



Neighborhood Watch News



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If You See Something, Say Something!

One of the most valuable resources the Police Department has to keep San Gabriel safe is the eyes and ears of its residents looking out for the community. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call the Police Department at 626-308-2828, which is staffed 24 hours a day. If you see a crime in progress or another emergency please call 9-1-1.

If you see solicitors going door to door ask to see their permit from the city. Sometimes they turn out to be knock-knock burglars who find unoccupied homes and then go around back to try to break in. If someone claiming to be a utility worker shows up at your door and asks to inspect or repair equipment, ask to see their ID badge. They may be trying to collect personal information for use in identity theft or simply gain entry to your house to steal valuables. Public safety and security is everyone's responsibility. If you see suspicious activity, report it to local law enforcement and remember to use the "5W's":



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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 who 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 crimes 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.

<https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something/how-to-report-suspicious-activity>

This month's 411 with the Chief is now [available online](#) in a new virtual format.

If you'd like to participate in next month's video, please email your questions to info@SGPD.com with the subject "Question for the Chief," and be sure to subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) for the latest video updates and clips from the City.



Kiki and the History of Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, 2020

Enrique (Kiki) S. Camarena was born on July 26, 1947, in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, California in 1966, and in 1968 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving in the Marine Corps for two years, Kiki was a Calexico fireman, Calexico police officer, and an Imperial County Deputy Sheriff. Kiki joined the Drug Enforcement Administration in June of 1974. His first assignment as a Special Agent with DEA was in a familiar place - Calexico, California.

In 1977, after three years in Calexico, he was reassigned to the Fresno District Office in Northern California. Four years later, Kiki received transfer orders to Mexico, where he would work out of the Guadalajara Resident Office. For more than four years in Mexico, Kiki remained on the trail of the country's biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. In early 1985, he was extremely close to unlocking a multi-billion-dollar drug pipeline. However, before he was able to expose the drug trafficking operations to the public, he was kidnapped on February 7, 1985. On that fateful day, while headed to a luncheon with his wife, Mika, Kiki was surrounded by five armed men who threw him into a car and sped away. That was the last time anyone but his kidnappers would see him alive.

It is believed that Special Agent Camarena's death actually occurred two days later, but his body was not discovered until March 5, 1985. He was 37 years old and was survived by his wife Mika and their three children—Enrique, Daniel, and Erik. During his 11 years with DEA, Kiki received two Sustained Superior Performance Awards, a Special Achievement Award and, posthumously, the Administrator's Award of Honor, the highest award granted by DEA.

Shortly after Kiki's death, Congressman Duncan Hunter and high school friend Henry Lozano launched Camarena Clubs in Kiki's hometown of Calexico, California. Hundreds of club members including Calexico High School teacher David Dhillon wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Kiki Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans.

Red Ribbon Week eventually gained momentum throughout California and later across the United States. In 1985, club members presented the "Camarena Club Proclamation" to then First Lady Nancy Reagan, bringing it national attention. Later that summer, parent groups in California, Illinois, and Virginia began promoting the wearing of red ribbons nationwide during late October. The campaign was then formalized in 1988 by the National Family Partnership, with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons. Today, the eight-day celebration is an annual catalyst to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, workplaces, and communities. Each year, on October 23-31, more than 80 million young people and adults show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle by wearing or displaying the red ribbon.

<https://www.dea.gov/kiki-and-history-red-ribbon-week>

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