



Gardena, CA



Gardena Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Emergency	911	Detectives	(310) 217-9607
Non-Emergency	(310) 323-7911	Graffiti/Potholes	(310) 217-9650
Police Records	(310) 217-9600	Community Affairs	(310) 965-2321



Gardena Direct is an App which is free to the public and provides the community an easy way to receive updates about what's happening in Gardena, submit requests for service (graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, etc.), and track their requests.

To submit a report:

On the Web: http://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?client_id=1000006

OR Download the app on the Google Play Store or Apple Store App – Search for “Gardena Direct”

Message from Chief Medrano: Police, Streets, and Development Services & CPCA Presidency



For the past seven years, I oversaw the Police, Streets, and Development Services Departments (PSDS), or also known as the super department. In this capacity, I led a combined department responsible for public safety, public works, community and economic development, planning, engineering, building services, code enforcement and permitting and licensing.

As of February 27, 2017, the PSDS Departments were no longer a super

department. Our new General Services Director, Joseph Cruz, is now in charge of overseeing Public Works, Community Development, and Economic Development, and I only oversee the Police Department. I have been honored to serve as the Director of PSDS for the past seven years, but I am glad we have Joseph on board!

On April 12, 2017, I will become the President of the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA). The CPCA was established in 1966 and comprised of more than 1500 members; including California police chiefs, members of their command staff, and retired police chiefs. The Association represents 332 municipal police departments where association members provide public safety for more than 26 million Californians.

CPCA advocates for sound policy and on public safety issues at the state capitol and has an active government relations program. They also provide professional development and training to police chiefs and seconds in command throughout California.

I am honored to serve as the President of the California Police Chiefs Association!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (310) 217-9601, or chief@gardenapd.org.



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How much do you know about your city and who ya gonna call?



Please submit your answers via email to aquiroz@gardenapd.org by April 23rd. Person who answers the most questions correctly will receive a gift certificate. If there are multiple winners, one person will be chosen at random as the winner.

Answer each question below by circling the best answer (s).

1. Gardena became an incorporated city in what year?
 - A. 1864
 - B. 1965
 - C. 1930
 - D. 1710
2. "Who ya gonna call" if you see a stranger climbing in your neighbor's bathroom window?
 - A. Code Enforcement
 - B. 911
 - C. Police Dispatch
 - D. Your Neighborhood Watch Lieutenant
3. Which newspaper, if any, is available in Gardena?
 - A. LA Gardena Valley Weekly
 - B. Tri-City Local
 - C. GVN
 - D. None of the above
4. What is the newest technical advancement that the Gardena PD uses?
 - A. Recorders
 - B. Body-Worn Cameras
 - C. Bear Cat
 - D. Computer Based Charting
5. Who is the Chief of Police?
 - A. Steve Prendergast
 - B. Tom Kang
 - C. Ed Medrano
 - D. None of the above
6. What are some reasons for attending Neighborhood Watch meetings?
 - A. Learn how you can become more proactive
 - B. Get to know your neighbors
 - C. Receive crime and statistics
 - D. Get to know and work with the Gardena police officers
 - E. Be able to eat
 - F. All of the above
7. Do you have to get a permit for a garage/yard sale?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
8. If a tree on your property falls down "who ya gonna call"?
 - A. No one, its your problem
 - B. Public Works
 - C. Kelly Fujio
9. "Who ya gonna call" if a street light is out?
 - A. Your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
 - B. Public Works
 - C. Police Dispatch
 - D. Southern California Edison
10. How many Captains are there in the Police Department?
 - A. 3
 - B. 0
 - C. 2
 - D. 1

Submitted by:

Char Lynch

Former Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Chief of Police Citizen Advisory Panel

Gift Certificate Provided by:

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Officer Highlight



Officer Bazan

Officer Bazan has dedicated herself to the Gardena Police Department for the past 8 years. She was raised and resided in Gardena for 25 years before recently relocating. Before becoming a police officer, Bazan was part of the Explorer program, which she joined at age 15. Officer Bazan has worked a variety of assignments including patrol, bike patrol, peer support, explorer advisor, and public information officer. During the last week of March, she became a Gang Investigator for the Special Enforcement Unit. Officer Bazan's most memorable memory dates back to the summer of 2016, when a 14 year old child with a disorder became unresponsive. Due to Officer Bazan's quick arrival and actions, the boy gained consciousness after she performed CPR on him. She enjoys making a difference in the community which she serves.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Highlight



Annie Roddy

District 3 NW Coordinator

Chief of Police Citizen Advisory Panel Member

WHAT CAUSED YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

My reason for involvement in Neighborhood Watch came when I lived in a neighboring city. It started just as a greet-and-meet with neighbors. I would introduce myself and bring a broom and dust pan to welcome new neighbors that moved into our community. However, it then grew and we invited our local

Sheriffs Department. In doing this, it provided us open dialogue with the Police. The Police would come and talk about our interests and needs as well as provide us with Crime Stats. After twelve years of serving in that community, I found myself relocating.

I originally grew up in Gardena and then left to start my own family. Upon settling in a number of years ago, I decided I wanted to get involved. Well, as things would have it a nearby neighbor's home got broken into. A neighbor that lived closer had an emergency meeting. Again, it got people talking and it was then that I held the next meeting in my home. I quickly invited the Fire Department and the Gardena Police Department and each gave a great presentation. That meeting left residents thinking about safety measures and some new information.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM?

What I like most about our Community Watch Program is that, first and foremost, I have met so many people. These are people that I probably would have never met otherwise. In getting involved, I later was finding myself attending many events like Ice Cream Socials, Movies In The Park, and A Spring Craft Sale at the Nakaoka Center. Secondly, I enjoy seeing people that were once shy to speak at a meeting, later find themselves volunteering and becoming more involved.

In closing, I hope to see my fellow residents of Gardena at one of the many events we have in the City. Should you be reading this Newsletter for the first time, I want to invite you to a meeting or an upcoming social.

Buy / Sell Website Safety Tips

The Gardena Police Department is the safest location to complete transactions!

Always remember...

- Don't meet in a secluded area.
- Perform the transactions during daylight hours.
- Don't invite strangers into your home, and don't go to theirs.
- Don't go alone.
- Trust your instincts.
- Be cautious when buying/selling high valuable items.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it normally is.
- Tell a friend or family member about your intentions.
- Take your cell phone with you.

See Something, Say Something

(310) 323-7911



Neighborhood Watch Meetings

District One

Lt. Prendergast (310) 217-9686

Holly Park HOA

Rowley Park Community Room - 13220 S. Van Ness Ave)
1st Thursday of every month @ 7 PM.

Wilkie NW Group

Ms. Kathy Haynes' home -
13816 Wilkie Ave
2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7 PM

NE Quadrant NW

Community Room of GTran Municipal Trans. Facility -
13999 S Western Ave
Last Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 PM

Casimir Gate Keepers Block Watch

Meets Quarterly, Contact
District Lt for upcoming dates

Hass Ave Block Watch

13123 Haas Ave
Contact District Lt for upcoming dates

District Two

Lt. Fox (310) 217-9651

Junipero Serra High School

14830 S. Van Ness
2nd Thursday of every month
@ 7:00 PM

CrossRoad NW

Crossroad Church - 15916 Crenshaw Blvd
Last Monday, monthly @
7:00 PM

Doerschel Residence

1319 W 147th Street
3rd Thursday of every other odd month @ 7:00 PM

Melville NW

2718 W. 143rd Place
Contact District Lt for upcoming dates

District Three

Lt. Lee (310) 217-9612

Area One

Gardena Juvenile Justice Center
16206 Western Ave Suite F
3rd Thursday of every even month @ 7:00 PM

Area Two

Arthur Johnson Park
1200 W. 170th Street
4th Tuesday of every even month @ 7:00 PM

Area Three and Four

Gardena Juvenile Justice Center
16206 Western Ave Suite F
4th Thursday of every odd month @ 7:00 PM

Garden West Mobile Estates

17700 S. Western Ave
2nd Wednesday of every even month @ 7:00PM



The Best Neighborhood Watch May Be Who You Least Expect!



Lisa (Cellesia) Campbell
Gardena Post Office Mail Carrier

Lisa Campbell was born in Arkansas and moved to the City of Gardena in 1978. One of her first jobs after graduating from Gardena High School was as a babysitter at a day-care across the street from Purche Elementary School. During her time there, she would take the children to the playground after school. There, she watched Purche's Drill

Team preparing for an upcoming Martin Luther King Parade and having been part of the Gardena High School Drill Team herself, she became interested in the Purche Drill Team and would help in whatever they needed. After a short time, they asked her to become part of their drill team and march in the MLK parade. This was the first MLK parade that Gardena had with a specific route and street closures. Its route was from 132nd to Marine and from Western to 162nd St.

In 1989, she was hired at the Gardena Post Office and has been working for Gardena P.O. for the past 28 years. There, she was a mail carrier in District 3 for eight years and then transferred to El Camino Village for 19 years. Most recently, she has been covering District 2. Lisa is a great example of Neighborhood Watch because she is well aware of everyone that lives in the neighborhood, who is and is not home, and the vehicles that are driven by residents. She is very familiar with the residents that she delivers to, that she knows when someone is having a bad day or needs help or words of encouragement. When there is a new neighbor in her area, she makes sure to welcome them to the City. She also knows when something/someone looks suspicious and up to no good. She is always looking out for the community which she lives in and serves. This is why she is a perfect example of Neighborhood Watch. Make sure to say hello to Lisa when you see her delivering mail to District 2!



Crime Update

The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of March. The tables list the amount of crimes we have had in the past two months. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please go to www.gardenapd.org.

Feb. '17

Robbery	18
Res. Burglary	14
Comm. Burglary	13
Vehicle Crimes	46
Assaults	12

Mar. '17

Robbery	16
Res. Burglary	17
Comm. Burglary	9
Vehicle Crimes	48
Assaults	14





Text 'Gardena' to 888777
for updates from GPD about road
closures, events, crimes, and more.

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www.gardenapd.org



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Gardena Police

Department



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Map Your Neighborhood -- a program that can
save lives and property in a disaster!

Why Map Your Neighborhood ?



"Map Your Neighborhood" (MYN) is a program designed to help neighbors prepare for disasters and is offered through the Gardena Police Department Emergency Preparedness Office.

MYN will help you to:

- Learn the **"9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster"** to secure your home and protect your neighborhood. It is hard to think clearly following disaster and these steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the **Skills and Equipment** each neighbor has that would be useful in an effective disaster response. Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills helps your disaster response to be timely, and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way.
- Create a **Neighborhood Map** identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick responses if needed.
- Create a **Contact List** that helps identify those with specific needs such as the elderly, disabled, or children who may be home alone during certain hours of the day.

For More Information

Please Contact:
Mark Clayson
Daphne MYN Coordinator
(310) 327-7398
m.clayson@sbcglobal.net



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Contact **Mark Clayson** at (310) 327-7398 or
m.clayson@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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If you would like to add crime prevention tips or articles to our next newsletter, please email them to aquiroz@gardenapd.org.

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

If you are not on our E-mailing list, please email aquiroz@gardenapd.org and request to be added.

WELCOME FOLDERS FOR NEW RESIDENTS!

A new outreach method the Gardena Police Department has created is the Welcome Folders for our new residents. These folders include a welcome letter from Chief Medrano, information regarding Neighborhood Watch, and a variety of City and Police resources.

If you are a new resident or know someone who recently moved into your neighborhood, please email aquiroz@gardenapd.org with the new resident's name and address!



Gardena Police Department

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