

WINTER 2021

Community Connection



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Accident Reduction Team

In 2016, the Garden Grove Police Department's Neighborhood Traffic Unit organized the Accident Reduction Team (ART) as part of the City's campaign to reduce traffic collisions and prevent fatal accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists.

From October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, ART conducted 102 operations to remind and educate drivers and pedestrians on traffic laws. The operations have resulted in numerous citations, DUI arrests, and increased community education.

Number of Operations	Citations
26 - DUI Saturation	4
1 - Motorcycle Safety	60
2 - Distracted Driver	78
46 - Traffic Enforcement	594
26 - Bicycle Pedestrian	362
1 - DUI/CDL Checkpoint	8 arrests

Community Update

CRIME TREND: **DUI**

California's Driving Under the Influence (DUI) laws prohibit all motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08% or higher. A person is considered "under the influence" if substantially impaired by alcohol, drugs (including over the counter, prescribed, and/or illegal) or any combination of the aforementioned.



From September to November 2020, there were 31 DUI accidents and 65 DUI citations in Garden Grove alone. Currently, impaired driving is the leading cause of death on our roadways nationally.

When driving impaired, you risk arrest, collision, injury and/or death upon others and yourself. Be responsible and prepare a plan whether you're driving, riding, or hosting a get-together with adult beverages. Use a designated driver or a rideshare service if needed. Let's put an end to DUI driving and an end to DUI injuries and fatalities.

Estimated Costs for First Misdemeanor DUI Conviction in California

Description of Fees	COSTS
Fine (minimum)	\$390
Penalties (may vary between locations)	\$1,245
Vehicle tow / Storage	\$250
Alcohol education class	\$575
Victim restitution fund	\$140
DMV licenses re-issue fee	\$125
Booking fees	\$250
Auto insurance increase	\$10,154
Attorney and legal fees	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$15,629

In addition to these costs, there may be other potential costs such as lost work time and wages, medical costs, vehicle and/or property damages, transportation costs during license suspension, other court-imposed fine and fees, civil liability, and bail.

*Disclaimer: The above amounts were obtained from PreventDUI.AAA.com and local agencies. Costs may vary depending on factors such as location, booking agency, towing company, and court fees.

For more information or to learn what GGPD is doing to address driving under the influence, visit ggpd.org/arteam or MADD.org.

Garden Grove Police Department Virtual Programs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Liaison Division remains committed to serving the community by offering virtual crime prevention programs. Although we are unable to meet in-person, we encourage residents to stay engaged to keep themselves and our communities safe.

The following programs will be offered virtually:

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

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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



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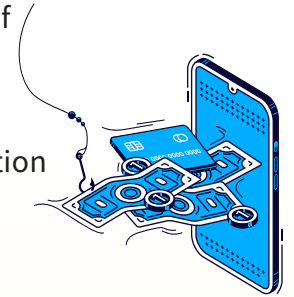
Protect Your Identity

Identity theft is a widespread ongoing crime that affects millions of Americans. Identity theft is when someone uses other's personal information, such as Social Security number, credit card, or Medicare number,

for financial gain. It is likely that you or someone you know has been a victim of identity theft. The following tips can protect you and your loved ones from becoming a victim:

Do's:

- Regularly check bills, bank statements, and medical benefits for unexpected changes.
- Monitor credit cards, loans, and other personal accounts.
- Check your credit report annually. Your credit report shows any mortgages, loans, or credit in your name, and if your accounts are in good standing.
- Shred all documents containing personal information, including medical documents.
- Enroll in paperless billing so personal information cannot be obtained through mail letters.
- Use secure passwords for online banking.



Don'ts:

- Carry your Social Security card, birth certificate, ID cards, or bank cards that you don't need at that time.
- Provide personal information over the Internet or telephone unless you are initiating contact.
- Share your personal data or leave it unprotected.
- Keep online banking sessions logged in.
- Wait to report suspicious activity.

You can obtain a free credit report every 12 months from each of the nationwide credit reporting companies:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 949	P.O. Box 390
Atlanta, GA	Allen, TX	Springfield, PA
30374	19064-0390	75013-0949
(800) 997-2493	(800) 397-3742	(800) 916-8800

If you become a victim of identity theft, contact your bank and/or credit card company immediately to prevent more unwanted charges from occurring. Also, consider freezing your credit. You may file a report with the Federal Trade Commission and with your local police department.

For more information regarding identity theft, visit identitytheft.gov

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