



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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Welcome to 2017: Annual Crime Prevention Safety Tips

Another year has gone by and we hope that 2016 was a safe and crime free year for you. Unfortunately, that has not been the case for many people so we'd like to remind you about a few crime prevention tips that may make this year a little safer: Make two lists of all your valuables and their serial numbers in case you are the victim of a theft or burglary. You could also make a video of your valuables by walking throughout your home, room by room, and describing each item while reading the serial number (if it has one). Don't forget to check items in your garage too. Keep one list someplace convenient, and another in a safe location not in your home (maybe a safe deposit box or at work). Do not share passwords for your accounts or computers with anyone. Try to use a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols when creating your passwords for extra security. Ask for the free copy of your credit report. You are entitled to one free copy annually from each of the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion). This will allow you to check it three times a year at no cost. Check all your doors and windows to be sure that the locks are all working properly; if they aren't, it's time to repair them. Be sure to lock all doors and windows when you are away and keep doors closed even when you are home.

Check all your financial statements monthly and keep track of when bills should be arriving each month. Sometimes when criminals steal your identity they have your statements sent to a different address. Check your outside lighting; especially in hidden corners where people could hide. Trim your shrubbery up on the bottom and down on top so criminals cannot easily hide behind them. Thorny shrubbery or plants can also be used as a deterrent. Talk to your children about not sharing passwords, vacation plans, or personal information on the Internet or with strangers. Lock your vehicle at all times even if it is parked in your driveway. Be sure to keep valuables out of sight including a GPS holder or cellphone charger. If you park your vehicle in front of your garage, be sure to have lighting or motion sensors positioned on your vehicle. Remind everyone in your household not to text and drive. Use only the hands-free setting on your cell phone. Do not drink and drive.

There are a few neighborhoods that have gotten involved and joined the San Gabriel Neighborhood Watch Program. They have hosted a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting; the benefit is that they are extra eyes and ears for the Police Department. At the meetings, they receive crime prevention tips on how to be good witnesses and report crimes to the Police Department while communicating with their neighbors. The results have been a reduction in crime in those neighborhoods. Call the Crime Prevention Office at 626-308-2846 about how to set up a meeting in your neighborhood. Crime Prevention is everyone's business!

If You See Something, Say Something

One of the most valuable tools the San Gabriel Police Department has to keep San Gabriel safe is the eyes and ears of San Gabriel residents looking out for their neighborhood. If you see unusual activity in your neighborhood, call the Police Department. Their business line, which is perfect for reporting unusual activity, is staffed 24 hours a day at 626-308-2828. And, if it's a crime in progress, or other emergency always call 9-1-1.

Maybe it's a business solicitor going door to door. (Sometimes those turn out to be knock-knock burglars who find unoccupied homes and then go around back to try to break in.) Maybe it's people who appear to be utility workers with vests or hard hats, but without official vehicles or ID. (They, too, may end up going around the back of a house, or sneaking past the front door while the owner walks into the back yard with another "worker.") Maybe it's just something in your neighborhood that is unusual and has you worried.

The San Gabriel Police Department urges residents to give them a call and they'll send an officer to see what's happening. If you see something, say something. Keep San Gabriel and your neighborhood safe!

Other reasons to call 626-308-2828 include, but are not limited to the following:

- You have questions about something occurring in your neighborhood, and you are not sure if it is criminal activity.
- To report a non-emergency crime, one that did not just occur, and the suspect(s) are not in the immediate area.
- You are suspicious of a solicitor that just came to your door or is in the neighborhood.
- People you don't recognize are walking your block with no obvious direction or purpose.
- Unfamiliar people peering into parked vehicles or removing vehicle accessories.
- Parked, occupied vehicles at unusual hours.
- Abandoned vehicles.
- Scavengers digging through trash and/or recycling bins.
- You want to report a nuisance, such as a noise or parking complaint.
- Unusual foot traffic.
- Business transactions conducted from vehicles.



Report all crime to the San Gabriel Police Department. Crime cannot be controlled or prevented if it is not reported. By reporting crimes and suspicious activities, you can protect yourself and others.

MEET WITH YOUR POLICE CHIEF EUGENE HARRIS



JOIN US FOR
BOBA WITH THE CHIEF
DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017
TIME: 6:00 PM-7:30PM



LOCATION:

ASIAN YOUTH CENTER
100 W. CLARY AVENUE
SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776



Donated Boba By Tea Station
158 W Valley Blvd, San Gabriel, California

San Gabriel Police Department

Emergencies 9-1-1

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April 5, 2017, May 3, 2017