



# **PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** May 20, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Memorial Day Weekend Enforcement

**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:** City of Garden Grove

**DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**NARRATIVE:**

**Garden Grove PD Encourages Public to Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend Responsibly**

Garden Grove, Calif. – This weekend is Memorial Day Weekend, and as we slowly travel down the road to reopening, the Garden Grove Police Department encourages everyone to listen to advice from public health officials and be responsible during these trying times.

To help protect you and your family, the Garden Grove Police Department will have officers on patrol over the Memorial Day Weekend looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

“This Memorial Day weekend will be much different than years before due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” Police Chief Tom DaRé said. “But when it comes to protecting your family and getting around, it doesn’t mean we have to get complacent. If you plan on drinking, stay at home.”

Pandemic or no pandemic, it is never okay to drive under the influence of alcohol. Remember, a DUI does not just mean alcohol: some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or “operating heavy machinery,” which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

While the state is relaxing stay-at-home orders, the Garden Grove Police Department advises the public to avoid large gatherings for Memorial Day

Weekend and practice physical distancing measures, when feasible, by staying at least six feet away from others.



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