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BULLETIN

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Unlicensed Curb Painting / Solicitors

The Torrance Police Department has been receiving a number of phone calls and emails regarding the legality of companies that are going door-to-door offering to repaint the address numbers on your curb for a fee of \$15.00 - \$20.00.

This issue has come up before as these transient companies make their way through various South Bay communities. However, the City of Torrance does not and has not, contracted with any company to repaint curb numbers. There are no outside companies licensed or otherwise permitted by the City to provide this type of service. Some companies infer that they are licensed by the City of Torrance to conduct this type of work on the City's behalf, but they are not.

Citizens are reminded that this type of activity – both the door-to-door solicitation and curb painting, require a City of Torrance Business License as well as door to door solicitation permit. As this curb painting is not a sanctioned City function, you should be very conscious of the fact that the businesses/individuals that are asking for your money are in no way connected with the City of Torrance and that neither the City nor the Police Department have any way of knowing who these individuals are. Citizens are reminded to use caution if they choose to deal with these companies/individuals. To report this type of illegal solicitation, contact the Police Department at (310) 328-3456.

For further safety tips, check the Torrance Police Department website at www.torrancepd.org or www.tpd.tornet.com. The Torrance Police also offer Community Safety Training seminars that are free of charge and open to all Torrance residents. These seminars cover a wide range of safety related information and are offered on a quarterly basis.

Any citizens with further questions regarding this crime can contact the Community Affairs Division at CommunityAffairs@tornet.com