



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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411 With The Chief



Date:
Wednesday,
November 2, 2016
5:00pm-7:00pm

Location:
San Gabriel City Hall
Council Chambers
425 S. Mission Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91776

Meet with San Gabriel's new Police Chief, Eugene Harris, on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the San Gabriel City Council Chambers, 425 S. Mission Dr. San Gabriel, CA 91775. This gathering will be the beginning of many informal opportunities for you to come together with other community members and the Police Chief to develop stronger community partnerships. Opportunities to meet with your Police Chief in this setting will occur every first Wednesday of the month, beginning this November.

Join us and your neighbors in this friendly setting to ask questions, obtain information, and voice your concerns directly to the Police Chief. Please contact Johanna Ambicki, Executive Assistant/P.D. PIO for any questions (626) 308-2834 or ja780@sgpd.com.

ATTENTION: Newsletter & Crime Statistics Now On-Line

The Crime Prevention Office will no longer be mailing the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter and crime statistics. Instead they will be electronically uploaded every month onto the San Gabriel Police Department Website and made available for everyone to view and print. Every month, the Crime Prevention Office makes over 8,400 copies to be packaged, processed and mailed through City Hall. The monthly delivery via USPS costs between \$400-\$600. Efficiency is an obligation we hold strongly in order to better serve our community; we are always looking for ways to reduce operating in providing valuable information to residents without the high cost of postage and materials. If you would like the newsletter and crime statistics sent directly to your email, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Stacy Gutierrez at (626) 308-2846 or sg551@sgpd.com.

Holiday Safety Tips

The following Holiday Safety Tips were compiled to contribute to the safety and security of residents during the holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday related crimes. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

At Home

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a family member watch your home and pick up your mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Large displays or holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children cannot pull it over on themselves.
- When using lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or it can cause a fire.
- Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

Strangers at Your Door

- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes, although no charity is involved. Donate to a recognized charitable organization.
- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a mall, or well-lighted location.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

Shopping

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry and carrying large amounts of cash.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

Children

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security.
- Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

Identification of property

- The goal is to deter property related crimes and to assist law enforcement in their efforts to find and return stolen or lost property to its rightful owner. Remember the following:
- Mark items with your California Driver License number and not your Social Security Number.
- For items that cannot be marked with an engraver, photograph or videotape the items.

If you notice anything suspicious or out of place call the San Gabriel Police Department at (626) 308-2828 (non-emergency) 9-1-1 (emergency)
Receive alerts from the City of San Gabriel at <https://local.nixle.com/register/> or text your 91775 or 91776 to 888777 for mobile alerts.