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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 - Crime Prevention Bureau:

## President's Message

In 2002, President Bush released the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) as a tool to help the American public know what condition the fight against terrorism was in. The Advisory System not only identifies the Threat Condition, but also outlines what we should be doing. Each inanity has a set of plans and measures to follow as the Threat Condition is raised or lowered.

Most of us only know a couple of the colors and what they mean. We will include over the next few issues a list of colors, what they mean and how we should treat each.

First we need to know the phone numbers of who to call to report anything that might be Terrorist related. It's better to report suspicious activity that read about it later.

HCSO (our first responders) at 911 (emergency) or 247-8609. The FDLE local Domestic Security Task Force can be reached at 813-878-7300. These numbers should be near to your phone at home for quick access. Go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for a more detailed listing of all Homeland Security information.

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### The Five Colors to Know



## Semi-Annual Meeting

On Tuesday April 25th at 7 PM the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association will hold it's Semi-Annual meeting. It will be held at the Riverhills Church of God located at 6310 E. Sligh Avenue.

All Coordinators, Block Captains, members of Watch Groups and general public are invited to attend.

The special speaker for this evenings meeting will be one well versed in Homeland Security measures. As usual, a Q&A period will follow the presentation.

At the end of the meeting there will be drawings for Cash prizes (\$100) as well as gift certificates. You must be present to win. So invite a friend and join us

to learn more about how to protect your neighbors and let's all "Take A Bite Out Of Crime".

We know your time is valuable so help us use it wisely. Be there to help make a difference in Hillsborough County. After all, you are the Key!!!

As usual, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will have District Commanders on hand to answer all your questions. We look forward to seeing you and we hope you'll join us for the evening. Remember our motto;

"We're Always Watching"

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

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**Win Cash prizes for knowing answers to these Five questions at the meeting.**

- 1. Who invented the “raised fist” salute and why?**
- 2. What do Alaska, Washington, California, and Hawaii have in common?**
- 3. What is the world’s smallest tree and how high does it grow?**
- 4. Where was King George II when he died?**
- 5. What do all bullfrogs do before jumping?**

**Decision of the judge is final!**

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## Sheriff's Corner

### Homeland Security & Accreditation

We've all heard about homeland security. Those words are etched into our minds following 9/11. Security of our homeland is a collaborative effort, from the homeowner to the deputy on the street to the Oval Office. Law enforcement knows that the first line of defense begins with the local agency. Through community policing and other strategies, your Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is embarking on a concerted mission to be poised to respond and prepared to protect in the event of an act of terrorism in our county.

To that end, I have created a new Homeland Security Division. Its mission is in its name. We are focusing personnel and resources on this paramount issue. The division includes our intelligence gathering units, port security, marine, aviation, canine, SWAT, bomb and dive teams, and our emergency management unit.

Homeland security is not limited to overt military campaigns or clandestine operations overseas. It begins here at home - in our neighborhoods and our communities. That's why our community policing program becomes so vital. If you and the other responsible residents can help be the eyes and ears of our county, then my deputies have to be available to listen, react and respond. Interaction and collaboration make community policing work. Our new Homeland Security Division will bring together the teams and tasks to respond to any issue that threatens our safety and security.

#### Accreditation:

Let me share with you some wonderful news about your Sheriff's Office. Our agency recently earned re-accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A.) and Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (C.F.A.). Accreditation is a benchmark to measure how well a law enforcement agency is prepared to serve and protect.

Through on-site inspections, CALEA and CFA reviewed our agency from A to Z. Not only did we earn re-accreditation for another three years,

we garnered the distinctive selection as a Flagship Agency. That means our agency had an exemplary on-site inspection as well as maintaining successful re-accreditation for at least three three-year cycles. The Sheriff's Office also was named a Meritorious Agency. I am so proud of the commitment and dedication shown by our 3,400 employees to earn this honor. You should be proud, too. Our strong relationship with organizations like Neighborhood Watch helps produce results for all of us.

You have my heartfelt appreciation for being part of something that means so much for so many. Neighborhood Watch will be so important in the years to come as we all learn to be more vigilant for our own sake. Thank you for caring about our communities. Homeland security is something we all must embrace.

David Gee, Sheriff - Hillsborough County

The Board of the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association would like to take this opportunity to echo Sheriff Gee's accolades for his department of 3,400 employees and simply say - **THANK YOU** - for all the effort they put forth on a daily basis to make this county a safer community for all of us to reside in.

We currently have one of the premiere Sheriff's Departments in the State of Florida and its located right here in Hillsborough County. We should do everything possible to assist them in every way. We need to strive to make our neighborhoods crime free. **"You Are Appreciated"**

Editor's Reflection: While I'm quite sure there are very few of us who rise daily with the thought in our minds of being a HERO for the day. We do often rise with the idea of volunteering perhaps our greatest asset, our TIME, to aid and assist where possible in our neighborhoods. So all our neighbors can rest a little more comfortably.

Please consider giving of your time to help make your neighborhood a little more livable and a whole lot safer. Get involved in your Neighborhood Watch group as soon as possible. You Can make the difference.....

**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](http://www.hcso.tampa.fl.us) or [www.hcnwa.org](http://www.hcnwa.org) or call **813-247-8115**.

Deputy Jason Napoli will send you a packet with everything you need to get started. He can be reached at 813-247-8115. Deputy Napoli 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.

**Directors Needed:**

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

The website for the HCNWA is [www.hcnwa.org](http://www.hcnwa.org). Please visit our site to keep up with latest events and to look up information about how to start a neighborhood watch in your area.

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

If there is anything missing or something you think needs to be on our website, please let us know. You may contact one of the Board members or Sheriff's Office with suggestions.

To serve on the Board you need to have been a coordinator in your neighborhood for one year and be at least 21 years of age. Get motivated and come join us.

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Cut and use if needed

**Membership Renewal Notice 2006-2007 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**

### Magnetic Business Cards:

The HCNWA is having magnetic business cards with important phone numbers on them made to hand out. We hope to have them by the Semi Annual meeting.

The cards will 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.

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### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Will hold its Annual Meeting October 24, 2006 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Riverhills Church of God at 6310 E. Sligh Avenue. That's about 2 miles east of King High School on Sligh Ave. Door prizes (\$100 plus gift certificates) Will be drawn at the end of the meeting. Good luck to all those that attend. Plan on attending!

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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](mailto:kengatki05@verizon.net), or Nick Bates at [allstate@gte.net](mailto: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.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

### VOLUNTEERS Make a Difference

- T aking time to care.
- H elping people.
- A nswering needs.
- N urturing others.
- K eeping involved.
- S preading hope and joy.

The above was found by your Editor in a book and it was being used as a page marker. I thought it very fitting to demonstrate what our organization is ALWAYS trying to promote, namely, volunteerism.

We hope to see interests rise in all our residents, and all those capable of getting out there will do so, and get more involved in their Neighborhood Watch program.

We must never lose sight of the fact that we are surrounded by those crime elements, and strive doubly hard to become a stronger crime deterrent force to counteract their attempts. If we all work together, along with our HCSO Deputies, we CAN make the needed difference.

Get Out There and VOLUNTEER!

This Space is for reporting all the Watch Groups Information. Anything your group is doing or has received an award for can be reported here. Just sent all articles to Ken Atkison Editor at [kengatki05@verizon.net](mailto:kengatki05@verizon.net)

As you can see none were received for this issue. Make sure your group's information is included in next issue.

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## OCTOBER NITE OUT

If your watch group is planning a function for "October Nite Out" our local answer to National nite out please let Deputy Napoli or Deputy Bridwell Know. They can be reached at 247-8115. They will be happy to visit your event.

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

### 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..

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

[www.HCNWA.Org](http://www.HCNWA.Org).

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