



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

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MEDRANO: NW NEWSLETTER & DISTRICT POLICING



This past August, the Gardena Police Department proudly introduced the Gardena Neighborhood Watch Newsletter. The purpose of this Newsletter is to highlight what's going on within the City and increase information sharing between the police, residents, and Watch Groups. Additionally, we hope the Newsletter will be an important segue into increasing our Neighborhood Watch participation and engage more members of the community. Within each Newsletter there will be important crime facts, statistics, upcoming events, officer highlights, and community mem-

ber contribution pieces. This month, we would like to give a special thank you to Renee Anderson for being our first community contributor. If you are interested in submitting an article to be published in the next addition of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter, please contact our Community Affairs Coordinator, Abigail Quiroz at: aquiroz@gardenapd.org.

The Gardena Police Department places a strong emphasis on Community Policing, and has successfully implemented a District Policing Program citywide. Within our District Policing Program, Gardena is separated into three Districts, each with its own District Commander and dedicated police officers. By having three Districts, officers become specialized patrol units in each area, understanding the specific needs of the neighborhood and customizing their service to what the residents want. Under this model, we are able to interact one on one with residents and have a stronger knowledge of each neighborhood's uniqueness. By having open lines of communication and consistent community involvement we are continually working on building a stronger community-police partnership. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to email me at: chief@gardenapd.org, or by calling (310) 217-9601.



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME®**

PROTECTING YOUR HOME: BE PREPARED

There are things you can do on the inside of your home to protect and identify your valuables. Some suggestions are:

- **Disperse Valuables:** Do not keep all of your valuables in one place. The first place a burglar looks when he enters your home is the master bedroom and drawers.
- **Photograph Valuables:** Take Individual color photographs of items such as jewelry that cannot be marked or engraved. Sign and date the backs of the photographs to assist in proving ownership.
- **Bank or Safe Deposit Box:** If you have valuable jewelry or other items that you rarely use, keep them in a safe deposit box instead of at home to reduce the risk of them being stolen.
- **Draw Your Blinds:** Use shades or drapes to keep potentially tempting household items out of view. Burglary is sometimes a crime of opportunity and "window-shopping" is one way criminals choose potential targets.

A good neighbor is a welcome blessing,

Submitted by,

Renee' Anderson,

NE Neighbor Watch Coordinator,
Member, Chief of Police Citizen Advisory Panel
(COPCAP),
Chairperson, Gardena Human Services Commissioner



Map Your Neighborhood -- a program that can save lives and property in a disaster!

Why Map Your Neighborhood ?



"Map Your Neighborhood" (MYN) is a program designed to help neighbors prepare for disasters and is offered through the Gardena Police Department Emergency Preparedness Office.

MYN will help you to:

- Learn the **"9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster"** to secure your home and protect your neighborhood. It is hard to think clearly following disaster and these steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the **Skills and Equipment** each neighbor has that would be useful in an effective disaster response. Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills helps your disaster response to be timely, and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way.
- Create a **Neighborhood Map** identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick responses if needed.
- Create a **Contact List** that helps identify those with specific needs such as the elderly, disabled, or children who may be home alone during certain hours of the day.

For More Information

Please Contact:

Mark Clayson
Daphne MYN Coordinator
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m.clayson@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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. These folders will be mailed out to our new Gardena residents on a monthly basis.

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!

*Welcome
New Residents*

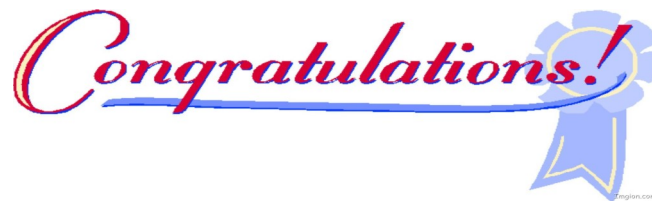
OFFICER HIGHLIGHT



Detective Rene Lopez

Detective Lopez has dedicated himself to the Gardena Police Department for the past 16 years. Growing up, he never envisioned himself becoming a Police officer. It

was in high school when he decided that this was the career that he wanted to partake in. That's when he became a Cadet for El Camino PD and Inglewood PD. After 4 years, he became a Police Officer for El Camino College, where he worked for 2 1/2 years. However, his dream was to work for the City in which he grew up in. In 1999, he decided to pursue his dream and passion for service, and was hired as an officer by the Gardena Police Department. He enjoys working for the Gardena Police Department most because he likes helping people and making a positive impact on their lives. He has worked a range of assignments including patrol, SWAT, Motor, Field Training Officer, and Detective for vehicle theft and residential burglary. He has been working at the Detective Bureau for the past 5 years. During his time as a detective, he specialized in auto theft. On Monday, September 26, he became Gardena Police Department's residential burglary Detective.



Congratulations to the following members of the Gardena Police Department for receiving an award at the City of Gardena Appreciation Luncheon on Sept. 29th after completing milestone years in service.

ALARCON, RAUL	15 Years	JONES, NATHAN A	10 Years
ARAO, EDWARD	15 Years	JUCKETT, BRIAN	30 Years
BERGERON, JR, MICHAEL R	5 Years	KIM, FRANK	5 Years
DIXON, SEAN L	5 Years	MC CARTHY, JAMES B	5 Years
FERNANDEZ, CARLOS	15 Years	MENDEZ, CHRISTOPHER A	5 Years
FOX, TODD	15 Years	MESSINA, BRIAN	15 Years
GONZALEZ, IRMA	10 Years	OVANDO, CHRISTIAN M	10 Years
GOODPASTER, PATRICK J	10 Years	PEPPER, NICHOLAS	25 Years
GUZZO, DANIEL	15 Years	REYNOSO, ANGELICA M	10 Years
HASSOLDT, MATTHEW	15 Years	UGALDE, JESUS B	10 Years
HERNANDEZ, ANGEL A	10 Years	VARGAS, EDGARDO J	10 Years
HIRAI, TOSHIO	10 Years	VILLANUEVA JR., LUIS	15 Years
		YEE, RYAN K	5 Years

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

Within each District, Gardena has Neighborhood Watch Groups that regularly meet. Each District has its own set of community meetings that help our residents share information regarding community concerns, discuss crime prevention tips,

and hear presentations from special outside guest speakers. Below is a list of Neighborhood Watch meetings that take place in each of the three Districts. We hope that you will consider becoming involved in our Neighborhood Watch Program.

District One

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

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

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

Gardena Juvenile Justice Center

16206 Western Ave Suite F

3rd Thursday of every odd month @ 7:00 PM

Area 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



DON'T BECOME A VICTIM! LOCK YOUR 3RD ROW SEATS!

Thieves are targeting Chevy, Cadillac, and GMC full size SUVs (2007-2014 models) and stealing the 3rd row seat. Third row seats are easily and quickly removed (as quickly as a few seconds) from the vehicles and can be sold online, at flea markets or to salvage yards for as much as \$1,000. Although they usually weigh 75-100 pounds, they are easily removable from a target vehicle.

Here are a few preventive recommendations that residents can take to safeguard their vehicles:

- Secure the third row seat with a cable lock. Although locks can be cut, this is a layer of protection to slow the thief down.
- Store the seat if it's not being used.
- Park your vehicle in your garage. If not, back the vehicle to the garage, a fence or wall to hinder thieves from entering the vehicle through the back glass.
- Engrave your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) on the seat.

Lock it, Hide it, Keep it.



GENERAL VEHICLE BURGLARY TIPS

- Although weather temperature is very high, always close all windows completely!
- 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.

CRIME UPDATE

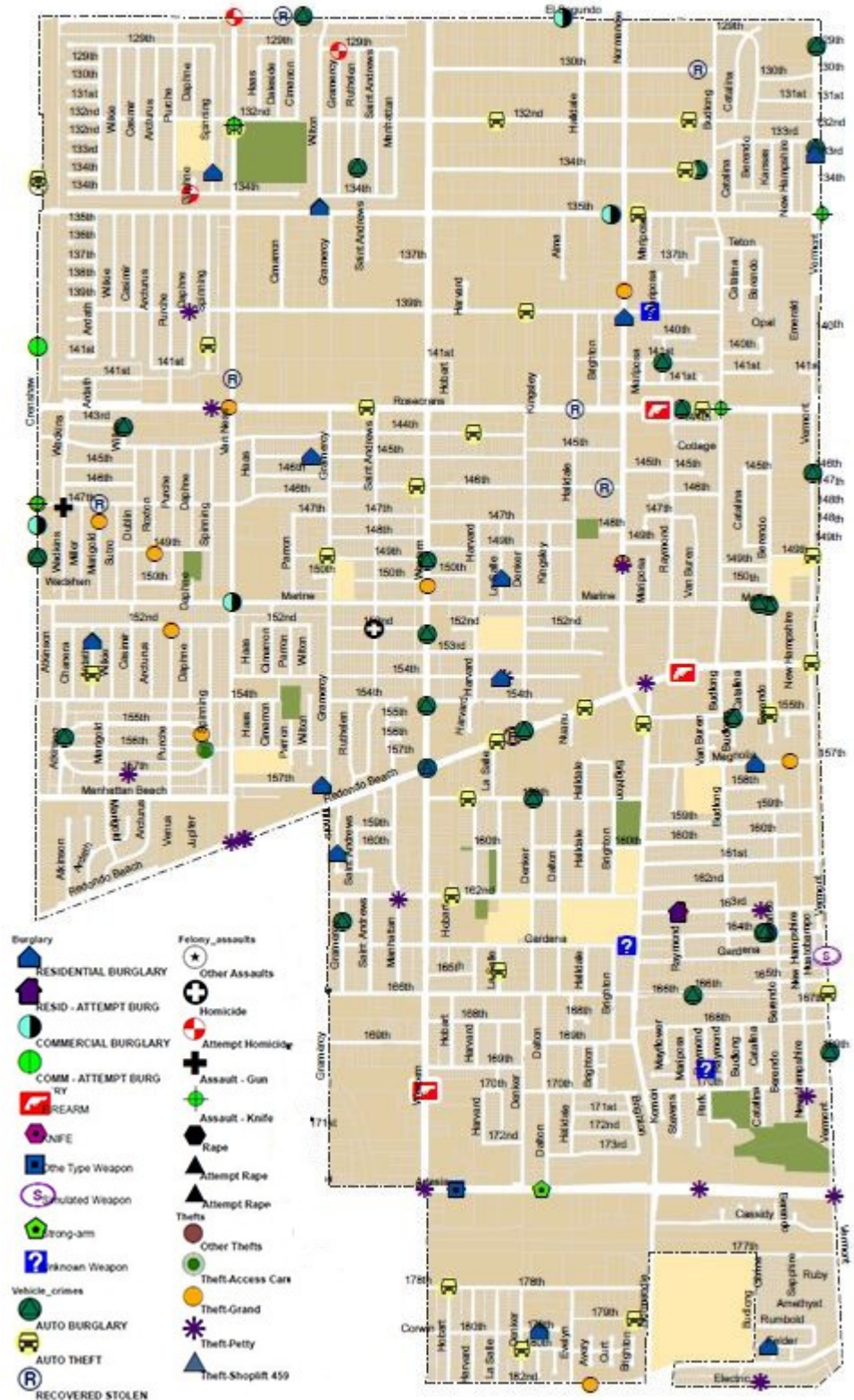
The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of September. The tables list the amount of crimes we have had in the past two months. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please go to www.gardenapd.org

August '16

Robbery	18
Res. Burglary	15
Comm. Burglary	7
Vehicle Crimes	43
Assaults	18

Sept. '16

Robbery	7
Res. Burglary	18
Comm. Burglary	8
Vehicle Crimes	52
Assaults	12





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

SAVE THE DATE
 GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
16TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DATE: 10/01/2016 TIME: 7:00-10:00 AM

Nakaoka Community Center
 1670 W. 162nd Street

Only \$4.00 Per Person

All Proceeds Will Benefit The Gardena Police K-9 Program

HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Street Fair
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

1670 W. 162nd Street
 9 am - 3 pm

RETAIL BOOTHS
 ENTERTAINMENT
 FOOD
 GIVEAWAYS
 KIDS AREA

For more information: (310) 217-9537
 www.gardenaevents.com

Recreation, Human Services, Parks and Facilities Department
 Kelly J. Pahn, Director

Nakaoka Community Center
 1670 W. 162nd Street
 (310) 217-9537
 www.gardenapd.org

★ NATIONAL ★
 Coffee WITH a Cop
 ★★ DAY ★★

1399 W Artesia Blvd
 Fri., October 7, 2016
 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

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

If you are not on our E-mailing list, please email aquiroz@gardenapd.org and request to be added.

CONTRIBUTE

If you would like to add crime prevention tips or articles to our next newsletter, please email them to aquiroz@gardenapd.org



Gardena Police Department

1718 West 162nd Street
 Gardena, CA 90247

GARDENA DIRECT REPORTING APP



Gardena has launched a new mobile app - GardenaDirect - that allows residents to directly report issues such as a pothole or graffiti, and track the resolution of their request via mobile phone or online. This application enables Gardena to enhance civic engagement with the community and address any issues in a fast and convenient manner.

Using GardenaDirect, residents are able to submit a service request simply by downloading the app, selecting from a menu of service requests, and sending it directly to the City. The app also allows residents to take a picture of the problem and send it in, with the ability of automatically locating the problem, provided GPS and location services are enabled on your mobile device. Submitters are able to follow their request from the initial report to resolution right from their phones. Issues can also be reported via the web at www.ci.gardena.ca.us. To download the free GardenaDirect application, please visit the apple or google app store on your phone.

Gardena's public service goal is to provide leadership and direction in the administration of all City Services and to ensure that the necessary resources are available to meet the needs of the community. We feel that GardenaDirect can help improve the quality of life for those who live, work and play in Gardena!