

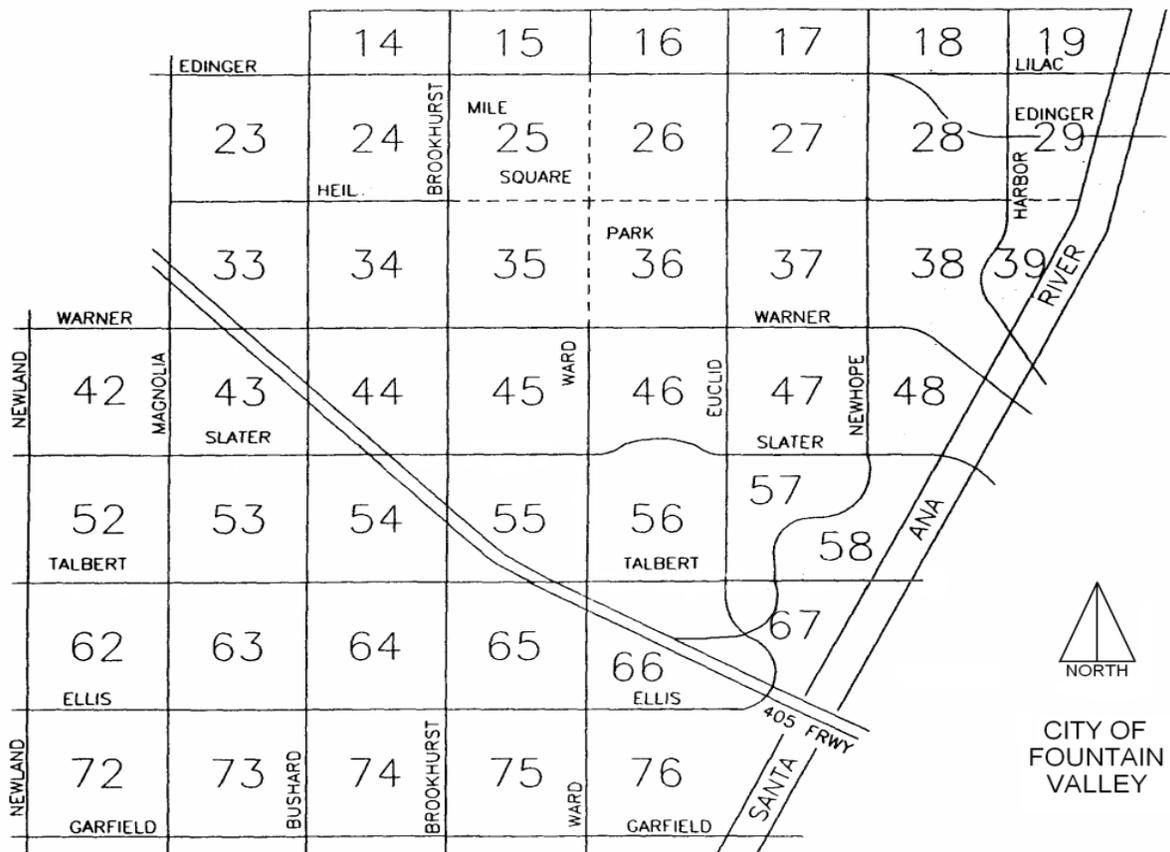


# FOUNTAIN VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CRIME TRENDS AND ANALYSIS

**MARCH 2013**

### Fountain Valley Reporting Districts (RD)



## TIP OF THE MONTH: CHARITY SCAMS



### Signs of a Charity Scam

These days, charities and fundraisers (groups that solicit funds on behalf of organizations) use the phone, face-to-face contact, email, the internet (including social networking sites), and mobile devices to solicit and obtain donations. Naturally, scammers use these same methods to take advantage of your goodwill.

Regardless of how they reach you, avoid any charity or fundraiser that:

- Refuses to provide detailed information about its identity, mission, costs, and how the donation will be used.
- Won't provide proof that a contribution is tax deductible.
- Uses a name that closely resembles that of a better-known, reputable organization.
- Thanks you for a pledge you don't remember making.
- Uses high-pressure tactics like trying to get you to donate immediately, without giving you time to think about it and do your research.
- Asks for donations in cash or asks you to wire money.
- Offers to send a courier or overnight delivery service to collect the donation immediately.
- Guarantees sweepstakes winnings in exchange for a contribution. By law, you never have to give a donation to be eligible to win a sweepstakes.

### Charity Checklist

Take the following precautions to make sure your donation benefits the people and organizations you want to help.

- Ask for detailed information about the charity, including name, address, and telephone number.
- Get the exact name of the organization and do some research. Searching the name of the organization online — especially with the word “complaint(s)” or “scam”— is one way to learn about its reputation.
- Call the charity. Find out if the organization is aware of the solicitation and has authorized the use of its name. The organization's development staff should be able to help you.
- Find out if the charity or fundraiser must be registered in your state by contacting the [National Association of State Charity Officials](#).
- Check if the charity is trustworthy by contacting the [Better Business Bureau's \(BBB\) Wise Giving Alliance](#), [Charity Watch](#), or [GuideStar](#).
- Keep a record of your donations.
- Visit this [Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\) webpage](#) to find out which organizations are eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.

- Know the difference between “tax exempt” and “tax deductible.” Tax exempt means the organization doesn’t have to pay taxes. Tax deductible means you can deduct your contribution on your federal income tax return.
- Never send cash donations. For security and tax purposes, it’s best to pay by check — made payable to the charity — or by credit card.
- Never wire money to someone claiming to be a charity. Scammers often request donations to be wired because wiring money is like sending cash: once you send it, you can’t get it back.
- Do not provide your credit or check card number, bank account number or any personal information until you’ve thoroughly researched the charity.
- Be wary of charities that spring up too suddenly in response to current events and natural disasters. Even if they are legitimate, they probably don’t have the infrastructure to get the donations to the affected area or people.
- If a donation request comes from a group claiming to help your local community (for example, local police or firefighters), ask the local agency if they have heard of the group and are getting financial support.

## Report Charity Scams

If you think you’ve been the victim of a charity scam or if a fundraiser has violated Do Not Call rules, [file a complaint](#) with the Federal Trade Commission. Your complaints can help detect patterns of wrong-doing and lead to investigations and prosecutions.

**SCAM  
ALERT**

## COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

- RD 34 9800 block of Warner between 03/22/13 @ 2030 and 03/23/13 @ 0800 hrs. (Three businesses affected)
- RD 47 17200 block of Mt Wynne between 03/14/13 @ 2000 and 03/15/13 @ 0600 hrs.
- RD 52 17900 block of Magnolia on 03/20/13 @ 0504 hrs.
- RD 52 8600 block of El Lago on 03/25/13 @ 0152 hrs.
- RD 53 16900 block of Magnolia on 03/18/13 @ 0413 hrs.
- RD 54 17800 block of Bushard on 03/03/13 @ 1604 hrs.
- RD 54 17800 block of Bushard on 03/27/13 between 1340 and 1515 hrs.
- RD 66 18300 block of Mt. Baldy on 03/23/13 between 0308 and 0315 hrs. Suspect vehicle is described as a 2004-2008 Chevy Savannah, white in color and missing the passenger side sliding door.
- RD 67 18000 block of Newhope on 03/15/13 @ 2253 hrs.
- RD 74 18700 block of Brookhurst on 03/09/13 @ 0236 hrs. Suspects were described as 3 M/B wearing hoodies and gloves.

## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

- RD 24 9900 block of Thistle on 03/21/13 @ 1331 hrs. Suspect was taken into custody.
- RD 27 11400 block of Delphinium between 03/12/13 @ 2000 and 03/13/13 @ 0300 hrs.
- RD 28 11600 block of Azalea on 03/22/13 between 0740 and 1600 hrs.
- RD 38 16700 block of Terrel on 03/20/13 between 1200 and 1351 hrs.
- RD 44 17300 block of Brookhurst between 03/27/13 @ 0700 and 03/29/13 @ 0700 hrs. Possible suspect identified.
- RD 46 10700 block of El Silbido between 03/01/13 @ 2300 and 03/02/13 @ 0600 hrs.
- RD 46 10600 block of El Silbido on 03/02/13 @ 0330 hrs. Attempt only. Suspect was described as a male, 20's, 5'10", 200 lbs, with a heavy build.
- RD 46 10700 block of El Paso between 03/02/13 @ 2200 and 03/03/13 @ 1030 hrs.
- RD 46 17100 block of Staedler on 03/03/13 between 0250 and 0350.
- RD 63 9100 block of Otter River on 03/20/13 between 1810 and 1939 hrs.

RD 74 18800 block of Mt Cimarron between 03/12/13 @ 2100 and 03/13/13 @ 0546 hrs. Attempt only. \*\*

RD 74 18800 block of Mt Cimarron on 03/13/13 between 0100 and 0450 hrs. \*\*

RD 74 9800 block of James River on 03/13/13 between 0200 and 0300 hrs. \*\*

RD 74 9900 block of White River on 03/13/13 @ 0315 hrs. Attempt only. \*\*

RD 74 18800 block of Mt Cimarron on 03/13/13 @ 0342 hrs. \*\*

RD 74 18900 block of Mt Cimarron on 03/13/13 between 0400 and 0540 hrs. Attempt only. \*\*

RD 74 18900 block of Mt Cimarron on 03/13/13 @ 0525 hrs. Attempt only. \*\*

\*\* Three suspects were taken into custody in relation to these burglaries.

## VEHICLE BURGLARY

RD 15 10400 block of Margarita on 03/28/13 between 1930 and 2300 hrs.

RD 24 9600 block of Carnation between 03/08/13 @ 1500 and 03/09/13 @ 1315 hrs.

RD 25 16400 block of Brookhurst on 03/10/13 between 0800 and 1500 hrs.

RD 25 16400 block of Brookhurst on 03/10/13 between 0810 and 1000 hrs.

RD 28 Shasta/Azalea between 03/08/13 @ 2000 and 03/09/13 @ 0018 hrs.

RD 29 16400 block of Aberdene Mountain between 03/07/13 @ 1630 and 03/08/13 @ 0600 hrs.

RD 43 17300 block of Oak on 03/12/13 @ 0129 hrs. Three suspects were taken into custody.

RD 47 11400 block of Warner on 03/11/13 between 0810 and 0945 hrs.

RD 55 10100 block of Talbert on 03/29/13 between 1000 and 1130 hrs.

RD 66 10800 block of Kalama River on 03/15/13 @ 2000 hrs.

RD 73 9100 block of Oriole between 03/02/13 @ 2200 and 03/03/13 @ 0900 hrs.

RD 73 9300 block of Grackle between 03/20/13 @ 2040 and 03/21/13 @ 0654 hrs.

RD 73 18600 block of Prunus on 03/21/13 between 0010 and 0625 hrs.

## STOLEN VEHICLE

- RD 19 Lilac/Harbor between 03/08/13 @ 2200 and 03/09/13 @ 0830 hrs. The vehicle was recovered by Santa Ana PD with no one in custody.
- RD 23 9100 block of Columbine on 03/30/13 @ 2200 hrs. The vehicle was recovered by Westminster PD with no one in custody.
- RD 27 11200 block of Bellflower on 03/09/13 between 1600 and 1630 hrs. The vehicle was recovered by Anaheim PD with one suspect taken into custody.
- RD 27 11000 block of Bellflower between 03/23/13 @ 2100 and 03/24/13 @ 1230 hrs. 1998 Honda Civic, green in color. The vehicle has not been located.
- RD 28 16400 block of Harbor on 03/19/13 between 0745 and 1715 hrs. The vehicle was recovered by LAPD – Southeast Division with no one in custody.
- RD 37 Warner/Euclid on 03/20/13 between 1330 and 1730 hrs. The vehicle was recovered by Santa Ana PD with no one in custody.
- RD 62 9500 block of Toucan between 03/12/13 @ 2200 and 03/13/13 @ 1140 hrs. The vehicle was recovered by OC Sheriff's Dept with no one in custody.
- RD 74 9600 block of Nightingale between 03/02/13 @ 1700 and 03/03/13 @ 0855 hrs. The vehicle was recovered by Fountain Valley PD with no one in custody.

## RECOVERED VEHICLES STOLEN FROM OTHER CITIES

- RD 38 16800 Mt Hutchings on 03/12/13 @ 1456 hrs. The vehicle was originally taken from Anaheim. No one in custody.
- RD 75 Brookhurst/Garfield on 03/26/13 @ 1120 hrs. The vehicle was originally taken from Temecula. No one in custody.

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### FROM 03-01-13 TO 03-07-13

<u>RD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TAGGING OR CREW</u>
23	7	16200 Hickory	Mama Ego Westminster WM Over
28	1	Iris/Edinger	Illegible
28	1	Newhope/Rosemary	Illegible
28	1	Newhope/Heil	DKC
28	3	Everest/Heil	SE SEK Vato Nite Come out and play
38	1	Harbor/Goodale	DK
39	1	Harbor/SA	BBC
47	12	17300 Euclid	SE Chugg Resk Vato
52	2	8700 El Lago	Obscenities

**FROM 03-08-13 TO 03-14-13**

<u>RD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TAGGING OR CREW</u>
27	1	11400 Delphinium	666 FTW
28	9	16400 Everest	SE RTB BACKS HEMP "ENTER AT YOUR RISK"
28	1	San Jacinto/Azalea	SF Bruh BAC BEWARE RTBK
37	2	17300 Euclid	BUST BUENO VATOFOK 1SE
43	2	Bushard/La Luna	PHDK

**FROM 03-15-13 TO 03-21-13**

<u>RD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TAGGING OR CREW</u>
16	1	Lehnardt/Los Reyes	Illegible
29	1	Harbor/Heil	RTBC RIP BAM
62	3	Ellis/Sta Alberta	SAUCED....WGFK

**NO TAGRS FROM 03-20-13 TO 03-27-13**

**FROM 03-22-13 TO 04-03-13**

<u>RD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TAGGING OR CREW</u>
23	3	16200 Hickory St	MEMO WM "Can't STOP WMOB" AKHO TAGGERSTYLE PHO DEKHOOD 2013
28	1	Edinger/Iris	RTBC
28	1	Edinger/Iris	BISC
28	1	Newhope/Heil	Illegible
73	1	18700 Cordata	Obscenities

## COYOTE OBSERVATION LOG

- RD 46** 17200 block of Los Jardines West on 03/28/13 @ 0540 hrs. Coyote following a person with a dog.
- RD 56** Los Jardines East/Slater on 03/16/13 @ 0104 hrs. Coyote seen in the area.
- RD 57** Newhope/Talbert on 03/10/13 @ 0059 hrs. Two coyotes seen in the area.
- RD 72** 18700 block of Santa Isadora on 03/21/13 @ 1830 hrs. Coyote seen in the area.

- 4 - Total coyote related incidents
- 4 - Actual coyote sightings
- 1 - Sightings with multiple coyotes
- 0 - Sightings with coyote(s) preying on a cat or dog

\*\* All calls were relayed to Orange County Animal Control.



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