The Gardena Police Department has recently welcomed a new addition to its vehicle fleet. In September of 2016, we purchased a 2014 37’ Thor Outlaw toy hauler. However, it was until April of 2017 that its renovations were completed and it was finished getting customized and outfitted. The motorhome will be used as a Community Command Center. It will be used for community social events, such as national night out, coffee with a cop, neighborhood watch district meetings, and park events. Additionally, it will be used for parades, such as Martin Luther King, Cinco de Mayo, and 4th of July Fireworks.

Our Community Command Center was first introduced to our community during the annual Cinco de Mayo Parade. However, we will be having a coffee with a cop event in the coming month to introduce it to the community that did not get an opportunity to attend the Cinco de Mayo Parade. On page 5, you will find images of our Gardena Police Department’s Community Command Center.

We hope that our whole community will get an opportunity to see it and enjoy it during our future community events, and make sure you’re in the look out.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (310) 217-9601, or chief@gardenapd.org.
Answer each question below by circling the best answer (s).

1. Gardena became an incorporated city in what year?
   A. 1864
   B. 1965
   C. 1930
   D. 1710

2. “Who ya gonna call” if you see a stranger climbing in your neighbor’s bathroom window?
   A. Code Enforcement
   B. 911
   C. Police Dispatch
   D. Your Neighborhood Watch Lieutenant

3. Which newspaper, if any, is available in Gardena?
   A. LA Gardena Valley Weekly
   B. Tri-City Local
   C. GVN
   D. None of the above

4. What is the newest technical advancement that the Gardena PD uses?
   A. Recorders
   B. Body-Worn Cameras
   C. Bear Cat
   D. Computer Based Charting

5. Who is the Chief of Police?
   A. Steve Prendergast
   B. Tom Kang

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
   E. Be able to eat
   F. All of the above

7. Do you have to get a permit for a garage/yard sale?
   A. Yes
   B. No

8. “Who ya gonna call” if a street light is out?
   A. Your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
   B. Public Works
   C. Police Dispatch
   D. Southern California Edison

9. How many Captains are there in the Police Department?
   A. 3
   B. 0
   C. 2
   D. 1

Please submit your answers via email to aquiroz@gardenapd.org by May 28th. Person who answers the most questions correctly will receive a $25 gift certificate. If there are multiple winners, one person will be chosen at random as the winner.
Officer Highlight

For the past 15 years, Investigator Hassoldt has dedicated himself to the Gardena Police Department. Before becoming a police officer, Hassoldt was a fire dispatcher for the City of Gardena at the South Bay Regional Public Communications. Investigator Hassoldt has a range of experience and has worked a variety of assignments including patrol, SWAT, traffic enforcement, traffic investigations, DUI enforcement, and field training. He is currently working in Traffic Investigations, which he has been a part of for the last five and a half years. One of his duties is traffic accident reconstruction on major cases, which only a few people in the South Bay are capable of doing. Investigator Hassoldt enjoys working with the Gardena community because citizens are given a voice within the Department; in his eyes, the Gardena Police Department serves the community, as opposed to policing it.

Serra High School Open House

On April 5th, we had our first annual Serra High School Open House. Students and faculty from Serra High had the opportunity to get a tour of the Police Department Facility and meet with GPD Officers assigned to the different bureaus within the department. The tour locations included SWAT and K9 Demonstration, 40mm and Taser Demonstration, Police Vehicles, Chief’s Office, Detective Bureau, Jail, and more. Giuliano’s generously donated lunch. We cannot wait to provide other students with the opportunity to attend next year.
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
Crime Update

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

March '17
- Robbery: 16
- Res. Burglary: 17
- Comm. Burglary: 9
- Vehicle Crimes: 48
- Assults: 14

April '17
- Robbery: 12
- Res. Burglary: 12
- Comm. Burglary: 9
- Vehicle Crimes: 80
- Assults: 14
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!