



# QUARTERLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome!

Today, Hemet faces significant challenges as we provide law enforcement services to an ever changing community.

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 *Excellence in Service*.

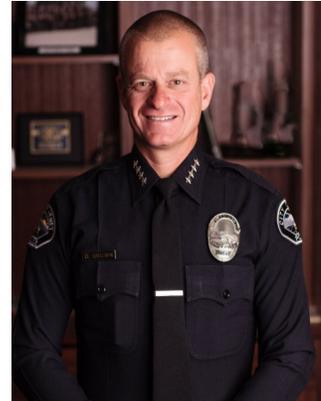
Please tell us how we're doing at: <http://cityofhemet.info>

## It's All About “U” — And YOU!

Increasingly, the State has shifted responsibility for many programs to cities like Hemet, while taking funds away at the same time. In the last five years alone, Sacramento has taken millions from the City. Funds generated by Measure U will be spent entirely on local public safety and essential services that benefit our community and cannot be taken away by State government.

Measure “U” will impose a one-cent general sales tax on certain purchases made within the City. Most groceries, prescriptions and services are excluded from the additional one-cent tax.

A citizen's oversight committee will be established to independently review and advise upon the City's expenditures of proceeds generated by the tax.



*“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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## Measure U is Good for Business in Hemet

Local businesses have experienced a bottom line impact and the expense of shoplifting, vandalism and the potential increase of insurance premiums. In addition, retailers also have indicated they are impacted by shoppers choosing to leave Hemet to make their purchases in other communities or on the internet due to concerns over their safety.

Measure U, dedicated solely to the improvement of the City's public safety needs, will address these concerns by providing the much needed revenue to staff and support our first responders as they protect our communities.

Over the last ten years, the City of Hemet has contained costs by reducing staffing levels (from 442 to 293) employees. This workforce reduction included the loss of more than 25 police officers and 10 firefighters. The City also imposed salary and benefit reductions, deferred maintenance of facilities & vehicles, cut work weeks, imposed furloughs, and engaged in water & energy reduction efforts.

The City enacted a 5-year financial management plan in 2014 to control spending and balance the budget. In the first year of the plan, the city exceeded its target with a nearly balanced budget (less than 1% deficit).

Yet these saving measures are not enough to combat a variety of state laws which have our jails operating with revolving doors, by enacting early release policies and reducing the jail time for many offenses. The City of Hemet finds itself in a situation where it's citizens continue to demand improvements to public safety and quality of life.

## 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.



**Pay Attention To Details!  
Report Accurately!**



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 or body damage.

## 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 firearm in a safe manner.

- Keep weapons out of reach from children
- 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)

## What “U” Means to HPD

### ◆ \$100 Million to Hemet Public Safety over 10 Years

- \$67 Million to Enhance Police
- Mandated Staffing increase from 60 sworn officers to 108
- Adds Support personnel, equipment, and training

Public safety is the highest priority for all HPD personnel. Both residents and businesses within Hemet have consistently registered complaints and comments over the increased level of crime to their communities and businesses.

In the City of Hemet, violent crimes have increased by 51 percent and overall crime increased by 21 percent since 2010, according to the FBI Uniform Crime report. The anticipated affect and impact of just the increased “feet on the beat” is exciting and raises the already high spirits of our current HPD personnel. Additional support personnel means jobs for our community.

### ◆ Opportunities and Challenges

- Resources to get the job done
- Opportunities for advancement
- Rapid growth = change!
- Community Expectations
- Facility Challenges



Opportunities can be synonymous with challenges! But in this case, we have both. For our HPD personnel, improved resources and additional technology to enhance their activities along with the chance for career advancements are all good opportunities and great motivators for an already highly motivated staff.

The challenge of managing rapid growth, community expectations and the burgeoning HPD facility are very real and will require a steady hand.

## Measure U and Community Expectations

The Community can expect the HPD culture and high standards to continue. There are strategic priorities and core values engrained in all personnel.

1. *Reduce Crime & Fear of Crime*— reduction in crime and the fear of crime will improve the quality of life and safety for community members, businesses, and visitors.
2. *Inspire Staff* — Recruit, develop and retain a workforce of community-focused law enforcement professionals.
3. *Smart Policing* — Identify, development and implement innovative and strategic technology, partnerships and funding to carry out HPD’s mission efficiently and effectively.
4. *Expand Partnerships*—Expand partnerships with the Hemet community and its leaders to strengthen the public’s role in community safety and create long-term, collaborative solutions.



### Citizen’s Expectations

- ◆ Immediate Impact on Quality of Life
- ◆ Improved Neighborhood Safety
- ◆ Aggressive Traffic Enforcement
- ◆ Reduction in Crime

These are the goals and the community’s expectations. They are achievable. This is how they will be attained.

### HPD Immediate Action Plans

- ◆ Jump-start “Troop Surge”
  - Hire first wave of officers & staff
  - Establish Special Enforcement Bureau
  - Front-load safety equipment & vehicles
- ◆ Implement Aggressive Recruitment Plan
- ◆ Enhanced Prosecution of Local Ordinance (ROCS)
  - Utilize city prosecutor to coordinate aggressive, zero-tolerance prosecution of ROCS violations
  - Prioritize ROCS Task Force staffing



***We encourage our citizens to stay informed and continue your dedication to our wonderful community. Results will not be overnight but they will be forthcoming and most evident. Please know that we are grateful for your support and commitment to the HPD. We will not let you down.***

## Free Resources

**California Department of Aging** 1-800-510-2020 [www.aging.ca.gov](http://www.aging.ca.gov)

Oversees programs serving older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers, and residents in long-term care facilities throughout CA

**California Senior Gateway** [www.seniors.ca.gov](http://www.seniors.ca.gov)

Provides seniors, their families, and caregivers with the information they need to connect to helpful services and resources.

**California Courts Elder Abuse Self-Help** [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-elder](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-elder)

Provides information regarding elder abuse restraining orders, help finding a lawyer, family law facilitator, and local self-help centers

**Guides for Managing Someone Else's Money** 1-800-855-2372  
[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov) The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau produces four guides designed to help financial caregivers of older adults understand their duties.

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**951-765-2400**

**Hemet Police Non-Emergency Number**



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Send e-mail to [nmiller@cityofhemet.org](mailto:nmiller@cityofhemet.org) with "Subscribe to Newsletter" "Cancel Newsletter" in or "Edit E-Mail" in subject line. Please include your new e-mail address in the e-mail.

**To DOWNLOAD and/or view Newsletter from our Website:**

Go to [www.hemetpolice.org](http://www.hemetpolice.org) then click on Community Services then Quarterly Newsletter.

**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 officers 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
- 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!*