



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: K9 Unit

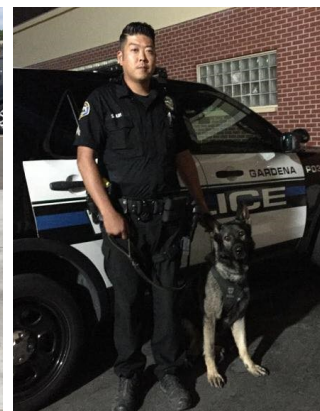


If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (310) 217-9601, or chief@gardenapd.org.

The Gardena Police Department is pleased to welcome our newest member to the family, K9 Amir. Officer Steve Kim was recently promoted to K9 handler and was assigned to work with Amir. Amir is a two year old German Shepherd who was imported from Germany, and thus, his first language is German. He has completed his basic academy and is now working on his field training. He will soon be deployed to our Patrol shift.

With the addition of Amir, Gardena PD now has two K9s. Our other K9 unit is formed by K9 Reno and Officer Michael Bergeron. Reno is a six year old German Shepherd and was imported from the Czech Republic. He joined the Gardena Police Department in 2014.

Our K9s ride with their handlers on patrol and are trained to find people, articles (guns, clothing, keys, etc.), and narcotics.



8 Tips to Protect Yourself From ATM Skimming

The City of Gardena has recently experienced a case of ATM Skimming, a process in which a device attached to an ATM allows criminals to steal your financial data -- and your money. Follow the tips below to keep your debit and credit cards safer.



1. Know What to Look For

Skimmers are small electronic devices that fit over the slot you swipe (or push) your debit and credit cards into, which steal your card details. If anything seems out of place, unusually bulky, or poorly affixed to the machine, gently tug on it. If it moves or comes away from the ATM, it may be a skimming device.

2. Look for Hidden Cameras

Skimming is a two-step process because criminals can also obtain your PIN. This is often done with a pinhole camera hidden on or near an ATM.

Look for anything that may have a tiny hole or slot for a camera to be placed inside, especially if it's aimed at the keypad. These devices may be stuck to the top or side of the machine, or placed inside light fixtures above it.

Many ATMs will also have security cameras attached to them, and these are usually much more obvious and permanent. If in doubt, check with bank personnel or seek out another machine.

3. Check the Keypad

Some criminals have also used keypad overlays instead of cameras to capture customers' PINs. These devices record keystrokes electronically, so check for anything that seems to have been placed over the top of the keypad that moves, seems unusual, or does not match the ATM.

4. Protect Your PIN

Always use your hand to shield your PIN as you enter it, and be aware of anyone standing too close who may be attempting to watch. Also, never write down your PIN; memorize it.

5. Know Your Surroundings

Machines with a lot of customers, especially in tourist areas, are the most likely to be targeted by criminals. Look for an ATM that's inside a bank or within the sight of a security camera, where scammers would be less likely to take a risk.

Be wary of anyone loitering by machines, especially when using an ATM, and don't let strangers help you with supposedly "broken" machines.

6. What to Do if You Fall Victim to Fraud

You are not liable for any fraudulent transactions and, if you report it early, you will get the money back -- but it may take some time.

You have 60 days upon receiving a statement to report suspicious activity and are protected under federal law by the Truth in Lending Act and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act.

7. Get to Know Your Bank

Understand their policies for preventing fraud and their procedures for helping victims. It's also a good idea to understand what your bank's security procedures are and what they are for. The secret questions and multiple passwords might be annoying, but they keep your details safer.

If you use an ATM regularly and the appearance of the card slot changes, contact bank personnel to alert them.

8. Check Your Statements Regularly

It's important to keep an eye out for anything on your statement that seems unlikely -- or impossible.

If you don't already use online banking, it's worth considering. Being able to quickly access and search through your statements could help you to identify these transactions and allow you to report them much sooner.

Officer Highlight



Lieutenant Brock

Lieutenant Brock has dedicated himself to the Gardena Police Department for the past seventeen years. He was recently promoted to District Lieutenant after being the Sergeant of the Special Enforcement Unit for two and a

half years. Before becoming a police officer for the City of Gardena, Brock was a Reserve Officer for the City of Hawthorne. He decided to pursue a career in law enforcement because he knew he wanted to help people and make a difference in the community. Lieutenant Brock has worked a variety of assignments including patrol, Traffic Officer, Field Training Officer, Administrative Officer, and Special Enforcement Unit Sergeant. Additionally, he served five and a half years as president of the GPOA Union. What he enjoys most about being in the law enforcement field, is that no day is ever the same and that it's unknown what tomorrow will bring. Brock's favorite memory as Sergeant is the camaraderie that comes from running a team, solving problems, and making people feel safe. Lieutenant Brock will be the District 2 Lieutenant and looks forward to working with its citizens!

Congratulations, Lieutenant Brock & Sergeant Sargent

On July 20th, Lieutenant David Brock and Sergeant Michael Sargent were promoted.

Lieutenant Brock has been with our department for 17 years. He currently holds a Masters degree and was the supervisor of our Special Enforcement Unit. Dave will be the new District 2 Lieutenant.

Sergeant Sargent has been with our department for 15 years. He was previously a Detective in our Robbery Homicide division where he has worked on many high profile cases. He has worked as a training officer and was certified as a gang expert with our local gangs. Mike will be one of our Patrol Sergeants.

Congrats to both!!





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. Brock (310) 217-6128

Junipero Serra High School
14830 S. Van Ness
2nd Thursday of every month
@ 6:30 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



Crime Update

The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of July. 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.

June '17

Robbery	24
Res. Burglary	12
Comm. Burglary	20
Vehicle Crimes	56
Assaults	18

July '17

Robbery	20
Res. Burglary	22
Comm. Burglary	13
Vehicle Crimes	52
Assaults	17





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for updates from GPD about road
closures, events, crimes, and more.

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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:
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Daphne MYN Coordinator
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m.clayson@sbcglobal.net for more information.

CONTRIBUTE

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!



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