



Torrance Police Department



OUTLINE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH STARTER MEETING

Torrance Police Officers arrive 10 – 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and have an informal meet and greet with neighbors.

Meeting begins on time (it is very important to respect the time of those in attendance).

Officers will introduce themselves; talk about their experience and about their current assignment. You may have representatives from the following divisions, if available:

- Traffic: Area Traffic Officer
- Patrol: Unit assigned to the area
- Sergeant responsible for the area
- Watch Commander

Once officers answer questions pertaining to their assignments, these officers will leave the meeting – most of these officers are on duty.

The Community Affairs/Community Lead Officer representative(s) will stay behind and talk about:

- Personal safety tips
- Identity theft / Scams
- Programs offered by the department such as Vacation Security Checks and Torrance Alerts
- Neighborhood Watch – value of the program, success stories, how to become active members
- Current crime trends
- Department Updates

This concludes the Police Department portion of the meeting, which is about 30 minutes to an hour long. This may vary depending on the number of questions asked by participants. Neighbors are encouraged to stay after the officers leave to have some time to choose a block captain and co-captain and most importantly to socialize and get to know each other.