Garden Grove Police Department | Community Liaison Division SPRING 2022

Community Connection

For the latest updates on our programs and services, visit **ggcity.org/police** and **@GardenGrovePD @ @gardengrovepd @ @GardenGrovePD**

Call to Duty Memorial

National Police Week is celebrated every May and will take place May 15 – May 21, 2022.

The Garden Grove "Call to Duty" Police Memorial will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 5 PM in front of the Garden Grove Police Department located at 11301 Acacia Parkway. We will be commemorating the addition of Lieutenant John Reynolds to the memorial wall during the ceremony.

The community is invited to share in this service. Light refreshments will be provided.



Community Update

CRIME TREND: Scams

Scammers often find new methods to victimize others. Their intent is to steal personal information and/or money. Once a scammer has taken possession of your money, it is very difficult to retrieve it. The best way to avoid being a victim of a scam is to know the signs.

Be alert for the following signs of a potential scam:

- Someone tries to persuade you with a prize, loan, or an investment opportunity that sounds too good to be true.
- You receive a text, call, or email that asks you to verify your passwords, bank account, credit card information, social security number, or other personal information.
- Someone claims you've won a prize, but you must pay a fee to collect it.
- Someone requests payment in the form of gift cards.
- Be cautious of individuals you meet online. They may try to earn your trust and eventually ask you for money or steal your identity.

When in doubt, tell someone what is happening, contact local authorities, or report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

For more information on scams, visit consumer.ftc.gov

Garden Grove Police Department Programs

The Community Liaison
Division remains committed
to serving the community by
offering virtual and in-person
crime prevention programs.
We encourage residents to stay
engaged to keep themselves and
our communities safe.

The following programs are offered virtually and in-person:

Community Programs

- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal Safety
- Traffic Safety
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety
- Car Seat Safety

Youth Programs

- Junior Neighborhood Watch
- Officer Friendly
- Child Safety & Stranger Danger
- Internet Safety
- Anti-Bullying
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Making Healthy Choices

To Connect With Us

Community Liaison Division Email:

crimeprevention@ggcity.org

Community Liaison Division Numbers:

(714) 741-5760 General Inquiries

(714) 741-5761 East

(714) 741-5762 West, Spanish

(714) 741-5763 Vietnamese

(714) 741-5592 Korean

Emergency:

9-1-1

Report a Non-Emergency Crime:

(714) 741-5704

Situational Awareness



Situational Awareness is knowing where you are and staying alert for potential threats to your health and safety. Whether at work, walking in a crowd, or having brunch with family or friends at a local restaurant, it's important to pay attention to your surroundings.

Keep these safety tips in mind wherever you go:

- 1. Observe your surroundings and assess for potential hazards or threats.
 - Take a few minutes to focus on your environment. Be aware of anything that seems out of the ordinary or that can potentially turn dangerous.
- 2. Identify all exits and escape routes.
 - Have a plan of where to go or hide in the event of a dangerous situation.
- 3. Watch for suspicious people and vehicles.
 - Look for people who are behaving in a manner that is outside the norm or carrying equipment that may be used as weapons, such as baseball bats, chains, instrument cases, and other large bags.
- 4. Imagine the "what if" situations.
 - Create scenarios and plan for how you would respond to these threats. Practicing your plan will help you react better in high stress situations.
- 5. Trust your gut feeling.
 - If you feel uneasy, do not dismiss it. Trust that feeling and leave the area or seek assistance immediately.

To report suspicious activity, call 9-1-1 or contact our 24-hour general line at 714-741-5704.

Remember: When you see something, say something.

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