



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: Surviving an Active Shooter Situation



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 work place.



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

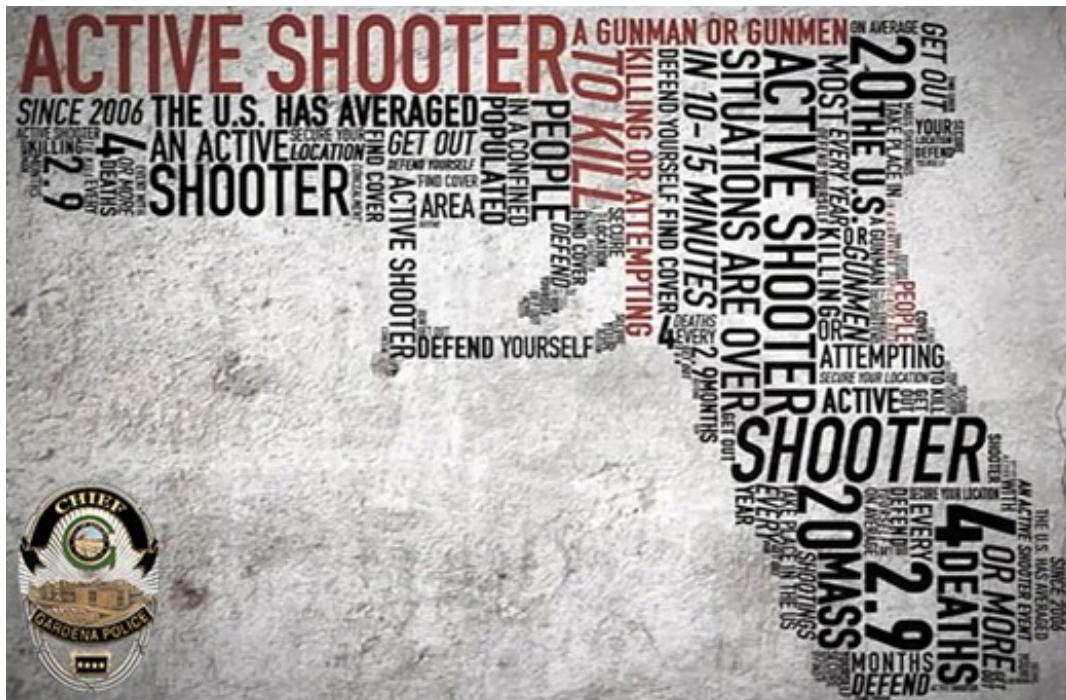
- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

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.

Gardena Police Department
(310) 323-7911



Officer Highlight



Sergeant Sargent

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 @
7:00PM**



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.

Robbery 28Res. Burglary 12Comm. Burglary 22Vehicle Crimes 79

Assaults	17
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Robbery 13Res. Burglary 13Comm. Burglary 16Vehicle Crimes 57

Assaults	15
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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





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

**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 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!



Gardena Police Department

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