

# FPNW Post 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

#### **FRESNO POLICE & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**



## **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

We are a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) corporation engaging in communities all over the city of Fresno to build better, safer neighborhoods for everyone.

## EDUCATE \* EMPOWER \* ENGAGE

#### Sept 2023

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After the first neighborhood watch meeting...

At your first Neighborhood Watch meeting, you likely met with your Community Service officer and/or a Neighborhood Watch representative. You received information on how to be a good witness, what to look out for, and that keeping an open line of communication is key to the success of your group. If you witness a suspicious person, you can alert your neighbors first however, if you witness someone with a weapon or committing a crime in progress such as actively breaking into a car or home, you should call 9-1-1 first with as much detail as possible and then alert your neighbors.

Establish your Good Neighbor Network and an internal communication system. Meet as often as you need and make your gatherings fun too. Schedule meet-and-greet events as you get to know more neighbors. Encourage each neighbor who attends your event to invite a neighbor near them to build on your network. Saturday morning coffee in a driveway, park pizza parties, BBQs in a front yard, or a gathering in a neighborhood park are great ways to build relationships and get to know the people who live near you.

Once you get to know your neighbors, you will naturally start looking out for each other. Your Community Services officers or Neighborhood Watch representatives are always open to invitations to touch bases with your group or address crime concerns as needed. We cannot guarantee that all meetings will be attended by staff every time, but we will surely do our best to accommodate schedules.

Building Relationships Since 1970 HELP CREATE SAFE, BEAUTIFUL, AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS Pg 1 of 8

#### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

## THE ROZ CLARK AWARD

In honor of Roz Clark

**Fresno Police and Neighborhood** Watch



Makefresnosafer.org contactFPNW@gmail.com



#### Fresno Police Non-Emergency

#### 559-621-7000

Online reporting www.fresno.gov/police



TIP HOTLINE 559-498-STO CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP

**Emergency-Life threatening or** crime in progress.

Dial – 9-1-1

**Code enforcement issues** 

Dial 3-1-1

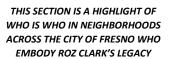
#### Or use the FresGo App



Apple









#### **MANNIE CAMARENA**

Mannie grew her highly successful Neighborhood Watch group in the Shaw Ave and Grantland Ave area from a small group meeting with the Fresno Police Department in 2017 to over 100 active neighbors who communicate and come together for amazing events today. Mannie's events usually include food and as we all know, good food brings people together! Mannie's determination to create a safer Fresno led her to become the very first media and marketing officer for the Fresno Police and Neighborhood Watch Executive Board when the group was renewed in early 2022. Mannie has since stepped down from the role, but she continues to be active in her neighborhood and the community in general. In September, Mannie participated in a Beautify Fresno event for her area and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fresno Neighbors Night Out where her group had a potluck-style event. We applaud Mannie for her continued efforts to make Fresno safer for all.

#### Good Neighbor Tips!: Different vs. Suspicious

Someone different in your neighborhood does not necessarily mean they are there for the wrong reasons. You can alert your neighbors of possible suspicious activity before anything escalates to a crime or police matter. Ideally, any Neighborhood Watch group member at home will go outside or look out their window to see who or what has been spotted. If someone is there for the wrong reasons, they do not want to be seen. Neighbors actively present in their front yard is a deterrent all by itself. If someone is up to no good, they have now been spotted and more than likely, will not be able to commit a crime in your neighborhood and will move on.

We do not want you to ever put yourself in harm's way or aggressively confront anyone. If you feel that you need to speak to someone, coming from a place of help is the best approach. You can ask if they are lost or if they need help. If they respond positively, you have turned a potentially negative situation into a positive one. If the response is negative, we strongly recommend not arguing and disengaging. Alert your neighbors to keep their eyes open and if necessary, call the non-emergency number 621-7000 and alert the police to a suspicious person or activity in your neighborhood. Make sure you have a great description of the person, what they are wearing, height, gender, etc. If someone is committing a crime, please call 9-1-1.

# **DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT**

The Southeast area airport district had a remarkably successful turnout at the annual Christmas in July block party event. The event included live music and performances, food trucks, free haircuts, backpack giveaways, bounce houses, and even mini train rides. FPNW was there, as well as Crime Prevention CSO Beth Wicklander and other distinguished guests and event sponsors. This is an amazing community partnership serving the Southeast community every year.



#### Our inaugural awards ceremony and fundraiser is coming in November.

#### Help us make Fresno Safer for all!







Step into history as we celebrate the enduring impact of Roz Clark's incredible work spanning half a century. This award stands as a testament to her trailblazing efforts that shaped our community.

Roz Clark's dedication laid the foundation for collaboration with community members, volunteers, and the Fresno Police Department, paving the way for a safer tomorrow. As we move forward into an exciting future, we carry her torch of excellence.

The Roz Clark Legacy Award symbolizes her unwavering commitment and marks the path towards progress. Your generous support now ensures her legacy thrives in every corner of our city. Join us in honoring her remarkable journey by championing a safer, stronger community.

If you would like to be a corporate or private sponsor of this event, please email us at <u>Contactfpnw@gmail.com</u>. Tickets to this event will go on sale soon through our website <u>www.makefresnosafer.org</u>.

We are also asking for support via donations of auction items for this event.

Fresno Police and Neighborhood Watch

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Inaugural Roz Clark Legacy Awards Dinner & Fundraiser

Friday, November 3, 2023 5:00РМ-10:00РМ

Buena Vista Event Center North 14860 Hwy 41 Madera, CA 93636

## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**



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Neighborhood Watch is an important part of maintaining safety within your neighborhood. Building relationships within your community and the police department is a recipe for success that we have seen produce amazing results.

Right now, the Southeast Policing District is gearing up for this year's Big Fresno Fair. If you plan on attending, we would like you to keep your personal safety at the forefront and provide some information to help you have an amazing experience.

The Big Fresno Fair was founded in 1884 and is the fifth-largest fair in the state. This year, The Big Fresno Fair will run from October 4 through October 15. Whether you are looking for a corndog, visiting the gem exhibit, checking out the livestock, or want to enjoy the rides the fair has something for everyone in the family. Last year 's fair attracted over 585,000 people and this year the fair is expected to top that count. One of the busiest days at the fair last year had over 85,000 fairgoers.

The Fresno Police Department staffs the interior of the fair with over 600 officers working various shifts throughout its run. The exterior of the fair is the responsibility of the Southeast District and is staffed with multiple officers from the district as well as specialty teams who contribute to patrolling the perimeter.

Even with the number of officers in and around the fair, it is still imperative that you keep your personal safety and the safety of your property in mind. If you live in the area, we encourage you to keep watch on unusual activity surrounding the fair. Please remember to lock your doors and vehicles. Large events can attract opportunist criminals who look to take advantage of others. If you see anything out of the ordinary, please do not hesitate to call.

If you are attending the Big Fresno Fair, there are a couple of tips that we would encourage. The first is to consider parking your vehicle in the designated parking areas or a well-lit or occupied area. Remember to roll up all windows, lock all your doors, and make sure you do not leave anything visible in your car that might attract thieves. Traveling in groups is always a good tip and if you have little children consider placing an information card in their pocket in case you get separated to assist in getting everyone back together. Always keep an eye on your surroundings and report anything suspicious.

The Big Fresno Fair is one of the Jewel events in the Southeast Policing District and the City of Fresno. We here in the Southeast District welcome you to the fair. Please enjoy yourself and above all, have fun.

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**MARY HASKIN** 

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#### Fresno Police and Neighborhood Watch Community Calendar





Have you seen the new and improved Fresno Neighborhood Watch signs around town? If you have a current Neighborhood Watch group or would like to start a new one, go to makefresnosafer.org to request signs in your neighborhood to let everyone know, that your neighbors are making Fresno safer!

#### "School is back in session."

Please remember that you must stop for school bus stop signs when the lights are flashing red. This includes both lanes of traffic on an undivided road. Please help us follow the law, keep our students safe, and set a good example.



#### Fresno Police & Neighborhood Watch Four Ways to Make Your Neighborhood Safer:

1. Exchange this card with four neighbors; one on each side, one in front, and one in the back of you.

2. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity around any one of these houses

3. Let your four neighbors know when you will be gone so they can watch your house

4. Watch your four neighbor's homes while they are gone

Become familiar with your neighbor's vehicles, people living in the house, and when they work.

Don't hesitate to call when you see something abnormal!

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My name is:

Address:

I work at:

Call us at:

**Emergency contact:** 

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