Community Connection

Summer 2025

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Community Update

JOB SCAMS

Now that Summer is here, job scams may be on the rise. Many scams promise easy work from home with flexible hours, or appeal to teens on summer break. Remember, fake jobs can be posted on real platforms to appear legitimate. A scammer's goal is to get money or personal information out of you.

Here are some red flags when looking for a job:

- Being contacted when you have not applied or shown interest
- Reshipping or reselling items for others
  - Items may be illegally obtained
- Cashing a check and then sending money
- Investing your own money
- Paying a staffing agency fee
- Gift cards or cryptocurrency is involved
- Pyramid Schemes that look like real Multi-Level Marketing Businesses (MLM)
- Be cautious with large promises, or focusing on recruitment over product sales

ONLINE TICKET SCAMS

Online ticket scams spike during the summer due to an increase in concerts and events. Scammers will create fake websites or listings with "Too good to be true" deals. Victims often pay for tickets that have already been used, are counterfeit, or never receive the tickets at all. Always purchase from reputable websites or directly through the venue.

How to spot a ticket scam?

- Too good to be true deals or high discounts
- Seller demands a Zelle or wire transfer payment
- Vague or rushed conversations
- No official proof of initial purchase of tickets

For more information or to report either of these scams:
www.reportfraud.ftc.gov

GGPD Community Outreach

August 5: Solve a Crime with GGPD Detectives and Forensics team at this year's *National Night Out*.

August 27: If you're interested to learn more about GGPD, you can apply to our Citizen Academy 2025 class. .

If your community, school, or after school program is interested in a presentation on *Water Safety,* contact 714-741-5760 for more information.

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WATER SAFETY & LIFE JACKETS

As the weather starts to heat up and summer activities begin, it is important to know how to stay safe around water. Whether you are planning a beach day, pool day, or visiting a water park this summer, we encourage you to learn how to stay safe. Drowning can be prevented by learning some water safety tips and understanding the proper way to use a life jacket.

Life Jackets

- Only use life jackets that are approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.
  - The label on the inside of the life jackets will be labeled U.S. Coast Guard.
- The size of the life jacket will be based on weight and not on age.
- Make sure that the life jacket fits properly before entering the water.
- A life jacket does not supersede adult supervision.

At the Beach or River:

- Make sure to pay attention to posted signs about currents, usually posted above lifeguard towers
- Never swim alone. Even if you are an experienced swimmer.
- Never enter the water if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

ABC's of Water Safety

A **Active Adult Supervision**
  - Assign a "Water Watcher" to monitor the area at all times.
    - Water Watcher must be free of all distractions.

B **Barriers**
  - Verify proper fencing/gates are in place around pools.
  - Remove any items that can be used to climb over fences.
  - Ensure that those who cannot swim are wearing proper life jackets.

C **Classes**
  - Swimming classes are helpful for both learning to swim or becoming a stronger swimmer.
  - Taking a CPR class can help prepare for an emergency.

Always be aware of the locations for life saving equipment, such as lifebuoys and safety signs.
If someone is injured call 9-1-1.

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(714) 741-5762 Spanish
(714) 741-5763 Vietnamese
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Emergency:

9-1-1

Report a Non-Emergency Crime:

(714) 741-5704

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