



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: Active Shooter Response Seminar



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, 1230-2:30 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 vo-osorio@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



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SCAM ALERT

Impostors Are Continuing to Scam Utility Customers



Remember:

- SCE does not have a "disconnection department"
- We do not accept pre-paid cash cards for bill payments



Call SCE directly if you have questions about your bill

1-800-990-7788
for business customers

1-800-655-4555
for residential customers

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 Clayton
Daphne MYN Coordinator
(310) 327-7398
m.clayson@sbcglobal.net



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

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 Crimi-

nal 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

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

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.

Jan. '18

Robbery	17
Res. Burglary	10
Comm. Burglary	3
Vehicle Crimes	55
Assaults	10

Feb. '18

Robbery	16
Res. Burglary	16
Comm. Burglary	9
Vehicle Crimes	38
Assaults	3





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

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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

GARDENA PD COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES

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

Mayor's
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Dinner & Address

Tasha Cerdas
Mayor

City of Gardena
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Vision Today, Realities Tomorrow

Thursday, March 15, 2018
5:30pm - 8:00 pm

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HIGHLIGHTS
Mayor's State of the City Address
Accomplishments of 2017
Outlook for 2018

For more information, please contact us at (310) 217-9507



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1718 West 162nd Street
Gardena, CA 90247

