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The San Gabriel Police Department Would Like To Welcome Eugene Harris As Our New Chief of Police



It is with great pleasure that I am announcing Eugene Harris as the new Chief of Police for the San Gabriel Police Department. After a months-long search, San Gabriel officials announced that Eugene Harris, a 24-year law enforcement veteran, will be the city's next Chief of Police.

Harris, is a Southern California native and former United States Marine. Harris began his career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and joined the Monterey Park Police Department in 1993, where he served as captain for seven years.

Harris is a published author and has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Organizational Management. He is currently working on his second Master's Degree in law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership at the University of San Diego. Harris is also a graduate of the POST Master Instructor Development Program, the West Point Leadership Program, POST Command College and the FBI National Academy.

Harris succeeds outgoing Chief David A. Lawton, who retired earlier this year after 26 years as the Chief of Police. Harris will take the position in the second week of October. Among his first tasks will be to oversee construction of a new, \$26.5 million police facility that city officials have been planning for more than a decade. Welcome, Chief Harris!

1. <http://sangabrielcity.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=758>



Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, 2016



Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually October 23-31. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free lifestyle and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. The campaign is a unified way for communities to take a stand against drugs and show intolerance for illicit drug use and the consequences to all Americans. Please join the San Gabriel Police Department by wearing a red ribbon during the last week of October to symbolize zero tolerance for alcohol, drug, and tobacco use and a commitment to substance abuse prevention.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween doesn't have to be scary if you practice basic, common-sense safety. Fun times and happy memories can still be made if you follow a few simple steps. Tips for young and old to enjoy the holiday can be as easy to remember as:

- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others to see you.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk with a group.
- Party safely. Don't drink and drive. Get a ride home from a sober friend or a taxi.
- Prepare for chilly weather while trick-or-treating by wearing warm clothing.
- Wear clothing that's easy to see at night while trick-or-treating, like yellow or something light-colored or reflective.
- Have a cellphone with you while trick-or-treating, in case of an emergency.
- Always keep a safe distance from candles or other fire sources. Dress in fire proof costumes or treated with a fire retardant.
- Look both ways before crossing any streets, especially if trick-or-treating at night.
- Know where you've parked or walked to avoid getting lost, especially if in an unfamiliar neighborhood. If your kids are going alone, know their route before they leave. Have them check in regularly by phone and give their current location.
- Obey all laws, good manners and curfews.
- Walk on sidewalks, wherever available. To avoid traffic accidents, do not run from house to house or dash into the street.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats from people you know and trust. Note the address from which each treat was received.
- Examine all treats for tampering, choking hazards and allergens.
- Never enter a stranger's home or vehicle while trick-or-treating. Teach kids not to engage strangers if they go trick-or-treating alone.

Have an enjoyable time celebrating Halloween, but remember to still be cautious of your surroundings. If you see something, say something. Partner to prevent or report crime by contacting San Gabriel Police Department (626) 308-2828. For more information on Halloween Safety Tips and other topics, contact Stacy Gutierrez at the San Gabriel Police Department Crime Prevention Office at (626) 308-2846.



TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

At the San Gabriel Police Department - 625 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776