



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

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**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](http://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?client_id=1000006)

**OR** Download the app on the Google Play Store or Apple Store App—  
Search for "Gardena Direct"

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### Message from Chief Medrano: Traffic Bureau



The primary mission of the Gardena Police Department's Traffic Bureau is to increase traffic and pedestrian safety through enforcement and education. The Traffic Bureau is also responsible for felony criminal investigations related to DUI, "Hit and Run" collisions and all fatal traffic collisions. The Traffic Bureau reviews/approves all completed traffic collision reports. The Bureau is comprised of a Police Sergeant, one sworn Traffic Investigator, two Motorcycle Officers, two Traffic Officers and several full and part-time civilian employees including seven parking officers. The Traffic Bureau also coordinates and manages the Department's parking

enforcement efforts. Requests for routine traffic or parking enforcement are handled by calling dispatch (310-323-7911) and by use of the Gardena Direct App for extensive projects that do not require immediate attention.

The Traffic Bureau Sergeant manages and supervises grant-funded operations that focus on traffic safety and DUI enforcement. These operations include DUI/CDL Checkpoints, Suspended Driver Surveillance, DUI Saturation Patrols and Warrant Service details. The Traffic Bureau also plans and supervises all city parades as well as the planning and implementation of traffic control at all large city events, I.E. Jazz Festival, Rowley Park Fireworks, and the Heritage Festival. The Traffic Bureau is an active participant in the South Bay Regional DUI task force. This is a specialized deployment comprised of officers from local South Bay cities that specifically patrol for DUI drivers throughout the entire South Bay area.

If you have any questions or would like to share your comments, please feel free to email me at: [chief@gardenapd.org](mailto:chief@gardenapd.org), or by calling (310) 217-9601.



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
CRIME®**

# **GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **COMMUNITY**

# **FORUM**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

7:00 – 8:30 PM

NAKAOKA COMMUNITY CENTER  
1670 W 162<sup>ND</sup> STREET, GARDENA



## **TOPICS TO INCLUDE:**

1. DISTRICT POLICING
2. CRIME STATISTICS AND TRENDS
3. GOALS FOR 2018



## **Emergency Preparedness Tips of the Month**

### **10 Essential Emergency Supplies**

It is important to have an emergency supply kit in order to improve the health and safety of your family during a disaster. At a minimum, your emergency supplies should include the following 10 essential items:

1. Water for 3-10 days (1 gallon per person per day)
2. Food for 3-10 days (including pet food)
3. First Aid Kit and Instructions
4. Flashlights (and extra batteries)
5. Radio (and extra batteries)
6. Medications (prescription and non-prescription)
7. Cash and important documents (small bills and coins, birth certificates, tax returns, deeds, titles, insurance papers, medical cards)
8. Clothing and sturdy shoes
9. Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)
10. 10. Sanitation and hygiene supplies



# IRS

## Phone Scam



IRS warns of phone scam targeting taxpayers around the country, including recent immigrants

**DON'T BE A VICTIM!**

Scammers prey on victims by saying they owe the IRS money. They insist victims pay immediately through a pre-loaded credit card or wire transfer to avoid arrest, deportation or suspension of driver's or business license.

**Remember:**

1. The IRS never asks for a credit card number over the phone or request a specific form of payment. For instance, the use of a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer.
2. The IRS never initiates contact with taxpayers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. The IRS will first send a bill in the mail.
3. The IRS never asks for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.
4. The IRS never discusses the possibility of arrest from the police department, any license revocation or deportation because that is not under its authority.

**If you don't owe taxes**, or have no reason to think that you do:

- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on [FTC.gov](http://FTC.gov). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

**If you know you owe**, or think you may owe tax:

- Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you.

**If you believe you may have been a victim of an IRS scam, contact Gardena Police Department immediately at (310) 217-9670**

## Awesome Job, Explorers!

In mid-January, our Explorer post participated in the 20th Annual Chandler Tactical Police Explorer Competition in Chandler, Arizona.

The competition hosted 65 agencies from across the country and over 1000 participants, offering over 15 different scenarios for the posts to compete in.

Our post placed in several individual and team events:

2nd place Female Obstacle Course, 3rd place Female Obstacle Course, 3rd place Male 3-Mile Run, 2nd place Advisor 3-Mile Run (Officer Bazan), 2nd place Advisor Pistol Shoot (Officer Medeiros), 1st place Bomb Operations, 1st place Officer Down, 2nd place 10-man Search Warrant, and most importantly, Overall 2018 Chandler Champions!

For more information on the GPD Explorer Program, please call us at (310) 217-9670 and ask for an Explorer Advisor.





## Officer Highlight



**Sergeant Alex Rivera**

Sergeant Alex Rivera has dedicated himself to the Gar-

dena Police Department for the past fifteen years. After graduating high school, Sergeant Rivera decided to join the Marine Corps. He was in the military for four years and during his time there, traveled to South East Asia, Indonesia, Australia, and Japan. Shortly after completing his time with the Marine Corps, he realized that he wanted a career in which he could make a difference in the community while sustaining the discipline he gained in the military. That's when he decided to apply for the Gardena Police Department. Sergeant Rivera has worked a variety of assignments including patrol, Bike Team, Gang Unit, Narcotics, Detective Bureau, SWAT, Explorer Advisor, and Patrol Sergeant. What he enjoys most about being part of the Gardena Police Department is the impact he makes on the community, apprehending high risk fugitives, and the impact he made on kids while he was an Explorer Advisor. Outside of work, Rivera enjoys fitness, shooting, off-roading, and golf.

## 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**



### **Gardena Municipal Code**

The Gardena Police Department would like to remind you of a few important sections in the Gardena Municipal Code pertaining to neighborhood's quality of life (i.e., noise levels, pets, parking, etc.)

#### **ANIMALS**

Animals must be confined to their owner's private property unless they are properly leashed. The owner must pick up and dispose of their pet's waste (6.02.010- LA County Title 10).

#### **GENERAL NOISE REGULATIONS**

The City of Gardena has zero tolerance ordinances against any person who willfully or neglectfully makes or continues to make any loud, unnecessary and unusual noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or which causes any discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitivity (8.36.030).

#### **SOLICITING**

No person, without first having applied for and received a permit from the city manager shall make any appeal to the public for a charity, charitable, or religious purpose either by soliciting or collecting gifts, contributions, donations or subscriptions. Promoting or conducting any sale, bazaar, or exhibition at any place or to any person in the city is also prohibited (5.28.020).

#### **GARBAGE BINS**

Garbage from residential homes is collected weekly by the City. Garbage bins should be placed at the curb no earlier than twenty-four hours prior to collection and should be removed from the curb no later than twenty-four hours after collection. Each container shall be kept on the premises except on collection day. All solid waste containers left outdoors, shall be stored with the tops closed or otherwise securely fastened and shall be maintained so that no solid waste or recyclable material placed inside can escape from the container (8.20.110).

#### **DISPOSAL OF BULK ITEMS**

If you have bulk items that you'd like to dispose of, you must call Waste Resources Gardena (WRG) which is the company that provides waste pick up in the City of Gardena. Gardena Residents are provided with four (4) bulk pick-ups per year (1 per quarter). There is no charge for these four bulk item pick-ups. If you'd like to schedule a pick-up, you can call their Customer Service Center at 310-366-7600. The call must be made before 2:30 p.m. on the day prior to your normally scheduled pick up.

#### **PARKING**

Parking in the City of Gardena is prohibited upon any sidewalk, parkway, or median (10.28.040). Additionally, no person shall park any vehicle in any portion of a required front or side yard on the street side of any lot (10.28.260).

#### **STREET FOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES**

No person shall park any vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two hours. In the event a vehicle is parked or left standing upon a street in excess of a consecutive period of seventy-two hours, any member of the police department authorized by the chief of police may remove the vehicle from the street (10.28.50).

#### **GARAGE/YARD SALES**

A resident who wants to hold a garage or yard sale in the City must obtain a permit prior to the event. No more than four garage/yard sales may be conducted upon the same property within a calendar year. Garage/yard sales shall only be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and shall not exceed two consecutive days. Any person who wants to hold a garage or yard sale must obtain a permit prior to the event. To apply for a yard sale, go to <https://secure.ci.gardena.ca.us/GarageSale/Home.aspx>.

#### **ALARM PERMITS**

Any residence or business with an alarm system must have a permit on file with the City. Alarm permits are issued on an annual basis for \$40. Annual renewals are due by February 28th each year. A late fee of \$33 will be imposed for any permit not obtained within 60 days of installation. To apply and pay online, go to <https://gardenaca.citysupport.org>. For questions on registering your alarm system online, please call (424) 254-7520 or email [gardenaca@citysupport.org](mailto:gardenaca@citysupport.org). If you have any questions regarding an Alarm System Permit contact (310) 217-9525 or visit the Community Development Department located in City Hall at 1700 W. 162nd Street, Room 101.

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For more information on the Gardena Municipal Code, please visit : <http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Gardena/>

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## Crime Update

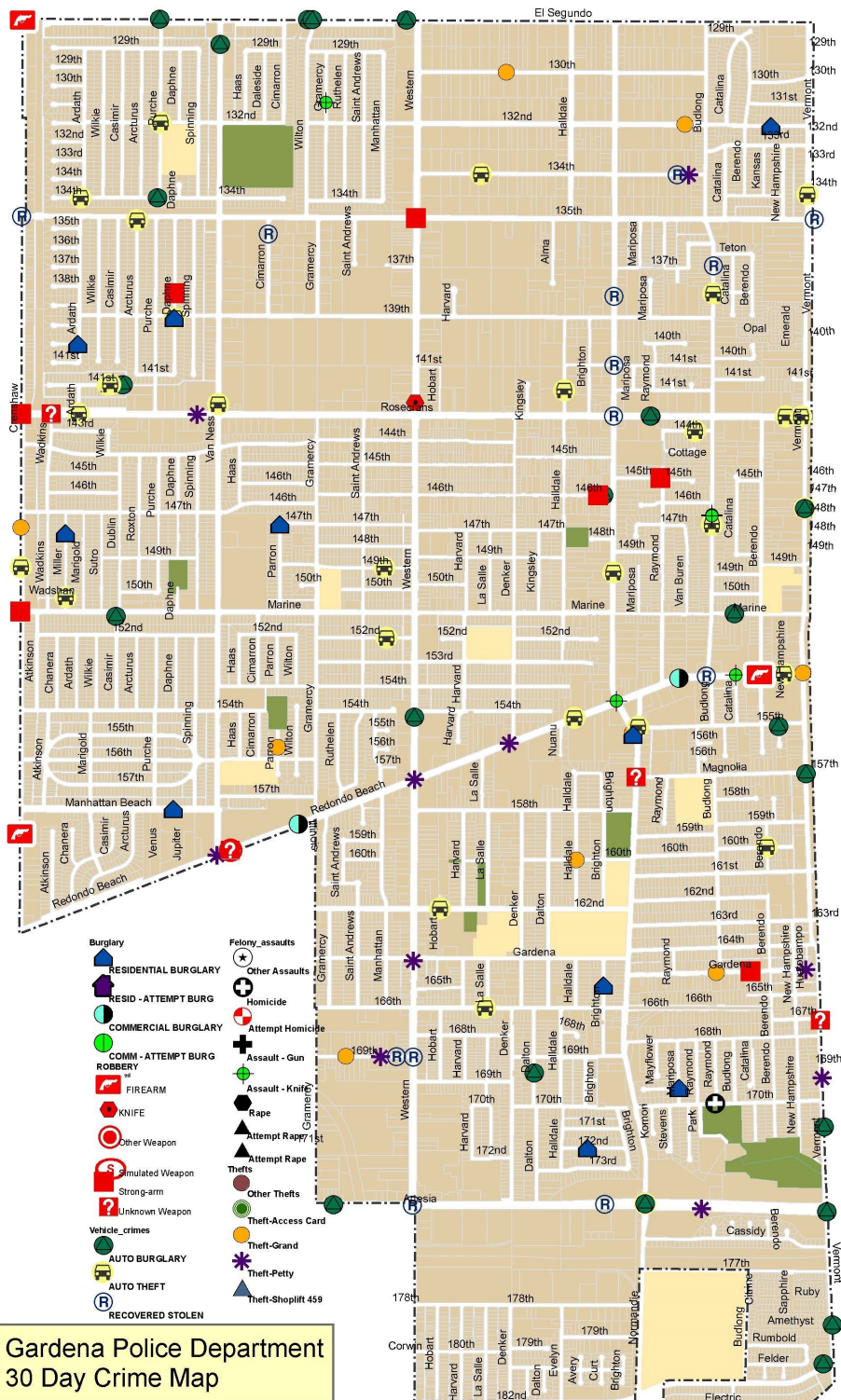
The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of January. The tables list the amount of crimes we have had in the past two months. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please go to [www.gardenapd.org](http://www.gardenapd.org).

### Dec. '17

Robbery	17
Res. Burglary	16
Comm. Burglary	8
Vehicle Crimes	51
Assaults	21

### Jan. '18

Robbery	17
Res. Burglary	10
Comm. Burglary	3
Vehicle Crimes	55
Assaults	10







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

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[www.gardenapd.org](http://www.gardenapd.org)



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Gardena Police  
Department



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## 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](mailto:aquiroz@gardenapd.org) with the new resident's name and address!

## CONTRIBUTE

If you would like to add crime prevention tips or articles to our next newsletter, please email them to [aquiroz@gardenapd.org](mailto:aquiroz@gardenapd.org).

## E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

If you are not on our E-mailing list, please email [aquiroz@gardenapd.org](mailto:aquiroz@gardenapd.org) and request to be added.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Starbucks Courtyard**  
1759 W Artesia Blvd  
February 21, 2018  
6:00 – 8:00 pm

**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 & TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TOO TOXIC TO TRASH**



Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup

Saturday, February 24, 2018  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Arthur Johnson Park**  
1200 W. 170th Street  
Gardena

Open to all Los Angeles County residents

## Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste the right way on Saturday: FEBRUARY 24, 2018

### BUSINESS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

#### What you CAN bring to an event (examples):

- Brake fluid, paint\*, paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, and fluorescent light bulbs.
- \* You can also recycle paint at participating retailers through the PaintCare Program. Details at [www.PaintCare.org](http://www.PaintCare.org) or (855) 724-6809.
- Household electronic waste including: Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cell phones, etc.

#### What you CAN'T bring to an event:

- Waste from businesses.
- Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
- Trash and tires.
- White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.
- Controlled substances.

#### How to prepare items for transportation:

- Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
- Do not mix the items together.
- There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.
- Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes. Remove all other items from your trunk.

Scan this code for a schedule of upcoming events and a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring, or contact: 1(888) CLEAN-LA • [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com), or 1(800) 238-0172 • [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org)



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Home-generated sharps waste such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets, and intravenous needles **SHOULD NOT** be placed in your trash. Bring them to the Roundups or visit [www.CLEANLA.com](http://www.CLEANLA.com) for alternate disposal options.

You can also take your used motor oil to more than 600 oil recycling centers in Los Angeles County. Call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

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Gardena, CA 90247

