



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: Pancake Breakfast



Our K-9s are a very important asset to our department . They are trained to find people, articles (guns, clothing, keys, etc.), and narcotics.

I would like to invite you all to attend the Gardena Police Department's 17th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 7th from 7:00am- 10:00am at the Nakaoka Community Center. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (310) 217-9601, or chief@gardenapd.org.

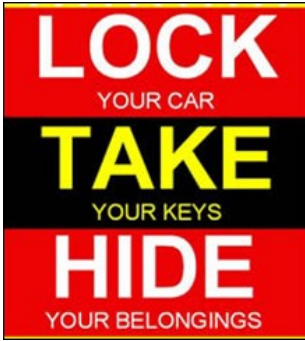
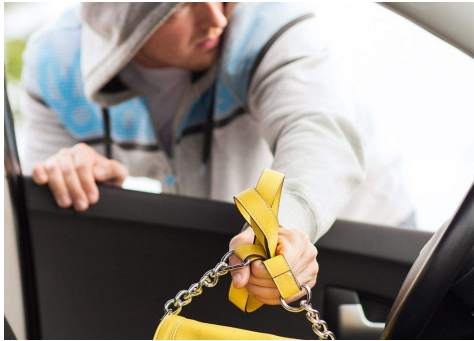
For the past 17 years, the Gardena Police Department has hosted a Pancake Breakfast the first Saturday of every October. This event benefits our Gardena Police K-9 Program. All proceeds help provide tactical training, food, and supplies for our k-9s.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we currently have two K-9's,. Amir, a two year old German Shepherd imported from Germany joined us in July. Our second k-9 is Reno. He is a 6-year old German Shepherd imported from Czech Republic. He has been with our department for 3 years.



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME®**

Don't Let Your Car Be a Victim!



The City of Gardena has recently experienced an increase in vehicle burglaries. In order to prevent your vehicle becoming a victim of burglary, make sure to follow these safety tips:

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle every time you park.
- If valuables must be left behind, hide them out of sight several blocks before reaching your destination.
- When shopping, place purchases in the trunk and out of sight before going to the next shopping area to park.
- Disable internal trunk releases per your owner's manual instructions.
- Remote controls for security garages should never be left inside parked vehicles. They provide future access to returning thieves.
- Always lock your car and completely close the windows, even if you plan to be away for only a minute.
- Take out removable radios/face plates.
- Park in well-lit and attended areas.
- Install an audible alarm.
- Avoid parking between large vehicles.

If you
See something
Say
something

Officer Highlight



Lieutenant Brock

Lieutenant Brock has dedicated himself to the Gardena Police Department for the past seventeen years. He was recently promoted to District Lieutenant after being the Sergeant of the Special Enforcement Unit for two and a

half years. Before becoming a police officer for the City of Gardena, Brock was a Reserve Officer for the City of Hawthorne. He decided to pursue a career in law enforcement because he knew he wanted to help people and make a difference in the community. Lieutenant Brock has worked a variety of assignments including patrol, Traffic Officer, Field Training Officer, Administrative Officer, and Special Enforcement Unit Sergeant. Additionally, he served five and a half years as president of the GPOA Union. What he enjoys most about being in the law enforcement field, is that no day is ever the same and that it's unknown what tomorrow will bring. Brock's favorite memory as Sergeant is the camaraderie that comes from running a team, solving problems, and making people feel safe. Lieutenant Brock will be the District 2 Lieutenant and looks forward to working with its citizens!

Gardena PD introduces Safe Exchange Zone

As you drove by the station this past month, you might have noticed "Safe Exchange Zone" signs. Because of the high volume of online selling and trading of goods on applications such as Craigslist or Offer up, we found it important to create a designated area for the community to complete these types of transactions safely. What better place to meet than in front of the Police Department which is video monitored 24-7. Always use caution when meeting people involving money that you don't know.



Gardena PD is Hiring!

Do you or someone you know have what it takes to become a Gardena Police Officer? If so, the Department's next test is scheduled for January 2018. For an application and more information go to www.Gardenapd.org or call recruitment at 310-217-9612.



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

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

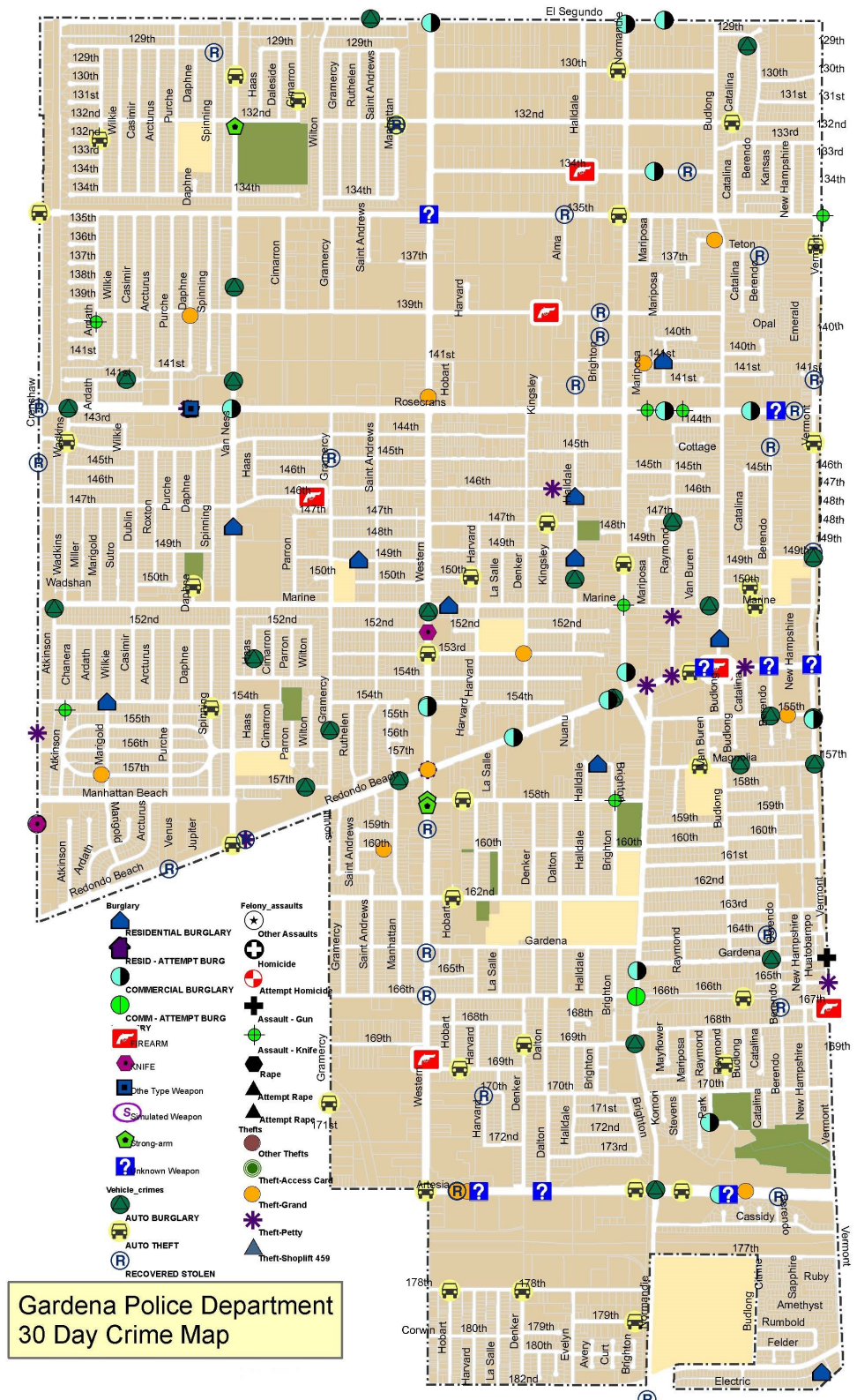
Garden West Mobile Estates
17700 S. Western Ave
2nd Wednesday of every even month @ 7:00PM



The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of August. 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	20
Res. Burglary	22
Comm. Burglary	13
Vehicle Crimes	52
Assaults	17

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





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

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Department



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SAVE THE DATE!

*Gardena Police Department's
17th Annual Pancake Breakfast*

DATE: 10/07/2017

TIME: 7:00-10:00 am

WHERE: Nakaoka Community Center

\$4.00/person



*All proceeds will benefit The
Gardena Police K-9 program*

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 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!



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