



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: Special Olympics Torch Run



The Gardena Police Department will be participating in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run this upcoming Friday, June 9th, and I would like to take this opportunity to invite our community members to come out and cheer us on as we run through the City. We will be receiving the torch from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department South LA Station, at approximately 10:30 AM at Crenshaw & Manhattan Beach Blvd. We will then be running to Van Ness Ave to Redondo Beach Blvd (towards Western) to Normandie Ave to 162nd St (running in

front of the Police Department and City Hall) to Western to 190th, and then handing the torch off to Torrance PD.

The Special Olympics Torch Run was first introduced by Chief Richard LaMunyon of the Wichita, Kansas Police Department in 1981. He created the Law Enforcement Torch Run as a way to involve his officers in the community by running a torch relay for their local Special Olympics. The first Torch Run involved six officers and no money was raised.

Since then, the Torch Run has grown to include more than 125 runs in 48 nations. More than 100,000 law enforcement officers have raised \$500 million for the Special Olympics movement worldwide. The Torch Run has become the largest grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics and our department is very proud to be part of it.

If you would like more information on the Torch Run and Special Olympics of Southern California, please visit: <http://www.sosc.org/letr>

We hope that you will be able to join us this upcoming Friday by cheering us on as we run through our City!

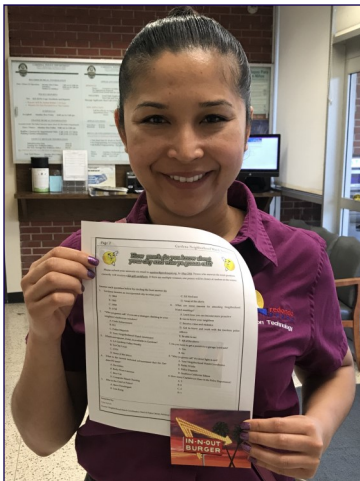
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (310) 217-9601, or chief@gardenapd.org.



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



Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's quiz. Congratulations to our 3 community members who tied first place (David Iwamasa, Ravy Sok, and Anna Steuwer). However, since we had a three-way tie and only one prize, a name was drawn at random. CONGRATULATIONS to our \$25 In-N-Out gift card winner, **RAVY SOK!**

Answers and explanations to the answers:

1. Gardena became an incorporated city in what year?

C. 1930

*The City of Gardena is incorporated on September 11, 1930. It combined the communities of Gardena, Moneta and Strawberry Park into a Municipal Corporation, Sixth Class City. At that time, Gardena was a small farming community of about 20,000 people.

2. "Who ya gonna call" if you see a stranger climbing in your neighbor's bathroom window?

B. 911

*This scenario observed would be considered an Emergency, so call 911!

3. Which newspaper, if any, is available in Gardena?

C. GVN

*Gardena Valley News was founded in 1946. It is a weekly publication and sells for 25 cents at local news stands, or found at various departments within the City Complex.

4. What is the newest technical advancement that the Gardena PD uses?

B. Body-Worn Cameras

*100 cameras were purchased by the GPD and full deployment of the use of the cameras was in Decem-

ber 2015. Cameras have been issued to all sworn officers who are required to record all law enforcement encounters.

5. Who is the Chief of Police?

C. Edward Medrano

*After working his way up the ladder, starting out as an Explorer Scout, he became Gardena's Chief of Police in 2007.

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

7. Do you have to get a permit for a garage/yard sale?

A. Yes

*Per Municipal Code 9.52 a permit is required to have a garage sale. That permit can be obtained through the "Gardena Direct" app or at the Community Development Department.

8. "Who ya gonna call" if a street light is out?

D. Southern California Edison

*So. Cal. Edison should be contacted.

9. How many Captains are there in the Police Department?

C. 2

*The current Captains are Tom Kang and Uikilifi Niko.

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Char Lynch

Former Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Chief of Police Citizen Advisory Panel (COPCAP)

Gift Certificate Provided by:

Char Lynch

Officer Highlight



Clinician Patricia Pasillas

For the past two years, Clinician Patricia Pasillas has been a part of the Gardena Police Department. However, she has been a clinician for the past seven years, beginning her career

with the Psychiatric Mobil Response Team (PMRT) in South Central LA. After devoting five years to the PMRT, she became a part of the Gardena/Hawthorne Mental Evaluation Team (GHMET). The GHMET is a collaboration between local law enforcements and the department of mental health, whose goal is to deal with the needs and disparities of mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness. Clinician Pasillas comes to the GPD on a biweekly basis, dividing her time with the Hawthorne PD as well. She decided to change her career path to one that works closely with law enforcement because she liked the idea of having a law enforcement officer as her partner, allowing her to psycho-educate officers about mental health. Alongside GPD Officer Dixon, Clinician Pasillas' most memorable story is a time when she recalls helping a homeless mother of three young children that came from Alabama. Officer Dixon and herself were successful in placing the family into a housing facility, where several months later, they learned that the mother of three had obtained a full time job as a security guard and was living in her own apartment.



Summertime is Burglary Time!



According to U.S. Department of Justice statistics, an American home is broken into every 15 seconds. The FBI reports that July and August have the highest monthly burglary rates, as intruders look to take advantage of increased travel during the summer months.

Your first line of defense

To a burglar, visibility means vulnerability, burglars hide behind fences and shrubbery. The key is to keep trespassers out while keeping the property visible. Use picket or chain link fences. Keep hedges clipped down around waist level.

Windows

Windows are more popular targets during the summertime. Protect windows by using wooden dowels, horizontal bars or through the frame nails, to prevent windows from being forced open. Also consider putting grates or heavy duty security locks on them; or cover the glass on the inside with a clear polycarbonate sheet. Most importantly, ALWAYS LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS.

Doors

Locks: The strongest are deadbolt locks with a minimum 1" throw bolt containing a hardened, saw-resistant steel insert.

Hinges: Doors that swing out have hinges on the outside. A burglar can easily remove the hinge pins and lift the door out.

Door Construction: Burglars can kick in a weak door. Replace hollow core doors with solid core doors, or strengthen the existing ones with metal sheets.

Lighting: Light is a great crime deterrent. Light up all dark areas, especially doors and windows.

Alarms/ Cameras

Install an alarm system or video cameras and post signs on your windows and entrances warning potential burglars.

Keep Track of Your Property

Keep a list of serial numbers of portable electronics and photographs of valuables such as jewelry.

Consider engraving your property.

Extended Absence

If you plan to leave your home for an extended period of time, notify Gardena PD and our officers will make a special effort to drive by and observe your residence.

Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to pick up your mail and watch your home.

If you see a suspicious person entering a back yard or driveway, call GPD immediately.

See Something, Say Something



Happy Retirement Lieutenant Temple

Thank you for your 29 Years of service to Gardena PD!



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**



GPD COFFEE WITH A COP AT SAM'S CLUB 05/30/17



A special thank you to our community members for coming out to our Coffee with a Cop event at Sam's Club on May 30th!

Safe and Sane Fireworks ONLY for 4th of July!



Illegal fireworks will be confiscated and violators prosecuted.

The Gardena Police Department will be conducting strict enforcement of fireworks laws this Fourth of July season, in an attempt to educate the public of the dangers of using illegal fireworks. Our goal is to prevent injuries caused by the possession and/or mishandling of fireworks, both legal (Safe and Sane) and illegal. We are working closely with a county-wide fireworks task force in an effort to curb the amount of illegal fireworks discharged during the 4th of July season.

There are many restrictions regarding the use of Safe and Sane fireworks. These restrictions can be found on the City of Gardena website (<http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Gardena>) and looking under section 8.16.020 of the Gardena Municipal Code. Illegal fireworks (not Safe and Sane) are not to be used at anytime. Illegal fireworks will be confiscated and anyone found to be in possession of these types of fireworks will be prosecuted. Our department has a "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding these fireworks.

Only Safe and Sane fireworks may be sold or possessed from June 28, 2017 beginning at 12:00 PM, until July 4th, 2017 at 10:00 PM. However, Safe and Sane fireworks may only be discharged from 12:00 noon to 10:00 PM on July 4th.

We advise all parents to familiarize themselves with the City of Gardena regulations regarding the possession and use of fireworks in order to protect themselves and their children. Use extreme caution when handling fireworks to prevent injuries to yourself or others.

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Gardena, CA 90247
Emergency: 9-1-1

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Patrol/District 3 Commander
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Crime Update

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

April '17

Robbery	12
Res. Burglary	12
Comm. Burglary	9
Vehicle Crimes	80
Assaults	14

May '17

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





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closures, events, crimes, and more.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



June 9th 2017 10:30AM

- Eastbound on MBB toward Van Ness
- Southbound on Van Ness toward Redondo Bch Blvd
- Eastbound Redondo Bch Blvd toward Western Ave
- Southbound Normandie Ave toward 162nd
- Westbound 162nd toward Western. *Short stop at Gardena PD/City Hall for pictures
- Southbound Western toward 190th where we will hand off to Torrance PD

We hope that you will be able to join us and cheer us on!

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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