The Gardena Police Department has always prided itself on our level of interaction with the community we serve. We are now embarking on a new venture to increase our level of interaction. In March of 2018, we will begin our Community Education Series. This series will feature current information on various subjects. We want to share as much information with our citizens as we can. These classes will be taught to our citizens by members of the Gardena Police Department. Luckily, we have a great cadre of instructors who have experience in many subjects that they can share with the general public. The first class in this series will be “How to Respond to an Active Shooter Situation.” This class is geared toward private citizens. This is not a tactical class, but will cover some of the history of active shooters in the United States, what to expect in this type of situation, and how to develop a survival mindset. The class will consist of a lecture (including an active shooter video with breakdown) and an open and candid question and answer period.

The Active Shooter seminar will be held on March 24, 2018, 12:30-2:30 PM at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center (1670 W. 162nd St Gardena). Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your seat, please contact Lt. Vince Osorio at vosorio@gardenapd.org or (310) 217-6188. We hope to see you there!

Future Community Education Series classes may include:
-Introduction to Self-Defense
-Basic First Aid
-Citizens Academy
Emergency Preparedness Tips of the Month

Family Emergency Plan: 10 Essential Actions

A good place to begin emergency preparedness is by writing a Family Emergency Plan. Your Plan should include every member of your household—including pets!

1. Learn the threats in your area
2. Identify meeting places
   - Outside your home
   - Outside your neighborhood
3. Select your out-of-state contact
4. Know your evacuation routes
   - Exits and alternate ways to leave home
5. Know the location of utility shut-offs
   - Water
   - Gas
   - Electricity
6. Know the emergency policies of schools and adult-care centers
   - Emergency shelter/supplies
   - Transportation
7. Identify safe spots in each room to take cover, if needed
   - Under sturdy tables and desks
   - Against interior walls
8. Extra medications
9. Make special provisions for
   - Children, seniors, pets, people with disabilities
10. Schedule annual disaster drills
Coffee with a Cop 2/21

A special thank you to everyone who braved the cold and joined us for our joint Coffee with a Cop event with Torrance PD at Starbucks Courtyard on Artesia Blvd. We had a great time! Make sure to join us for our next CWAC sometime in April.
Officer Highlight

Officer Slater

Officer Slater has dedicated herself to the Gardena Police Department for the past two years. After graduating high school, Officer Slater decided to continue her educational career, obtaining a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State University of Long Beach and a Masters Degree in Social Work from University of Southern California. While working in obtaining her Masters Degree, Officer Slater realized that she wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. She wanted to make a difference in the community and be an asset in improving the quality of life. That’s when she decided to become a Public Safety Officer at USC. After some time, she realized that she wanted to change her career path. She no longer wanted to work in the private sector, but instead for a municipal law enforcement agency, that’s when she joined Gardena PD. Recently, Officer Slater was promoted to the Special Enforcement Unit, as the Gardena/ Hawthorne Mental Evaluation Team Detective. What she enjoys most about being part of the Gardena Police Department is the diversity within the community and working with people from different cultural backgrounds. Outside of work, Slater enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking as well as cooking. Please make sure to congratulate Officer Slater on her new assignment when you see her driving around the City!

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

Haas 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

Amestoy Elementary
1040 W 149th St
3rd Thursday of every 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 February. 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.

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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!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE SEMINAR

Learn how to respond to an active shooter

Saturday, 3/24/2018
12:30pm — 2:30 pm

Taught by:
Lt. Vince Osorio
Gardena Police Department

Location:
Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd St Gardena, Ca 90247

Space is limited. Call to reserve your spot today.
Bring your questions for a fun and educational seminar!

www.gardenapd.org | 310-217-6188 | vosorio@gardenapd.org

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Gardena, CA 90247