

# Community Connection

Fall 2025



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## Community Update

### NEW SCHOOL YEAR; NEW FRIENDS

Now that the 2025-2026 school year is in full swing it is time to discuss the concerns parents may have about their children's new online friends and what they can do to keep their children aware of the dangers online.

#### Keep this in Mind for your Kids' Safety

- Always check their social media accounts, text messages, and other applications. Monitor conversations to ensure they are appropriate.
- Now that your child has moved to a new grade level, new friends are going to be made. Be sure to check that the person they are friending on their accounts is someone from their school.
- Don't post on your social media, or on your children's regarding what after school programs they are participating in. This gives criminals a chance to monitor where your kids will be.



## SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

The Garden Grove Police Department's Community Liaison Division offers presentations in person and via Zoom to help keep our community safe and informed. Reach out to schedule a presentation for your group. If it is for a school, have them contact us directly.

#### Student Presentations

- Making Good Choices
  - K-3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Substance Abuse
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up
- Online Safety
  - K-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up

#### Parent Presentations

- Online Safety
- Substance Abuse

#### Community Presentations

- Personal Safety
- Senior Scams

**For more information:**  
**CRIMEPREVENTION@GGCITY.ORG**  
**714-741-5760**

## GGPD Community Outreach

**October 25: DEA National Take Back Day**  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Safely dispose of any unused medication at  
**Garden Grove Police Department**  
 11301 Acacia Pkwy  
 No Sharps or Liquids.



The Garden Grove Police Department is a nationally accredited law enforcement agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA®).

As part of the process, agency employed, our community members, and the general public are invited to offer feedback about their interactions with GGPD through the "CALEA Public Comment" portal.

For more information, visit  
**ggcity.org/police**

## HOLIDAY HOME SAFETY

During this holiday season, the Garden Grove Police Department encourages everyone to stay vigilant and safe. Ensure your home is secured, leaving all valuable items out of sight when you are away. Be cautious when traveling or attending gatherings, know your surroundings at all times. Utilize the Garden Grove Police Crime Prevention Programs below for additional security during the holiday season.

### Home Preparedness

Every home should be equipped with CO2 detectors, functional smoke alarms, a first aid kit, and a fire extinguisher.



### **Garden Grove Police Department Community Programs**

The Community Liaison Division remains committed to serving the community by offering in-person crime prevention programs. We encourage residents to stay engaged to keep themselves and our communities safe.

- Neighborhood Watch Meeting
- Vacation Home Check
- CPTED
- Water Safety
- Bike Safety
- Car Seat Inspection (By Appointments)

### Child & Pet Safety

Pets and children increase the likelihood of fire hazards. Use electric candles, cover unused electrical ports, and establish 'kid-free zones'.

SAFETY FIRST

### Holiday Travels

Before you leave, ensure your home is secure. Stay vigilant about your surroundings and avoid oversharing on social media.



### Kitchen Fires

Holidays calls for at-home cooking and potlucks! Cooking is the biggest cause of home fires. Never toss water on hot grease. For oven fires, turn off heat and keep door closed. For more fire safety, please visit [OCFA](https://www.ocfa.org) website.



**For more information on our programs:**  
[CrimePrevention@ggcity.org](mailto:CrimePrevention@ggcity.org)

For more fire and holiday safety visit the Orange County Fire Authority website:  
[www.OCFA.org](https://www.ocfa.org)

### **Connect With Us**

[CrimePrevention@ggcity.org](mailto:CrimePrevention@ggcity.org)



### **Community Liaison Division**

(714) 741-5760 General Inquiries  
(714) 741-5761 East  
(714) 741-5762 Spanish  
(714) 741-5763 Vietnamese  
(714) 741-5764 West

### **Emergency:**

# 9-1-1

**Report a Non-Emergency Crime:**

**(714) 741-5704**

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