



# QUARTERLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome!

Today, Hemet faces significant challenges as we provide law enforcement services to an ever changing community, with fewer resources and reduced manpower.

There is much talk about “community based policing” across America. The reality is that the Hemet Police Department has always been a true community police department. Our ranks are comprised of mostly Valley residents who have a personal stake in keeping our community safe. As such, our strong commitment to addressing quality-of-life issues will continue to drive our decisions and deployment of resources.

Please enjoy our newsletter, and let us know if there is anything we can do to improve it! We strive to provide excellent customer service. If viewing on -line, follow the many links embedded in photos and colored text for even more information.

Please tell us how we’re doing at: <http://cityofhemet.info>

## DMV Reminds Motorists of New 2016 Laws

The following are summaries of transportation-related laws that have come into effect. We are responsible to know the Rules of the Road when we drive.

**Driving Under the Influence (SB61):** Extends the existing Ignition Interlock Device (IID) pilot project to July 1, 2017 for Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare Counties. The IID pilot project requires a person convicted of a DUI to install an IID for five months upon first offense, 12 months for a second offense, 24 months for a third offense and 36 months for a fourth or subsequent offense,

**Earbuds or Headsets (SB491)** It is unlawful to wear a headset covering, earplugs in, or earphones covering, resting on, or inserted in, both ears while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle. This prohibition does not apply to persons operating authorized emergency vehicles, construction equipment and reuse or waste equipment while wearing a headset or safety earplugs.



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

**- Chief David M. Brown**

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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



## 2016 New DMV Laws Cont'd.

**Pedal-powered vehicles (SB630)** This law expands the definition of pedicab to include a four-wheeled drive that is

pedal-powered, has a seating capacity for eight or more passengers, cannot travel in excess of 15 mph, and is being used for transportation for hire. This law sets requirements related to local authorization operator qualifications and training, financial responsibility, accident reporting, safety equipment, and inspection. The law establishes rules and standards for pedicabs that allow passengers to consume alcohol on board, if authorized by local ordinance or resolution.

**Consumer Protection—Starter Interrupt Warning (AB266)** This law requires a “buy-here-pay-here” dealer to make certain disclosures and notices to a vehicle buyer when a vehicle is sold with tracking and starter interrupt technology installed. This law also requires advanced warning be given to the purchaser prior to engagement of the starter interrupt technology, if the buyer fails to make timely vehicle payments. A “buy-here-pay-here” dealer is defined as a used car dealer that assigns less than 90 percent of their conditional sales and lease contracts to third party lenders; and therefore provide direct financing to car buyers.

**Electrically Motorized Skateboards (AB604)** restricts their operation on public facilities, requires boards to be equipped with safety equipment, and authorizes cities and counties to regulate their use. It also makes it a crime to operate an electrically motorized board while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The law limits the board’s operation to individuals 16 years or older, requires operators to wear a bicycle helmet, wear safety equipment to increase visibility at night, and limits their operation to roads with a speed limit of 35mph or less. A conviction for violating this law is punishable by a fine of up to \$250.00.

**Electric Bicycles (AB1096)** This law adds an entirely new definition of an electric bicycles to the vehicle code. An electric bicycle is defined as a bicycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts. Manufacturers will also need to certify that bicycles comply with specified requirements. Electric cycles riders will be able to use roads similar to other bicycle riders, while providing a measure of local control if safety concerns arise on specific paths or public trails.

## Crime Reports

The Hemet Police Department 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://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.



Contact Hemet Police to report your sightings. **If it is a real emergency, Dial 911** otherwise, please use the **non-emergency number: 951-765-2400.**

- Give your name and address
- Explain what happened
- Briefly describe suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as beard, mustaches, scars or accent
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate and special features such as stickers.

## Project ChildSafe®

[www.projectchildsafe.org/](http://www.projectchildsafe.org/)



Project ChildSafe® is a nationwide program that helps ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage.

As a firearm owner, it is your responsibility to know how to secure your weapons in a safe manner in your home.

- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- Keep your finger off the trigger
- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded
- Keep firearms unloaded when not in use
- Store ammunition separately from firearms.



**Learn more about  
firearms safety at:**

**[www.nssf.org/safety](http://www.nssf.org/safety)**

## 2016 New DMV Laws Cont'd.

**California New Motor Voter Program (AB1461)**, creates an automatic voter registration process for qualified individuals who apply for a driver license or identification card, or submit a change of address to the DMV. An opt-out option will be provided.

**California Residency Requirement (AB1465)** will require an application for an original driver's license or identification card to provide proof of California state residency, starting July 1, 2016.

**Yellow Alert System** has been established for hit-and-run incidents that result in death or major injuries. Much like Amber Alerts, CHP would work with requesting law enforcement agencies to determine whether a hit-and-run warrants activation of this emergency system.

**Silver Alert System** has been amended to allow it to be communicated on changeable message signs when a vehicle is involved in the missing person incident. The regional and statewide emergency alerts can be activated when seniors or individuals with certain disabilities go missing or are believed to be in danger.

**Highway Lane Use.** A law requiring slow-moving passenger vehicles to safely pull over and let traffic pass will expand and apply to bicyclists. The law requires slow-moving cars and bicycles to the next available turnout or other area to let vehicles pass if five or more are backed up behind them.



## **It's The Law**

Under California Vehicle Code 26708; A person shall not drive a car with an object or material placed, affixed, or installed on the vehicle which obstructs or reduces the driver's clear view through the windshield or side windows.

This applies to both permanent and temporary disabled person parking placards.



## Disabled Person Parking Privileges

If you have been issued a DP placard or DP or DV plates, you **may** park:

- In parking spaces with the International Symbol of Access (wheelchair).
- Next to a **blue curb** authorized for persons with disabilities parking.
- Next to a **green curb** (green curbs indicate limited time parking) for as long as you need.
- In an on-street metered parking space at no charge.

## Disabled Person Parking Limitations

You **may not** park:

- In spaces marked with cross-hatched pattern next to a parking space with the wheelchair symbol. These spaces are for wheelchair and wheelchair lift access.
- Next to **red curbs**, which indicate no stopping, standing, or parking.
- Next to **yellow curbs**, which are for commercial vehicles to load and unload passengers or freight.
- Next to **white curbs**, which are for loading and unloading passengers or depositing mail in an adjacent mailbox.

## Important

You are the only person who can use the parking placard or plates for parking or service station privileges. It is illegal to do the following (and you may be subject to citation and fines):

- Lend your placard to another.
- Forge a licensed medical professional's signature.
- Use someone else's placard.
- Possess or display counterfeit or placard or license plate copies.
- Provide false information to obtain a placard or license plate.
- Alter a plate, placard, or placard identification card.



## Mature Driving Program

The Mature Driving Program is an eight-hour course for drivers 55 and older. This course covers a variety of topics of special interest to the mature driver and is available from [DMV Approved Course Providers](#). Many insurance companies offer discounts for those who complete the class and receive a completion certificate. The certificate is valid for three years and can be renewed by

completing a four-hour course.

The DMV has published a handbook specifically for senior drivers. Please go online at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) to view or download a copy of the *Senior Guide for Safe Driving* (DL625), call 1-800-777-0133 to request a copy to be mailed, go to the nearest DMV field office, or contact the Senior Driver Ombudsman Program in your area.

## Tips to Avoid Cyber Fraud

- ◆ *Be cautious of emails with attached files*
- ◆ *Avoid filling out forms contained in email or pop-up messages*
- ◆ **DO NOT** *click on links in an unsolicited email*
- ◆ *Navigate directly to official websites for business identified in email instead of clicking on links in an unsolicited email*
- ◆ *Financial institutions **WILL NOT** request your personal information via email— contact them directly if you receive an email from an institution requesting info*
- ◆ *Wi-Fi hotspots provide free internet access, are often in coffee shops, libraries, airports. While convenient, **Public Wi-Fi IS NOT Secure...**if it was, you couldn't use it*
- ◆ **DO NOT** *expose sensitive information such as your logins, passwords and your social security number*
- ◆ **Courts WILL NOT** *send you an e-mail demanding you pay for a warrant via a service like Western Union. If you have outstanding warrants, contact the court directly.*
- ◆ *No, you **DID NOT** win the lottery like that e-mail indicated.*



## Other Laws Passed in California for 2016



### **Climate Change & The Environment.**

SB350 mandates that 50% of California electricity come from renewable sources by 2030, and doubles energy efficiency requirement for existing buildings.

SB295 & SB414 will increase oil pipeline inspections and make spill cleanup quicker and more effective by requiring

state officials to study new chemical dispersants and coordinate more cleanup drills with federal agencies.

AB1164 was passed prohibiting localities from fining residents for drought-tolerant landscaping, including artificial turf.

AB96 will ban the import, selling or possession of ivory beginning July 1, 2016; and AB888 will ban the sale of personal products containing plastic microbeads in January 2020.



### **Criminal Justice**

AB953 mandates a system for law enforcement to collect information on each stop they make. The law also expands the state's definition of profiling beyond race to include things such as gender, national origin, religion and sexual orientation.

SB411 clarifies that the public is allowed to take video of a police officer.

SB178 generally requires law enforcement to secure a court-ordered search warrant before inspecting electronic information secured on electronic devices like computers or cellphones.

## Other Laws Passed in California for 2016 Cont'd.



AB243, AB266 and SB43 create a new agency, state Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation, under the Department of Consumer Affairs. They will be charged with licensing the entire medical marijuana supply chain, including the growing process, safety testing, transportation, distribution, and sales.



SB707 bars concealed weapons on school campuses. AB 1014 allows families and law enforcement to seek court-ordered temporary restraining orders to remove someone's firearms if the owner poses an unlawful & immediate threat.



Two measures aimed at making it easier for some people to get out of jail were passed. SB261 requires the parole board to consider the release of many offenders in state prison who committed their crimes when under the age of 23. SB230 mandates that the parole board release prisoners once they are found suitable to leave prison.



SB405 lets people contest a traffic ticket without first paying the fine.



SB277 makes California's state vaccine laws among the strictest in the nation. Beginning July 1, 2016, it requires parents to vaccinate their kids in order for them to attend school unless they have a medical reason. SB792 requires day care providers to be vaccinated.

AB216 prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors, even if the device doesn't contain tobacco. AB960 makes it easier to donate sperm or eggs and for unmarried parents who used assisted reproduction to be recognized as legal guardians.

## Other Laws Passed in California for 2016 Cont'd.



### **Workers Rights and Equality**

SB358 aims to close some loopholes that allowed employers to defend disparate wages for men and woman—namely specifying that women must be paid the same as their male colleagues “for substantially similar work,” and allowing employees to challenge wage gaps that exist at different worksites.

SB579 expands Family Leave Laws to allow parents to take time off work to respond to child-care emergencies or enroll kids in school or child care.

AB202 requires professional sports teams to treat their cheerleaders a full-time employees, not contractors.



### **Foster Care**

SB238 gives child welfare social workers better oversight of mental health treatment for foster kids.

SB731 aims to keep transgender foster kids safe by giving them the right to placements with families that support their gender identity.



### **Voting Issues**

AB1461 is known as the Motor Voter Law. It registers people to vote when they receive or renew their driver’s license, unless they opt out.

AB990 requires clearer disclosure on campaign fliers so it’s apparent who is paying for them.

AB1100 raises the filing fee for ballot measures from \$200 to \$2000 to discourage abuse.

### **Other Items**

AB40 bars the Golden Gate Bridge District and other state-owned bridges from charging tolls to pedestrians and bicyclists.

AB774 allows beer tastings at Farmers Markets.

AB1116 protects Californians from television voice-recognition software that could surreptitiously record private conversations.

AB30 takes effect in 2017 and bars schools from using “Redskins” as their mascot.

## City of Hemet Community Alert System

The City has instituted an improved notification system that will send telephone notifications to residents and businesses within the City of Hemet. It will be used to notify us with information on emergency events and/or evacuation by way of voice message, text, or email. The systems uses our area's 9-1-1 database. The system is TTY/TTD capable. Please check for more information on the City's Website at: [www.cityofhemet.org](http://www.cityofhemet.org).

## Calling All Future HPD Volunteers



The Spring Academy for HPD Volunteers will be upon us before we know it. Go to our website and [download an application](#). Interviews will be conducted soon so get your completed application turned in ASAP. If you have 16 hours a month to pay it forward, we'd love to have you!

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**951-765-2400 (24-hour)**

**Hemet Police Non-Emergency Number**



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#### To DOWNLOAD and/or view a Newsletter from our Website:

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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](http://www.cityofhemet.org/list.aspx) then follow the "NOTIFY ME" instructions. Select POLICE under the News Flash Heading.

#### To follow us on FACEBOOK:

Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hemet-Police-Department> 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:

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

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