



# District IV Neighborhood Watch Bulletin



## September 2011

Summary by Crime Type	July 2011	August 2011
Burglary-Armed	2	3
Burglary- Business	23	11
Burglary-Residence	75	76
Burglary-Vehicle	71	70
Robbery-Business	7	1
Robbery-Person	3	8
Theft- Vehicle/Other Mobile	29	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>191</b>



### \*\* Crime Prevention \*\*

#### September is National Preparedness Month

Emergency preparedness is no longer just the concern of earthquake prone Californians, mid-westerners in the path of "Tornado Alley" or us hurricane prone southerners and east-coasters. Today, emergency preparedness is a vital concern for all Americans and should include contingencies for both man-made and natural disasters alike. Knowing ahead of time what to do in the event of an emergency can make all the difference in the world. September is National Preparedness Month and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Florida Division Of Emergency Management, Hillsborough County Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Office want to encourage all Hillsborough County residents to take the time to prepare for the unexpected. FEMA's website, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), has a variety of information on-line and recommends following these three basic steps.

**Get a Kit** Be prepared to make due with what you have on hand for a minimum of three days or more. Consider first the items needed to provide you with fresh water, food, clean air and comfort second. Also prepare two kits: one for staying where you are, if it is safe; and a smaller one to take with you, if you must evacuate.

**Make a Plan** Formulate a plan of what you and your family will do in the event of an emergency. Your family may not all be together when a disaster strikes, so plan for exactly how and where you will make contact with each other ahead of time. Depending on the scenario, the first important decision may be to stay or evacuate, so plan ahead exactly what your family is going to do in the event of either one.

**Be Informed** Some things you can prepare for in an emergency are the same, regardless of the type of the emergency; such as making a supply list and formulating a plan. However, it is important to stay informed about the kind of emergencies that are more likely to affect your region and what the proper response might be. Adapt this information to your own personal circumstance and familiarize yourself with the emergency plans already established in your area by your state and local government. For more information please visit:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)  
[www.floridadiaster.org](http://www.floridadiaster.org)  
[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency)

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