

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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CENSUS 2010 EVERYBODY COUNTS

April 1, 2010, is the 2010 Census Day. The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States and its territories.

Have you ever wondered why the U.S. Census Bureau spends so much time and money to conduct an accurate population count? The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every ten years. Every person living in the United States must be counted — both citizens and noncitizens.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive over \$400 billion in federal funding each year for things like **hospitals, schools, job training centers, senior centers, emergency services, and public works projects.** The data collected by the census also helps determine the number of seats California has in the U.S. House of Representatives. For the first time in our 160 year history, California may lose an existing congressional seat if we do not have a complete count in 2010.

Be Counted!

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. It should only take about 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire is available in other languages if needed.

April 1, 2010, is Census Day. The U.S. Census Bureau will send reminder postcard and a replacement questionnaire if you have not sent in the original form. ***The U.S. Census Bureau will send out census takers to go door-to-door and fill-in questionnaires for households that did not respond.*** If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker.

The information you provide will remain confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone – not the IRS, FBI, CIA, or any other government agency. Penalties are in place to safeguard your information. If you have questions about the census, please contact the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Office of Research and Planning at 916-327-100.

It is time to be counted!

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Westminster Police Department

8200 Westminster Blvd.
Westminster, CA 92683
Emergencies Call 911

Business Line:
714-898-3315

Dispatch Ext: 326
Traffic Division Ext. 339
Records Bureau Ext. 371

Business Hours:
Sunday- Saturday
7:00a.m. – 7:00p.m.
Website:
www.westminster-ca.gov/depts/police



PREPARING MAKES SENSE, GET READY NOW!

(Information Courtesy of the Department of Homeland Security)

2-1-1 Orange County's mission is to provide a comprehensive information and referral system that links Orange County residents to community health and human services and support. Every hour of every day, someone needs essential services--from securing adequate care for a child or an aging parent to finding treatment for substance abuse.

2-1-1 connect has seen much hardship in Orange County and the rest of the nation. People have lost jobs, homes, and even the ability to buy food for themselves and their families. More than 21,000+ people in Orange County called 2-1-1 for help.

2-1-1 exists because some of the greatest barriers to services people face are that they don't know what help is out there, whether or not they're eligible, or how to access services. Dialing three digits, 2-1-1, provides callers with the answers.

2-1-1 is honored to act as the community's connection to assistance and hopes you will learn from their unique perspectives as the information hub for all of Orange County's health and human services. Anyone seeking assistance can dial 211 (toll free) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers will be connected with certified, multi-lingual Information and Referral (I&R) Specialists who utilize a robust database to provide information on services. If you would like additional information, please visit their website 2-1-1 Orange County.

Simply put, 2-1-1 is to social services what 9-1-1 is to emergency services. 📞

Everyone should have a plan. The likelihood of you and your family surviving a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a terrorist attack or other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. **Get ready now.**

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, think first about fresh water, food and clean air. Remember to include, and periodically rotate, medications you take every day such as insulin and heart medicine. Plan to store items in an easy-to-carry bag, such as a shopping bag, backpack or duffle bag. **Consider two kits.** In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away.

Water Store one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation in clean plastic containers.

Food Store food that won't go bad and does not have to be heated or cooked. Choose foods that your family will eat, including protein or fruit bars, dry cereal or granola, canned foods and juices, peanut butter, dried fruit, nuts, crackers and baby foods. Remember to pack a manual can opener, cups and eating utensils.

Basic Supplies Store a flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, utility knife, local map, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, garbage bags and other sanitation supplies, plastic sheeting, duct tape, as well as extra cash and identification. Periodically rotate your extra batteries to be sure they work when you need them.

You should plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation, use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Think about the places where your family spends time: school, work and other places you frequent. Ask about their emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency. If they do not have an emergency plan, consider helping develop one.

Being ready starts with you, but it also takes everyone working together to make our communities safer.

For the most current information and recommendations, go online to www.ready.gov or call toll-free **1-800-BE-READY** (1-800-237-3239).

For information on Emergency Preparedness programs offered by the Westminster Police Department, contact Emergency Services at 714-548-3211. 📞



Thank you for your interest in Neighborhood Watch. The Neighborhood Watch Program is a highly successful crime prevention effort that has been in existence for more than 30 years in cities across America. Developed in response to a multitude of requests from sheriffs and police chiefs nationwide looking for a crime prevention program that would incorporate citizen involvement, Neighborhood Watch became a national program. Neighborhood Watch brings together local officials, law enforcement, and citizens for the protection of communities. 📞

DID YOU KNOW THAT WESTMINSTER PD IS ON:



Facebook



MySpace



Twitter

For updates on community events, job postings and much more join us on the above mentioned social networking sites.

REMINDER:

All issues of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter are available online at: <http://www.westminster-ca.gov/depts/police/community>

City of Westminster Department Directory

Animal Control:
714-898-3315 Ext. 365

Chamber of Commerce:
714-898-9648

City Hall:
714-898-3311

Code Enforcement:
714-893-3311

Fair Housing
Department:
714-569-0823

Family Resource
Center:
714-903-1331

Graffiti Hotline:
714-895-2876

Midway City Sanitary
District
714-893-3553

Health Department:
714-677-3600

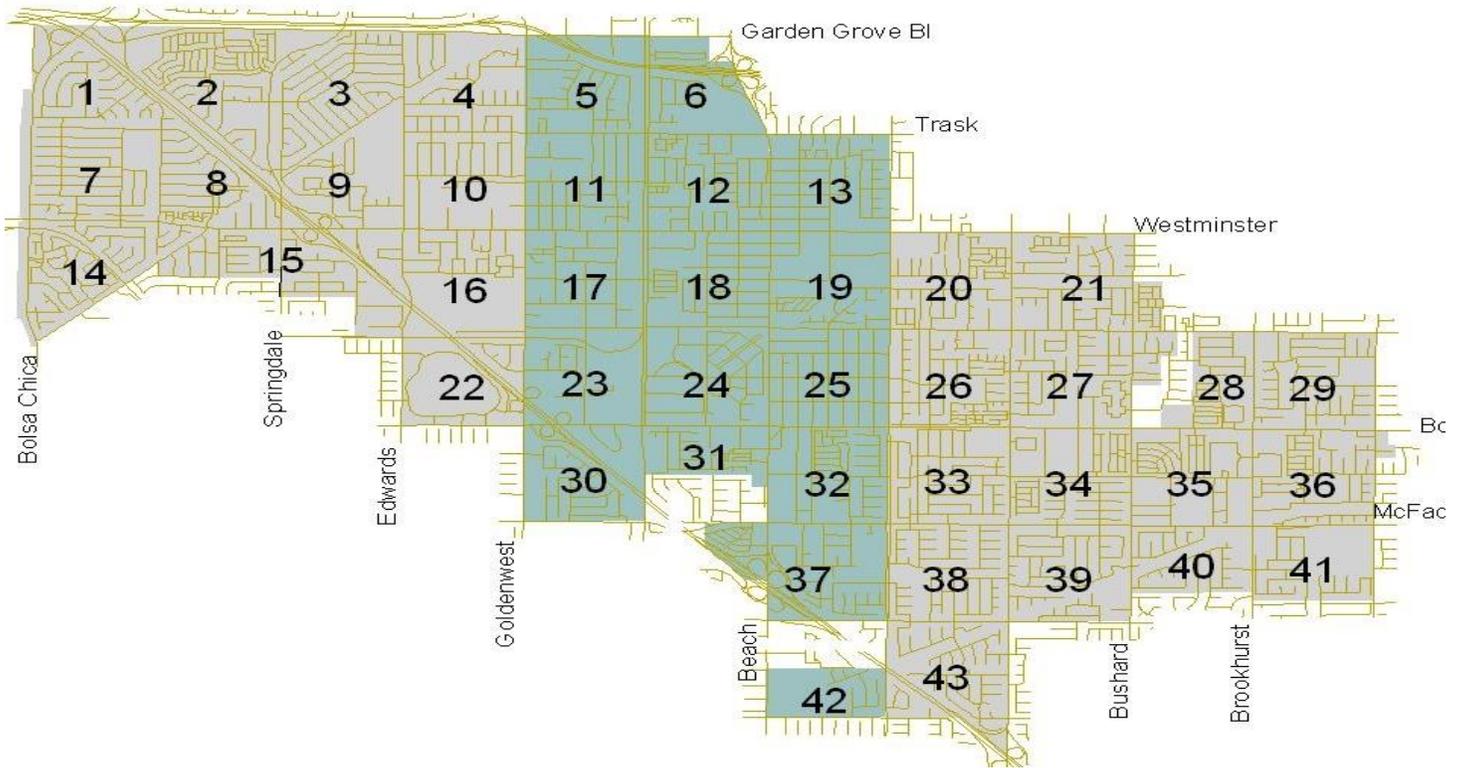
West Justice Center:
714-896-7111

Recruitment:
714-898-3315 Ext. 395

Westminster Senior
Center:
714-895-2878

Vector Control:
714-971-2421

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

AREA	JAN	FEB	YTD	LAST YEAR	AREA	JAN	FEB	YTD	LAST YEAR	AREA	JAN	FEB	YTD	LAST YEAR
1	0	0	0	1	16	1	0	1	0	31	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	17	1	0	1	0	32	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	2	0	18	3	1	4	1	33	0	1	1	2
4	0	1	1	2	19	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	1	0
5	0	1	1	0	20	2	1	3	1	35	2	1	3	0
6	1	0	1	0	21	1	2	3	0	36	1	1	2	0
7	0	1	1	1	22	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	1
8	0	0	0	1	23	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	39	1	0	1	1
10	3	0	3	2	25	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	1
11	0	1	1	1	26	0	0	0	0	41	1	0	1	1
12	0	2	2	0	27	3	1	4	0	42	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	28	0	1	1	0	43	1	0	1	0
14	1	0	1	2	29	0	0	0	0					
15	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0					

	JAN	FEB	YTD
TOTAL BURGLARIES	23	17	40

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