We mourn as we learn of the horrific mass shooting that took place in Las Vegas at a concert on October 1, 2017. At least 58 people are dead and more than 500 injured, after a senseless act that’s becoming all too familiar to us. People at random were shot and killed, and today our hearts are heavy for those who lost their lives and their loved ones. Now more than ever, we need to strengthen our bonds with each other and be resolved in the good that exists in humanity, despite this evil act. I ask all of you to keep your thoughts and prayers with the families of those who lost someone and for those who are recovering from the shooting.

In light of this tragic event, the Gardena Police Department would like to remind its community to always be alert and prepared in case of an active shooter event. It is equally important to always be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity immediately, “If you see something, say something.”

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. Victims are selected at random and the location in which active shooter events occur are unpredictable and evolve quickly.

On page 2, you will find safety measures on how to respond to an active shooter situation.

Please contact Lieutenant Vince Osorio at (310) 217-9188 or vosorio@gardenapd.org for more information, or if you’re interested in training on an active shooter response in your workplace.
Run. Hide. Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event

When law enforcement arrives:
- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Put down any items in your hands. (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid quick movements towards officers such as holding on to them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling.
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating.

Information you should provide to law enforcement or 911 operators:
- Location of the active shooter.
- Number of shooters.
- Physical description of shooters.
- Number and type of weapons held by shooters.
- Number of potential victims at the location.

How to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity:
1. **RUN**
   - Have an escape route and plan in mind.
   - Leave your belongings behind.
   - Keep your hands visible.
   - Call 911 when you are safe.
2. **HIDE**
   - Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view.
   - Block entry to your hiding place and lock the door.
   - Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet.
3. **FIGHT**
   - Hide as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
   - Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
   - Act with physical aggression and improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter.
HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Trick-or-Treat in a familiar neighborhood or location.

- Make sure trick-or-treaters can see and be seen. Wear reflective, bright-colored costumes and hold a flash light or glow stick. If costume is dark, add reflective tape. Make sure costumes and masks fit properly.

- Never trick-or-treat alone. Children under the age of 12 should have adult supervision. If kids are out without adult supervision, they should trick-or-treat in groups.

- Only eat factory-wrapped treats. Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering.

- Cross the street at corners/sidewalks. Look both ways before crossing the street. Never cross between parked cars.

- Never enter strangers’ homes or cars. Only visit well-lit houses.

- Stay Away from long trailing fabric, and stay away from open flames, such as candles in jack-o’-lanterns.

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Officer Highlight

Sergeant Sargent (yes, that’s correct) has dedicated himself to the Gardena Police Department for the past fifteen years. He was recently promoted to Patrol Sergeant after being a Robbery/Homicide Detective for several years. Before becoming a police officer for the City of Gardena, Sargent was an Explorer at Torrance Police Department from age fifteen to age eighteen. He then became a Jailer at Hermosa Beach Police Department from age eighteen to age twenty. He was then hired at GPD at age twenty and turned twenty-one (the minimum age to become a police officer) in the academy. Sergeant Sargent knew he wanted to be a police officer since childhood. He had a challenging childhood and wanted to help others in need. He also had a strong desire to make sure bad guys couldn’t hurt people, and if they did, he wanted to insure they ended in jail. Sargent has worked a variety of assignments including Field Training Officer, Gangs, SWAT, and Robbery/Homicide Detective. What he enjoys most about being in the law enforcement field is making the streets safer for people to live, work, and play & making a difference. His favorite memory as Detective was when a jury would read a “Guilty” verdict on a murder in court and watching the victim’s family express the feeling of relief because they knew the suspect would not ever get out of jail or hurt anyone again.

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 @ 7:00 PM
Crime Update

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

### August ‘17

- **Robbery**: 28
- **Res. Burglary**: 12
- **Comm. Burglary**: 22
- **Vehicle Crimes**: 79
- **Assaults**: 17

### Sept. ‘17

- **Robbery**: 13
- **Res. Burglary**: 13
- **Comm. Burglary**: 16
- **Vehicle Crimes**: 57
- **Assaults**: 15
UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee with a Cop

1398 W Artesia Blvd
November 21, 2017
8:30 – 10:30 am

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

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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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