



City of Manhattan Beach

FOUNDED 1912

Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch 30th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch was created in April 1980 by a planning committee of five representing the Police Department, the City Council and the community. It was inspired by Manhattan Beach residents Charlotte and Russ Lesser who brought the idea to Manhattan Beach; and

WHEREAS, with the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch's current volunteer membership of 500 block captains, residential burglaries and overall crime have significantly dropped in part due to the dedicated efforts of block captains who communicate with more than 75% of residents on their blocks; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch provides community education in the following areas: disaster preparedness, sexual assault prevention, drug abuse prevention, crime trends, personal safety, home security training, vacation watch, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch was responsible for the development of several dynamic programs including: Victim Assistance, Finger Printing of Children, Neighborhoods in Action, Domestic Violence Intervention, Y2K Preparation, Disaster Preparedness, Map Your Neighborhood disaster response training and Trifecta (a program that includes jail tours, South Bay Regional Communications Center tours and ride alongs); and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch also participates in community events such as: the Senior Citizen Health Fair, the Police Department's Open House, Beach Beat (a public access cable television show), the Chamber of Commerce's Santa Float Program, the Hometown Fair and Police Auction, the National Night Out Against Crime, the Community Police Academy, ShakeOut Earthquake Drills and Neighborhood Watch's 15th & 20th Anniversary Celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch continues to respond to the special needs of the Manhattan Beach Police Department through Police Memorial activities, the Open Garage Door Campaign, graffiti abatement, water contamination problems, community alerts during crime scene investigations, alerts in the neighborhood for residential and vehicle burglaries, vandalism, mail theft and unsecured property; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch program and individual members have received significant recognition for their involvement with: the Manhattan Beach City Council, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles Community Protectors, the SoCal Emergency Service Association, the California Legislative Assembly, the State of California and Congresswoman Jane Harman's office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council on behalf of the residents and citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach, does hereby share in the celebration of the

MANHATTAN BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH's 30th ANNIVERSARY

and commend the volunteers for their dedication to this community.

DATED: this 6th day of April, 2010.

MAYOR

