



GARDENA, CA

# GARDENA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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Non-Emergency	(310) 323-7911	Graffiti/Potholes	(310) 217-9650
Police Records	(310) 217-9600	Community Affairs	(310) 965-2321

## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MEDRANO



Over the past 26 years I have proudly served the City of Gardena and watched it flourish into the successful community it is today. Our mission has always remained to provide the highest level of police service with integrity and compassion to the community we serve. The Gardena Police Department is committed to establishing itself as a premier law enforcement agency and has taken great strides to implement cutting-edge practices and innovative training to our officers. Some of these include outfitting the entire police force with Body Worn Cameras. This has enabled the Department to increase police transparency with the commun-

ity, reduce the number of complaints, and improve criminal prosecutions. Since the full deployment of body cameras in January 2016, we have seen a positive response from both officers and community members. The Department has also provided officers de-escalation and mental health training, as well as procedural justice and implicit bias workshops. As an organization, we are constantly implementing new and groundbreaking training to improve officers' skills and ensure that they are at the forefront of law enforcement.

The President's Taskforce on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing released a Final Report of Best Practices and the Gardena Police Department has implemented almost all of these recommendations. The success of our City is a direct reflection of the long-standing commitment and support received by the members of this community. We value your input to help improve Gardena and are always available to listen to your ideas or concerns. Please feel free to contact me by email at: [chief@gardenapd.org](mailto:chief@gardenapd.org), or by calling (310) 217-9601, if you would like to share your comments.



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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COORDINATOR



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As the Community Affairs Coordinator for the Gardena Police Department, I am excited to introduce our first Neighborhood Watch Newsletter.

I have been a member of the Gardena police Department for the past six months.

Over these six months, I've had the opportunity to interact with our Neighborhood Watch coordinators, members, and residents, and have seen firsthand the benefits of community involvement with our Police Department.

The Neighborhood Watch Newsletter was created as a way to increase information sharing between the police department, Neighborhood Watch, and community by providing crime statistics, crime prevention tips, and upcoming events happening in the City. Most importantly, it is to increase our Neighborhood Watch participation, as this is key to maintaining a safe environment for all who live, work, and play in Gardena.

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

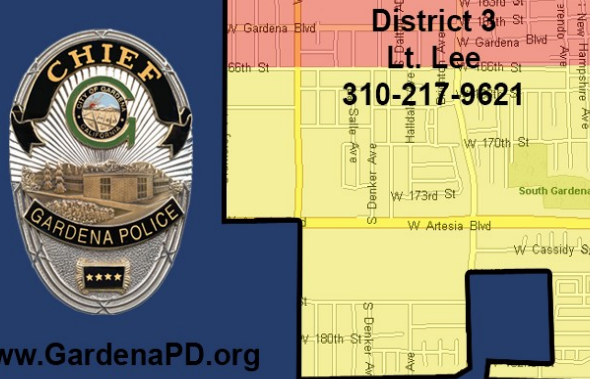
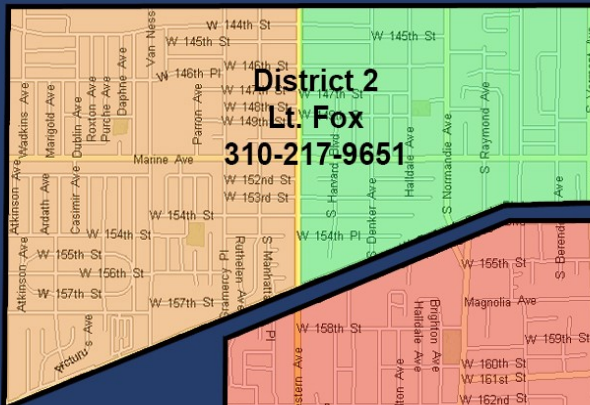


# DISTRICT POLICING

The City of Gardena is divided into three districts (District 1, District 2, and District 3), each with its own District Policing Team that consists of a District Lieutenant, District Sergeant, and four Officers.

District Policing is a customized service model that allows our officers to interact with and better understand the needs of the community in an effort to build and maintain Police-Community Partnerships.

## GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

### District 1

El Segundo Blvd to Rosecrans  
Crenshaw to Vermont

**Lt. Prendergast**

310-217-9686

[sprendergast@gardenapd.org](mailto:sprendergast@gardenapd.org)



### District 2

Rosecrans to Redondo Bch  
Crenshaw to Vermont

**Lt. Fox**

310-217-9651

[tfox@gardenapd.org](mailto:tfox@gardenapd.org)



### District 3

South of Redondo Bch Blvd

**Lt. Lee**

310-217-9612

[elee@gardenapd.org](mailto:elee@gardenapd.org)



## 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 147<sup>th</sup> Street

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

#### Melville NW

2718 W. 143<sup>rd</sup> 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. 170<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### Gardena West Mobile Estates

17700 S. Western Ave

**2nd Wednesday of every even month @ 7:00PM**





## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Due to the increase in popularity of buy/sell apps such as craigslist & offer up, we would like to remind our residents of some safety tips when completing these type of transactions!

**The Gardena Police Department is the safest location to complete transactions!**

If you decide to complete your transaction away from the Police Department, always remember...

- Don't meet in a secluded area.
- Perform the transaction during daylight hours.
- Don't invite strangers into your home, and don't go to theirs.
- Don't go alone.
- Trust your instincts.
- Be cautious when buying and selling high valuable items.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it normally is.
- Take your cell phone with you.
- Tell a friend or family member about your intentions

**See Something, Say Something**

**(310) 323-7911**



# CRIME UPDATE

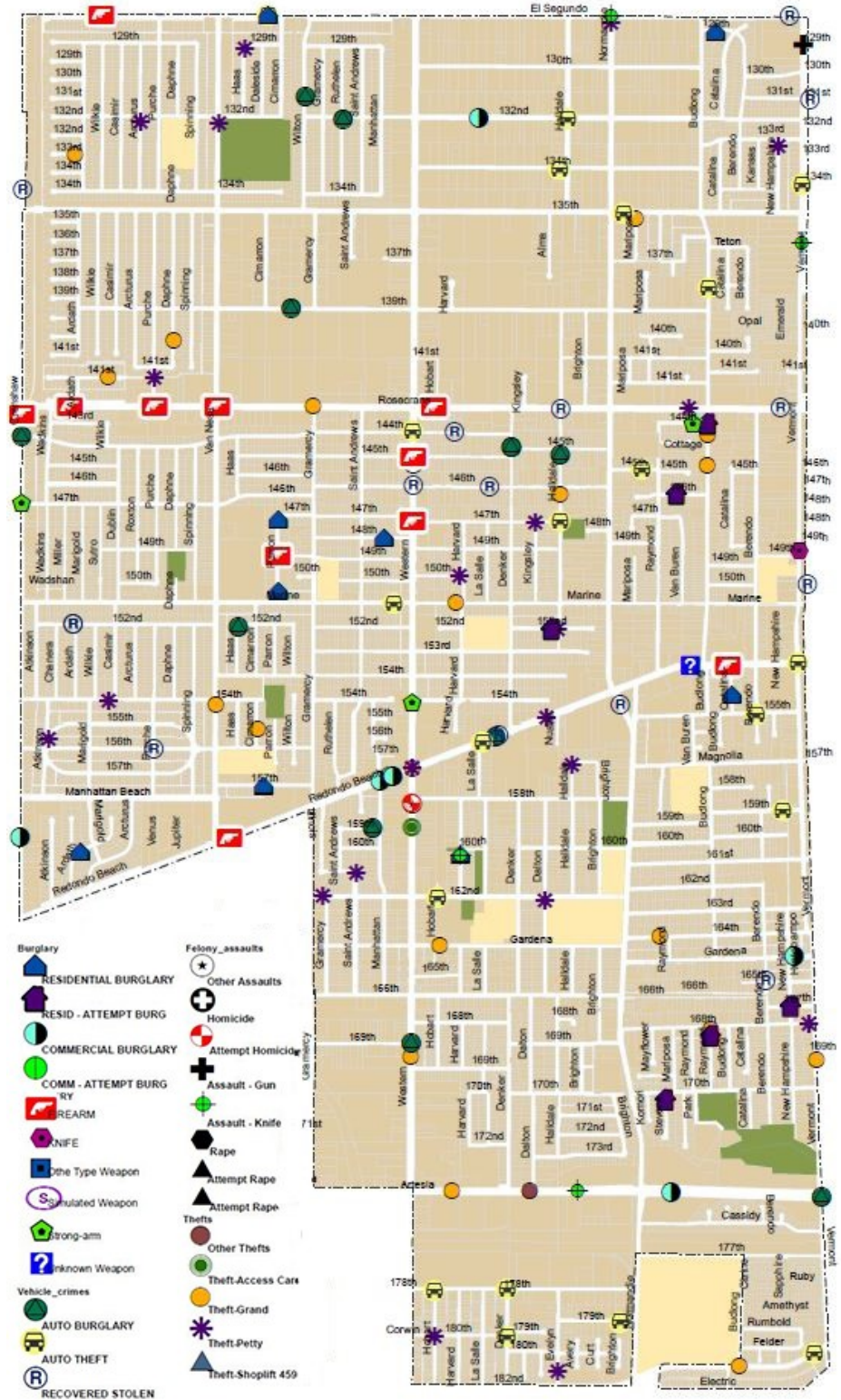
The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of August. The tables list the amount of crimes we have had in the past two months. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please go to [www.gardenapd.org](http://www.gardenapd.org)

## July '16

Robbery	19
Res. Burglary	11
Comm. Burglary	6
Vehicle Crimes	53
Assaults	17

## August '16

Robbery	17
Res. Burglary	15
Comm. Burglary	7
Vehicle Crimes	41
Assaults	17



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



Text 'Gardena' to 888777

For updates from GPD about road closures, events, crimes, and more.

# UPCOMING EVENTS




**Starbucks Courtyard**  
1759 W Artesia Blvd  
Sept. 7, 2016  
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**



## 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.

## 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)



Gardena Police Department

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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](http://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!