can select the types of crimes they would like to view.

Users can select to view crimes for different time periods based on specified date ranges.

Search results will be displayed as points on a map and charted in a pie graph to show the number of occurrences for each crime type.

Also, a link to Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay is provided for users who would like to submit confidential information.

Start A Watch Group

Information is available to anyone interested in starting a new or revitalizing an existing watch group.

You may obtain it from www.hcso.tampa.fl.us or www.hcnwa.org or call **813-247-8115**.

Any Deputy will send you a packet with everything you need to get started. They can be reached at 813-247-8115. They will be more than happy to assist in whatever way you need.

You are the key to improving your neighborhood. Stand up and make a difference in how safe an area you live in.

Now is the time to join or help start a watch group in your neighborhood. "VOLUNTEER"

Directors Needed:

The Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association is in need of Volunteers to serve on The Board of Directors.

The web-site for the HCNWA is www.hcnwa.org. Please visit our site to keep up with the latest events and to look up information about how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area.

Our history and Board members names & e-mail addresses are there for you to learn about and join in making Hillsborough County a better and safer place to live in and raise your family.

To serve on the Board, you need to have been a Coordinator for at least (1) year, be at least 21 years of age, and be subject to a background check by the HCSO. Get motivated; come join us and "Help Make a Difference." "WE NEED YOU"

Cut and use if needed

Membership Renewal Notice 2010-2011 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.

"IT DOES WORK"

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, thru the assistance of ADT Corp. & the HCSO. Check it out!

The cards have those numbers that are most important to have available for quick use. This idea was suggested by several Board members and we felt the time was right to implement it.

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.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Will hold the fourth Dinner/Meeting on the 18th of October at HCSO 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 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.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

News from the HCNWA!

The HCNWA has grown to over 286 registered groups over the past several years, and is looking at expanding to even greater heights. However, to achieve this goal, it will require assistance from all our current members. Get out and spread the word about the benefits of organizing a neighborhood watch in their areas, to make it a safer environment to live in and raise their families in. It'll only work if more people get involved!

By the time you receive this Newsletter, there will have been a couple changes made to the Board of Directors. Both the Secretary and Treasurer will have resigned and made room for some new Volunteers. They have both been with the Organization over 7 years, and worked diligently to make this group the very best in Florida. They wish the Organization the very best, and look forward to hearing of great things, as a result of the HCNWA involvement. To all the friends they've made along the way, they just add, keep up the great work you're all doing, and help make Hillsborough County a safer place to live in. Be proud of all you've done. Stay Active and "Always Watching."

The HCNWA is also looking into getting some window decals for distribution to all current member groups. These will also act as a deterrent towards keeping all the bad elements from slipping into the neighborhood.

Don't forget, the HCNWA also has over (25) power point presentations available, and would love to get out to your meetings and put such a presentation on for your NW group. Simply contact any Officer and arrangements can be made to do so. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity. It will make a difference.

A hearty – "Thank You" has got to go out to our NW Deputies at HCSO – Community Outreach Division. They all do a superb job of assisting all our Residents in establishing a NW group and maintaining good contact with the Coordinators on updates regularly. Dist. 1 – Chris DePolis, Dist. 2 – Donald Jordan, Dist. 3 – Steve Ferreira, and Dist. 4 – Will Menendez. Stay in contact with your respective Deputy and seek advice on any problem or question you have.

Start Planning Now for A Crime stopping

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!

Just a personal reflection on the past 7 years or so of being the Treasurer for the HCNWA. I have enjoyed every moment of it, and have made some very close friends, over the years. My decision to resign did not come easy, but, I finally felt that this time had finally arrived. Due to my current declining health issues, I have decided to step back and take the needed time to just enjoy my life, without having to worry about another Dues cycle.

To all the members out there in Hillsborough County, and to the current Staff at HCSO, along with my fellow Board members, I'd just like to add a big "Thank You" to each and every one of you. It has been a real pleasure being associated with you, and I look forward to hearing some great happenings put forth by the HCNWA in the County. Continue to grow in status, and keep Volunteering. It does make a Difference.

Good Luck In The Future!

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 the HCNWA Treasurer so they can make the change.

There have been a few occasions where the Coordinator has 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. What does the 17th and 42nd Chief Executive have in common?
2. First person killed in a plane? Yr?
3. Who was last ABA (1976) player playing in NBA?
4. First ocean liner with swimming pool?
5. Who created the first color animated commercial for ford and yr?
6. When is Supermans birthday?
7. 1st millionaire pro athlete?
8. Greatest 12 hr temp change ever recorder n US? Date And place?
9. Last Black and White series on Am. TV?
10. What did Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig do 72 times together?

HCNWA News In Brief:

The HCNWA recently was given a Grant from the ONR, in the amount of \$2500.00 dollars. The HCNWA will match that amount from the Treasury making a total of \$5000.00 dollars available for the first "NW Jamboree". It will be held later in the spring of 2011. Hopefully this will come to fruition, and will allow the HCNWA to invite the entire membership out for a family day of fun and sharing of information. This is still in the planning stages, and info will be shared as the final plans come together. The HCNWA will also apply for a Grant request to the HCSO Community Enrichment program shortly and will attempt to add another \$1500.00 dollars to the final amount for the "Jamboree."

The ONR held their 8th Annual Neighborhood Conference at HCC – Dale Mabry Campus on Apr. 2, 2011. It included set-up booths, several workshops and a luncheon with Neighborhood awards. We hope that many of you attended this event. If so you received some great first hand information from the County. The ONR does a fantastic job putting this event together, and Wanda Sloan is to be commended for all her efforts. Hope you attended.

Also, please don't lose sight of the main ingredient for a good, functional NW program namely; **GOOD COMMUNICATION.** Learn to share all info with fellow members, and strive to make your NW the very best it can be.

"Volunteer for NW"

**Help Make the Difference in you area!
Stay Safe.....**

Reflections from the Sec'ty. of The HCNWA

I have truly enjoyed my association with this Organization for some 7 years or so, and I will miss everyone associated with it. But, like all good things, sometimes it becomes a necessity to just move on. Over these years I have tried to institute different changes and directions for this group. I really feel that I have made a substantial difference in its overall operation. My efforts were never for any personal gains, only positive trends towards making our County a safer place to live in and enjoy.

As all are aware, these have been some very tough economic times, not only for our County, but for the entire country. I really believe that we may have possibly reached a much needed turning point, and I believe that things are getting better. We are noted for being a "tough class" country, and I pray that things continue to improve. But, it will require more individuals to step up to the plate and do their part, in assisting this country to recover fully.

I sincerely pray that our members in good standing will continue to step forward and promote our NW philosophies in their respective areas. We need to practice good communications between their neighbors. Be vigilant of any unusual traffic or suspicious persons entering your area. Always practice "watching" for the "bad guys" out there, that never to seem to take a vacation. We all must learn to be pro-active not re-active, and continue to work closely with our HCSO Deputies.

In parting, let me just add, many of you out there have my E-mail address and my phone number. Keep in touch and if I can be of any assistance, don't hesitate to contact me. Continue to say your prayers for all our first responders and let's pray our "men & women" overseas will all be home soon. God Bless!

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”

A Somber Note from the HCNWA:

We’d like to take this opportunity to remind all our members that our first responders put their personal well being on the line every single day they put on a uniform and proceed out into the public.

To the families and friends of the fallen St. Pete Officers we just want to add our condolences and “God Bless.” Keep the faith and know that your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed, everyone will remember.

Continue to offer prayers for our first responders, and also pray that this sort of alarming crime will subside. To all our fallen soldiers – we simply add:

“REST IN PEACE”

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