



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](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: National Night Out



Over the past six to seven years, the Gardena Police Department has been participating in National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that is primarily designed to heighten crime & drug prevention awareness and to strengthen neighborhood spirit & police-community relations. This program takes place on the first Tuesday of August and is sponsored by the Na-

tional Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by Target and the Gardena Police Department, and will involve more than 12,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases around the world.

On Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 7PM-9PM, the Gardena Police Department would like to invite all of our community members for a night of fun. The event will take place at Target, 2169 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. There will be Coffee with a Cop, food, games, prizes, and more!

This is a great opportunity to meet your City's Police Officers, neighbors, and ask Deputy Chief Thomas Kang any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you at National Night Out!

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



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
CRIME®**



In light of a recent fumigation tent burglary, we would like to remind our residents to be cautious when planning a fumigation.

Burglars use fumigation tents as opportunities and generally enter the residence by going under the tent or cutting through the tent and forcing entry into the tented residence. The most commonly stolen items are house and car keys, personal documents, money, jewelry, and small electronics.

Gardena PD offers services such as extra patrol. If you're planning to fumigate your home, **please notify us** in advance by coming to the PD lobby, through our Gardena Direct App, or by contacting your District Lieutenant!

**In addition:**

- Remove any small valuables such as money, jewelry, keys, personal documents, and small electronics.
- Take all home and vehicle keys with you.
- Advise your neighbors so they can be vigilant and report any suspicious persons or activity during the fumigation process.



## Officer Highlight



**Deputy Chief Thomas Kang**

Gardena Police Department's Police Explorer program at 14 years old, and has been a dedicated and loyal employee serving the City of Gardena. Deputy Chief Kang has a wide range of experience and education. He has worked a variety of assignments including patrol, canine handler, field training officer, gang enforcement, traffic enforcement, traffic investigations; furthermore, he was in charge of the South bay regional DUI task-force for several years and has been a trainer and mentor for the department. He moved up the ranks throughout the years and has recently been promoted from Captain to Deputy Chief.

For the past 36 years, Deputy Chief Kang has dedicated himself to the Gardena Police Department. He joined the

Deputy Chief Kang said, "It's a privilege and honor to serve our great city of Gardena, I am truly blessed to be a member of the Gardena Police Department!"

## Congratulations, Deputy Chief!



**After 5 1/2 years in our Fleet Team, Kevin Moore will be leaving us to be part of Regional Call Center (Dispatch)! Good luck, Kevin!**



*\*Some of our fleet members, Kevin pictured in middle.*

## 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 147<sup>th</sup> Street  
**3rd Thursday of every other odd month @ 7:00  
PM**

**Melville NW**  
2718 W. 143<sup>rd</sup> 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. 170<sup>th</sup> 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

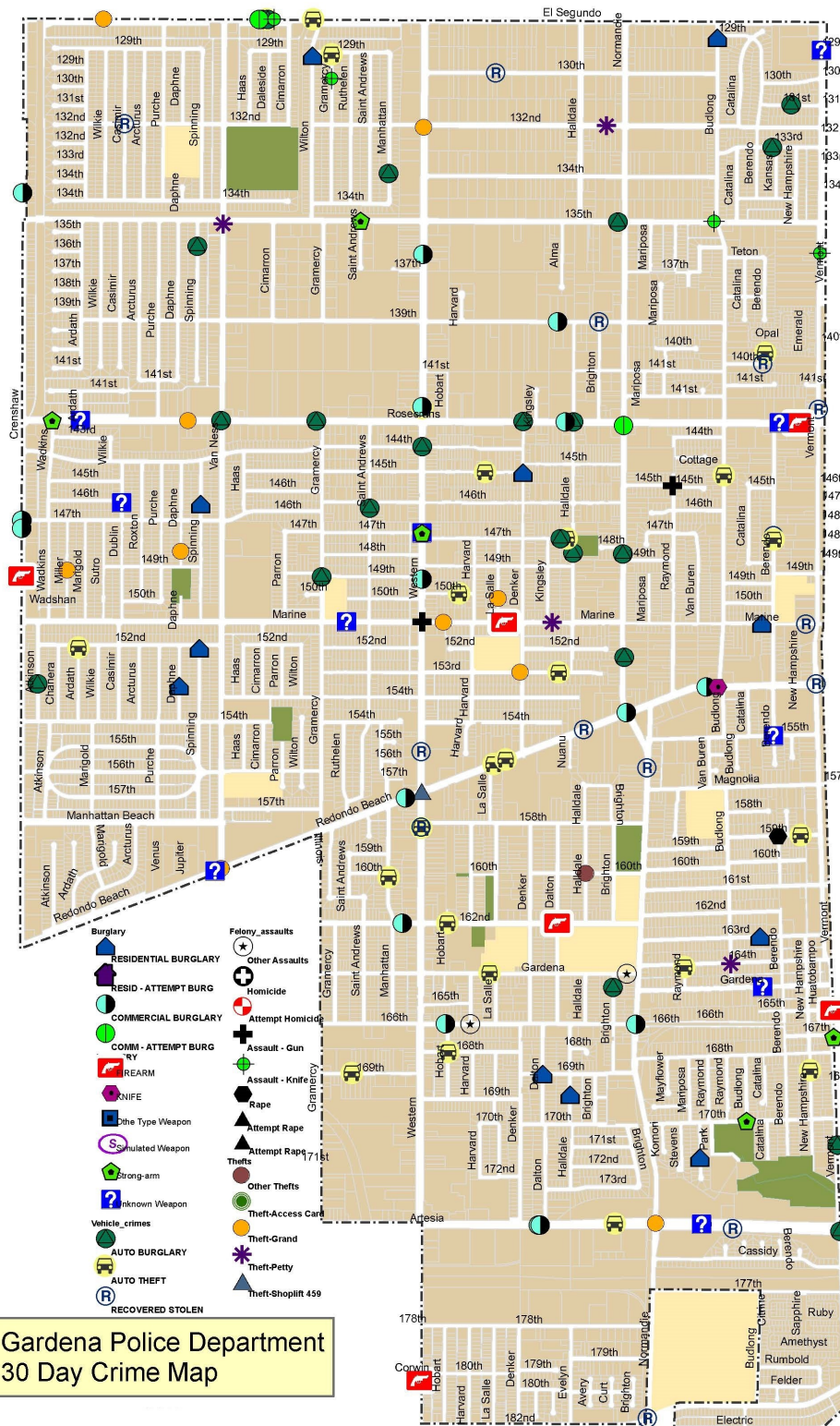
The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of June. The tables list the amount of crimes we have had in the past two months. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please go to [www.gardenapd.org](http://www.gardenapd.org).

### May '17

Robbery	23
Res. Burglary	20
Comm. Burglary	14
Vehicle Crimes	48
Assaults	7

### June '17

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





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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**August 1st, 2017**  
**7PM-9PM**  
**Target Store T-0290**  
**2169 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.**  
**Gardena, CA 90247**

## CONTRIBUTE

If you would like to add crime prevention tips or articles to our next newsletter, please email them to [aquiroz@gardenapd.org](mailto:aquiroz@gardenapd.org).

## E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

If you are not on our E-mailing list, please email [aquiroz@gardenapd.org](mailto: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](mailto:aquiroz@gardenapd.org) with the new resident's name and address!



**Gardena Police Department**

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