



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: Gardena Police Department Community Command Center



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.



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



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.

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
 - C. Ed Medrano
 - D. None of the above
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

Submitted by:

Char Lynch

Former Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Chief of Police Citizen Advisory Panel

Gift Certificate Provided by:

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Officer Highlight



Investigator Hassoldt

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.



Serra



Giuliano's

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

Gardena Police Department Community Command Center



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.

Robbery	16
Res. Burglary	17
Comm. Burglary	9
Vehicle Crimes	48
Assaults	14

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





Text 'Gardena' to 888777
for updates from GPD about road
closures, events, crimes, and more.

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Gardena Police
Department



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Sam's CLUB

1399 W Artesia Blvd.
Tues, May 30, 2017
8:30 – 10:30am

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

**No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice
concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!**

For questions, please contact Abigail Quiroz at (310) 965-2321

**GARDENA POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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 Depart-
ment has created is the Welcome Folders for our
new residents. These folders include a welcome let-
ter from Chief Medrano, information regarding
Neighborhood Watch, and a variety of City and Po-
lice resources.

If you are a new resident or know someone who re-
cently moved into your neighborhood, please email
aquiroz@gardenapd.org with the new resident's
name and address!



Gardena Police Department

1718 West 162nd Street

Gardena, CA 90247