



QUARTERLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome!

Policing in the “new economy” requires strategic thinking, determination, and a community fully committed to the effort.

As your Chief of Police, I am blessed to be surrounded by skilled professionals, invested community members, and city leaders who care deeply about the future of Hemet. However, we recognize that it is not enough to be skilled, caring and invested; we must have a plan if we expect to fully recover from the impacts of the great recession on our Valley. This plan demonstrates the Police Department’s commitment to leading the effort to revitalize our community.

[The Hemet Police Department Five-Year Strategic Plan](#) is anchored in our belief that community policing is the foundation for creating a safe, thriving community. The relationships we build are the key to collectively improving the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, shops and plays in Hemet. This plan is the product of thoughtful input and participation by a cross-section of police employees, community members and elected officials. We are grateful for the interest and input we received from our key stakeholders.

The Strategic Plan is intended to be a dynamic, living document that clearly defines our mission, vision and values, recognizes our challenges, and sets a clear path toward improving the safety and security of our community. The four Strategic Priorities set forth in this plan will guide our efforts and decisions as we move forward. The objectives and strategies will challenge us to stay focused and consistent as we navigate the future. Finally, our commitment to revisit the plan annually will push us to be flexible and innovative as we make progress and new challenges present themselves.

On behalf of the sworn, civilian and volunteer members of the Hemet Police Department, we are excited to present this plan to our community and we look forward to partnering with each of you to produce a safe, thriving community. Please take a moment and follow the above link to the plan.

Privileged to serve with you,
David M. Brown, Chief of Police



“I am proud to represent the fine men and women; sworn, civilian and volunteer, who make up this great department....”

- Chief David Brown

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Tips from a Thief.

13 Things your Burglar won't tell You!

Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha gonna do? Hey, there are bad girls too!

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, selling you a solar system, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there I unlatched the back window to make my return easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste...and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming systems they have and how many I-Pods are in there.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. I might leave a pizza flyer on your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. Yes, my parents and I have lived near-by for awhile. They don't think I do this either.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the windows over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom—and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too!
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I almost always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. If you make things difficult for me, I will just move on.

Crime Stats

The [Hemet Police Department](http://www.hemetpolice.com) is dedicated to providing up-to-date crime statistics to the community we serve.

The quickest way to gather this information is to utilize a web-based program called [CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com). Simply follow the link and enter the information you are looking for.

If you would like additional information, not contained within the website, please contact us at **951-765-2410** during normal business hours.



11. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
12. I almost never go into kids' rooms.
13. I won't have time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. However, if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

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TIP: Cars Keys

Put your car keys by your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your house or someone trying to get in, just press the panic button for your car! The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Test it for yourself. Remember to always carry your keys with you when walking to your car. The alarm will work the same way.

Community Services

The Community Services Bureau consists of School Resource Officers, Hemet PD Explorers, Neighborhood Watch, Crime-Free Multi-Housing, and Hemet PD Volunteers.

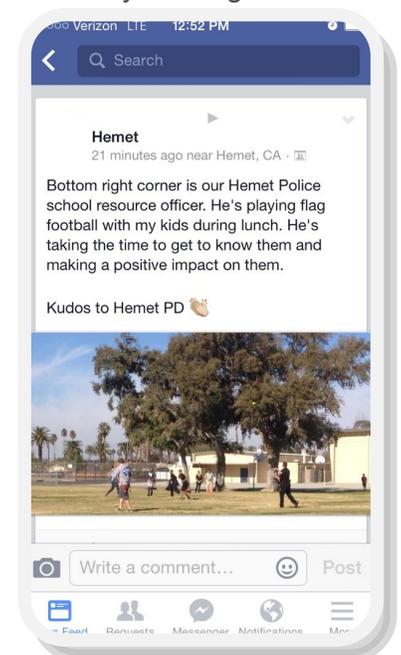
The bureau represents the Police Department and assists with the coordination of several special events throughout the year. Examples include: Parades, Expired Rx Turn-In programs, Ramona Play, Blood Drives, and much more.



Featured HPD Bureau of the Quarter

Community Services—SRO's

The Hemet Police Department, through a partnership with the [Hemet Unified School District](#), staffs each middle and high school within the city limits with a full-time [School Resource Officer](#). These full-time Hemet Police Officers maintain an office at each school and interact daily with students, parents, and staff on campus. They are responsible for mentoring and the protection of students & staff. They investigate all crimes that occur on campus.



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TIP: ROBOCALLS

Telemarketers, who don't have permission from the consumer in writing to make such calls, can face penalties of up to \$16,000 (per call) if they are caught.



What You Can Do

- **NEVER** give out financial information over the phone unless you initiated the call.
- **Do Not rely on Caller ID service.** Scammers often spoof the number to make it look like the call is coming from anywhere; even a legitimate business.
- **Do Not Answer or Hang up.** Do not press any buttons to "speak to an operator" or to "unsubscribe." Responding will only show the scammer that they have a live & working number.
- **Block the Phone Number.** Adjust your cell phone settings, or ask your provider to block the number. (Make sure to ask the provider whether the company charges for this service.)
- **Report robocalls** to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at: www.ftc.gov or 1-877-832-4357; TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

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To RECEIVE TEXT and/or E-MAIL ALERTS from the Hemet Police Web-site:

Go to www.cityofhemet.org/list.aspx then follow the "NOTIFY ME" instructions. Select POLICE under the News Flash Heading.



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Go to www.facebook.com and LIKE US!

We will NEVER sell, loan, rent or otherwise share your personal information!

Volunteer with Us!

The Hemet Police Department Volunteer Program was created in 1993 as a way for citizens to supplement the Hemet Police Department's sworn officers.

The intention of the program is for volunteers to perform certain tasks that otherwise would be performed by sworn police officers and thereby allowing the police officer to spend more time on the streets. The volunteers operate a wide variety of services for the police department such as:

- Alzheimer Registration
- Crime Scene Call Outs & Security
- LiveScan Fingerprinting
- Parking Enforcement
- Traffic Control
- Vacation Property Checks
- Child / Adult Care
- Special Events (such as Parades, Ramona Outdoor Play)
- Much, much more

Stop by our Main Office or sub-stations to pick up your application today!

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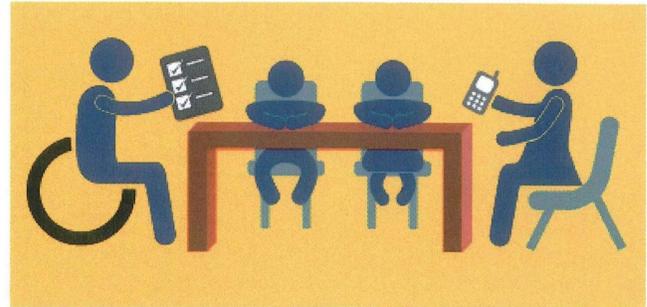
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Recommended Earthquake Safety Actions

The City of Hemet Emergency Services and Preparedness reminds our Hemet residents and businesses that “**Drop, Cover, and Hold On**” is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes.

Here is some very important safety information:



You cannot tell from the initial shaking if an earthquake will suddenly become intense...so always **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** immediately!

- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!);
- **COVER** your head and neck with your arms and seek shelter by getting under a sturdy desk or table if nearby; and
- **HOLD ON** to your shelter and be ready to move with it until the shaking stops.

If there is no table or desk near you, drop to the ground and then if possible move to an inside corner of the room. Be in a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move if necessary, and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

Do not move to another location or outside. You will never know if the initial jolt will turn out to be start of the big one...and that's why you should always **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** immediately!

If you are unable to Drop, Cover, and Hold On: If you have difficulty getting safely to the floor on your own, get as low as possible, protect your head and neck, and move away from windows or other items that can fall on you.

In a wheelchair: Lock your wheels and remain seated until the shaking stops. Always protect your head and neck with your arms, a pillow, a book, or whatever is available.

In bed: If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow. You are less likely to be injured staying where you are. Broken glass on the floor has caused injury to those who have rolled to the floor or tried to get to doorways.

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In a store: When shaking starts, Drop Cover and Hold On. A shopping cart or getting inside clothing racks can provide some protection. If you must move to get away from heavy items on high shelves, drop to the ground first and crawl only the shortest distance necessary. Whenever you enter any retail store, take a moment to look around. What is above and around you that could move or fall during an earthquake? Then use your best judgment to stay safe.

Outdoors: Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.

Driving: Pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.

MYTH – Head for the Doorway:

An enduring earthquake image of California is a collapsed adobe home with the doorframe as the only standing part. From this came our belief that a doorway is the safest place to be during an earthquake. We now understand that doorways are no stronger than any other part of the house, and do not provide protection from falling or flying objects. You are safer under a table.

