



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2020-2021 BIENNIAL REPORT





GARDEN GROVE **CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council, led by Mayor Steve Jones, focuses the City's resources and energy on maintaining and enhancing a safe, attractive and economically vibrant city with an informed and involved public. The high quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Garden Grove is directly related to the Police Department's commitment to serving and protecting the community. The City Council looks forward to providing support and leadership that will help the Police Department continue to provide a sense of safety and security to community members.

Standing left to right:
George S. Brietigam III (District 1), Steven R. Jones (Mayor),
Stephanie Klopfenstein (District 5), Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen (District 3),
Tom DaRé (Chief of Police), Kim B. Nguyen (District 6),
Patrick Phat Bui (District 4), John R O'Neill (District 2)

CHIEF TOM DARÉ

I am honored to present the 2020-2021 Biennial Report for the Garden Grove Police Department. Although these past two years proved to be challenging, this report highlights some of the great work done by the men and women of the Department.

Towards the end of 2019, a nationwide pandemic set in, causing silence and a standstill throughout various homes and businesses. It was a time of confusion, frustration and distress. This caused 2020 and 2021 to be trying years for law enforcement and our partnering entities, which were all impacted by the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Crime rates went up, depression and mental illness increased amongst those laid off from work and the Department experienced a spike in calls for service while resources were limited. However, we at the City of Garden Grove rose together, supported each other, and did the best we could with the limited resources we had on hand. It is my priority to uphold the values of Community Policing with the men and women of the Department, who took the oath to protect and serve the community of Garden Grove.

Maintaining community relationships is the foundation of the department, so I want to thank all of you who have worked alongside us to keep our city safe.

I am very proud of our police department and what we have accomplished, and I look forward to continued success and achievements.

Tom DaRé
Chief of Police



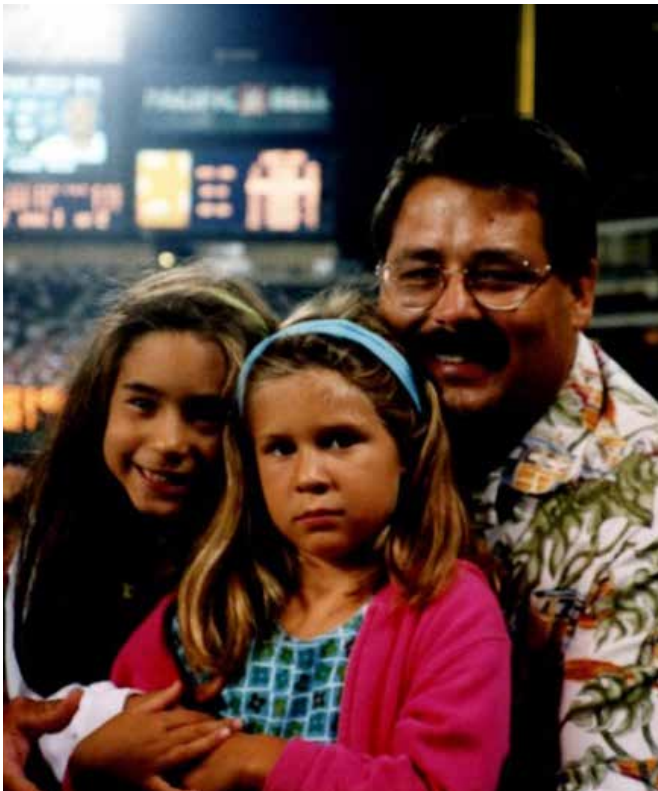
— IN MEMORIAM —

LT. JOHN REYNOLDS

John Reynolds began his law enforcement career with the Orange County Probation Department before becoming a Garden Grove Police Officer in 1995. He rose to the rank of lieutenant through his dedication to the organization and commitment to leadership. Lieutenant Reynolds was an accomplished professional, a man of sincerity and integrity, and had a selfless allegiance to the community. He never turned away an opportunity to volunteer or mentor a young person. Lieutenant Reynolds contracted COVID-19 in mid-November 2020, while on duty during the pandemic. He eventually succumbed to complications after courageously fighting the virus for nearly two months. John was added to our Garden Grove Police Memorial and he will be honored annually with all of our fallen brothers.

John had a heart of gold and a laugh that could make anyone smile. His love for his family and friends, along with his willingness to always help others, is what made him so special. John will always be remembered in our hearts and his family will always be a part of our Garden Grove family.

John is survived by his wife Jena, daughters Spenser and Kennedy, and son Ronan.



PANDEMIC RESPONSE

The COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges for the Garden Grove Police Department. We knew we had to keep serving our community effectively, maintain our community outreach, and keep our officers and community safe from potentially contracting or spreading COVID-19. Our officers conducted briefings and trainings outside, our community events were held virtually instead of in person, and the department kept the community informed of changes to mandates and information as they occurred.

City services had to be modified to meet state requirements but ensure our community still had access to necessary services in a safe manner. Department personnel assisted with vaccination sites and food distribution events. Our food and supply businesses were getting crowded with frustrated citizens over the lack of products available. Our smaller businesses were struggling to stay open with the changing mandates and lack of normal business. As a community, we fought through unprecedented times by working together and making changes to ensure we got through the pandemic TOGETHER!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT/DONATIONS

The pandemic brought on difficult times for the citizens, police department, and businesses in Garden Grove. What got us through these past two years was the amazing support from our community. Hundreds of donations and signs of support were delivered to the police department during the most difficult time our city has experienced in many years. The community not only donated food, drinks, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to department personnel who worked during the pandemic, but also PPE, supplies and food for our community members who were in need of assistance. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our community members who came together to support each other during such a difficult time.









COMMUNITY POLICING BUREAU

Police personnel assigned to the Community Policing Bureau are primarily responsible for the delivery of police services to the citizens of Garden Grove. This bureau includes patrol officers, K-9 officers, community service officers, the Neighborhood Traffic Unit, and the Crime Analysis Unit. In addition, the Community Policing Bureau has investigative units assigned to serve the community under the Special Services Division. These units consist of the Gang Suppression Unit, the Special Investigations Unit, and the newly created Community Impact Unit.

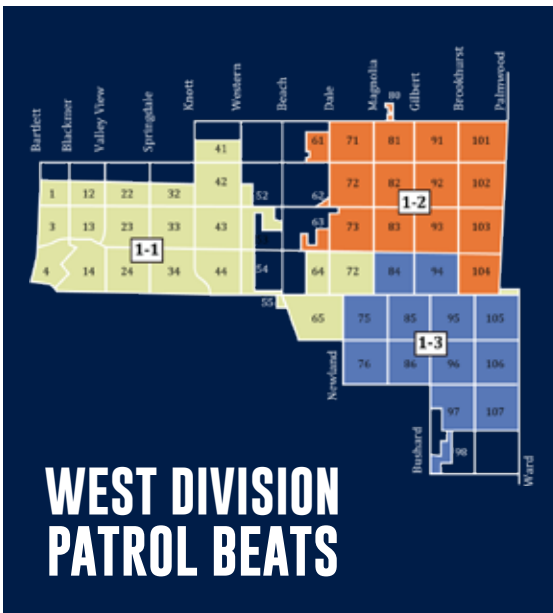


PATROL DIVISION

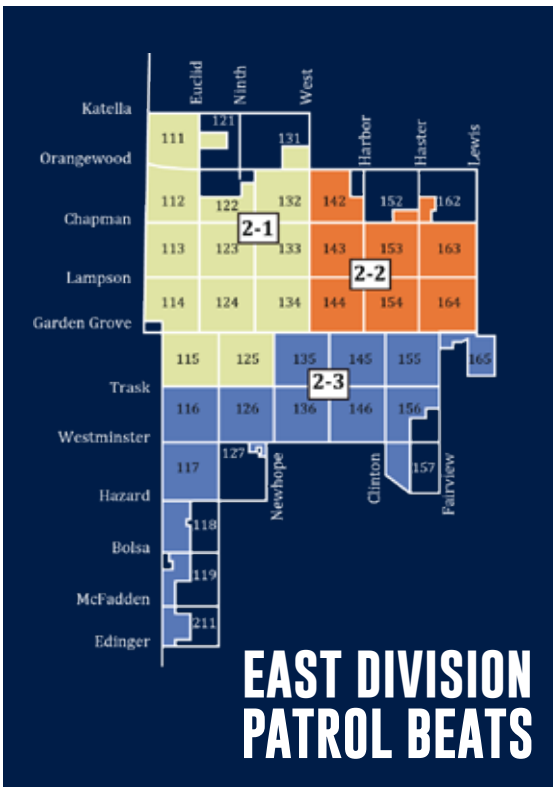
During the pandemic of 2020–2021, Patrol Division officers handled numerous complex investigations and calls for service. Despite working under unprecedented conditions as a result of COVID-19, patrol officers handled 63,796 incidents in 2020 and 66,190 incidents in 2021.

The Patrol Division falls under the Community Policing Bureau and is comprised of 72 patrol officers, 14 sergeants, and 2 lieutenants. Patrol is responsible for responding to calls for service, addressing department and beat goals, and conducting proactive enforcement to combat crime. Patrol is divided into two divisions (East and West) and three geographical areas within each division, which are called beats. The officers are assigned to a specific beat to ensure they become familiar with the residents, businesses, and crime trends affecting those areas.

Patrol officers are dedicated to improving the quality of life and safety in the city of Garden Grove. At the beginning of each year, the officers collaborate with their beat partners to identify the current crime trends and issues affecting the residents and businesses within their specific beat. The officers establish goals and utilize problem-solving models to seek long-term solutions to crime trends and quality of life issues.



WEST DIVISION PATROL BEATS



EAST DIVISION PATROL BEATS





NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC UNIT

The Neighborhood Traffic Unit (NTU) is tasked with conducting enforcement and education activities related to citywide traffic and parking issues. The NTU targets areas in the city where traffic problems are prevalent, and traffic issues at schools are always a top priority for the unit.

During the past two years, Garden Grove PD saw an increase in street racing, intersection and parking lot takeovers, and car club meetups. With several businesses either closed or maintaining short operational

hours, it gave car clubs the opportunity to take over commercial parking lots in off hours. Participants at these meet ups would engage in reckless driving, vandalism, and create numerous complaints from businesses and residents. Due to the problem occurring county wide, an Orange County Street Racing Task Force was formed to combat the issue. GGPD is still heavily involved in enforcing these violations and continues to operate as a part of the county-wide task force.





K9 UNIT

Founded in 1970, the Garden Grove Police Department Canine Unit (K9) is the oldest police K9 unit in Orange County. The current unit consists of Corporal Edgar Valencia with his police service dog, Vader, and Officer Tim Ashbaugh with his police service dog, Kody. Between 2020 and 2021, the K9 unit responded to 3,383 calls for service and saved the department over 268 man hours. The K9 unit was responsible for the apprehension of 15 dangerous suspects during this time and directly led to the surrender of an additional 161 suspects. Having two K9 teams allows for patrol coverage seven days a week and increases their availability to participate in community outreach events, citizen and explorer academies, and public demonstrations.



RESORT SERVICES UNIT

The Garden Grove Resort Services Unit provides safety, security, training, community services, and law enforcement to the guests and employees of the hotels and five restaurants in our resort area.

On a daily basis, the unit enforces local laws, patrols the resort parking lots, and networks with employees to strengthen relationships with the area hotels and restaurants. Officers also interact with guests, which allows tourists to get an up-close, personal, and positive law enforcement experience. Each month, resort officers provide updated training to resort area management and their employees on current crime trends and how to address them.



During COVID-19, the resort district saw an increase in criminal activity and vandalism in the hotels and hotel rooms. The Resort Services Unit collaborated with the Special Resources Team and patrol to combat the increased criminal activity affecting the hotels and tourists in the Harbor and Chapman area.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

The Community Service Officer program was established in order to allow patrol officers to direct their efforts toward suppression of criminal activities. Community Service Officers (CSOs) are both part-time and full-time civilian employees who perform many duties that were once handled by sworn officers. These highly trained individuals are invaluable to the Department and the community, as the work they do allows sworn officers to spend more time on proactive policing efforts. Typical duties of a Community Services Officer vary depending upon the assignment. Assignments can include the following specialized areas:

Alarm Coordinator: responsible for administering the Alarm Ordinance and working with residents and businesses regarding violations and alarm fees, as well as the Department cost recovery program.

Court Liaison: works closely with the District Attorney and Public Defenders' offices to file complaints, deliver subpoenas, maintain calendars and logs and notify officers of court appearances.

Crime Prevention: speak to community groups about crime prevention topics, works with police volunteers, and assists sworn officers with preventative policing efforts.

Field Report Writers: work side by side with police officers to investigate and document crimes that have occurred where the suspect has left the scene.

Front Desk Officer: responsible for report writing, vehicle releases, fingerprinting, and a myriad of other duties. The front desk CSO takes cold crime reports and answers questions, releases reports and makes referrals for the public who come to the police department.

Body-Worn Camera (BWC) and In-Car Video Systems (IVS): Maintain files, respond to evidence requests, maintain chain-of-custody protocols and perform basic maintenance and repairs on the all-digital in-car and body-worn video recording systems.

Investigative Aides: assist Investigators with initial and follow up investigation of criminal cases, keep investigative notes, contact crime victims, witnesses, and others involved in these cases, and other duties as assigned.

Property and Evidence: responsible for organizing, processing and recording the intake and release of property and evidence.



SPECIAL RESOURCES TEAM

The Special Resources Team (SRT) is comprised of four officers and a sergeant, creating seven days of coverage. SRT's mission is to provide a safe and secure community for everyone, while offering services and outreach to remedy the homeless epidemic. Our primary focus is to educate and provide outreach to the homeless population within Garden Grove.

SRT officers handle, on average, approximately 10 to 20 calls for service per day, which allows patrol officers to focus on other beat area enforcement issues. The COVID-19 pandemic brought additional concerns for the SRT as some residents were struggling financially and some may have had to move from their place of residence. SRT came into contact with one individual

who was a veteran and living out of his vehicle. SRT contacted our outreach service provider and was able to get the individual a hotel voucher that day. Additionally, Veteran Affairs was contacted for housing, and the veteran was moved into permanent housing and is safely off the streets.

Throughout 2020 and 2021, Newhope St. & Westminster Ave. have been one of the biggest homeless complaints in the city. Officers were dispatched multiple times daily to address illegal encampments, narcotic use, assaults, and fires. SRT collaborated with several city departments to address the issues and get the owner to fence off his property. Ultimately, the owner secured the property and has eliminated a major nuisance for the residents of Garden Grove.



BE WELL OC

The Be Well mobile response team provides counseling, information, referrals, transportation and additional follow-up support and case management. The mobile crisis response program helps improve outcomes for those in need, while also supporting law enforcement and EMS so they can focus on calls where they are needed most urgently. The net result is improved mental health care for Orange County residents, at a lower overall cost to the community.

Services and Capabilities:

The Be Well OC Mobile Crisis Response Team can help with a variety of non-emergency situations:

- Mental Health
- Behavioral Crisis
- Suicidal Ideation
- Public Assistance
- Non-domestic violence family issues
- Drug and alcohol abuse and addiction
- Welfare checks
- Homelessness (in cooperation with SRT)



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is responsible for investigating a variety of crimes within the city. These investigations include narcotic violations, vice crimes, illegal gambling, and ABC violations. In 2020, there was a large increase in residential and commercial locations being used as a front for illegal gambling in Garden Grove. These locations attracted criminals, were often run by criminal street gangs, and generated numerous complaints from the community. SIU was quick to address the complaints by executing search warrants and shutting down 14 locations in 2020 and another 10 in 2021.

In one case, SIU received information about a residence in Garden Grove being used to facilitate illegal gambling. SIU executed a search warrant and detained 19 subjects

from the residence. During the search, over \$4,000.00 in cash, gambling machines, and four guns, including an AR-15 assault rifle and a MAC-10 submachine gun, were seized. All 19 subjects were eventually arrested for a variety of violations.

In another case, SIU learned of a subject dealing cocaine in and around Garden Grove. Through the investigation, a search warrant was obtained for the subject and his residence. When the warrant was executed, the male suspect fled on foot and was captured a short time later after a search of the surrounding area. Inside the home, 17 guns, 10 firearm suppressors, \$100,000 cash, and one pound of cocaine were seized. The suspect was arrested and booked into the Orange County Jail.

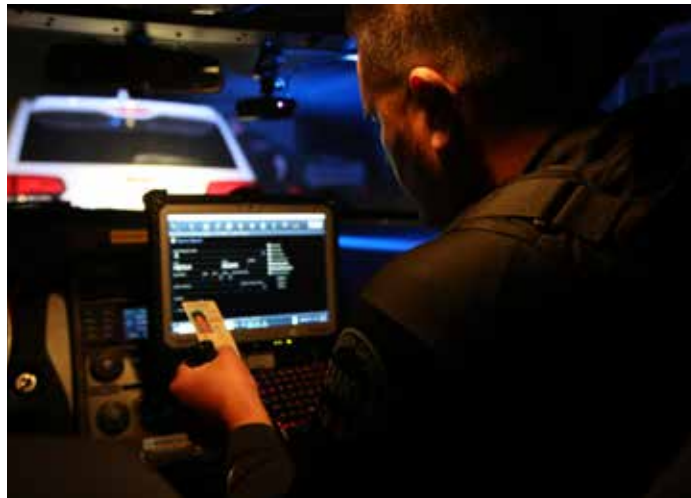
SIU STATS	METHAMPHETAMINE	COCAINE	GUNS	ARRESTS	SEARCH WARRANTS	CASH SEIZED
2020	20 LBS.	3 LBS.	14	295	59	\$270,936
2021	23.7 LBS.	20.6 LBS.	44	256	59	\$298,337



GANG SUPPRESSION UNIT

The Garden Grove Police Department Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) is comprised of officers who conduct street-level gang enforcement with support from GSU Target Unit Detectives. GSU investigates all gang-related crimes and gang graffiti throughout the city. The Gang Unit has a District Attorney specializing in gang prosecution and an Orange County Gang Probation Officer assigned to the unit. The Gang Probation Officer supervises and manages Target gang probationers referred by the Gang Unit. GSU officers have specialized training to assist them in addressing gang issues that affect the city of Garden Grove. In addition to their day-to-day gang enforcement duties, the Gang Unit participates in the Orange County Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership Program (GRIP), which the Orange County DA's Office facilitates. The Gang Suppression Unit and the Youth Services Unit meet with "at-risk" children in elementary and middle schools, potentially exposed to the gang environment.

COVID-19 and nationwide civil unrest were incredibly challenging for the Garden Grove Police Department in 2020 and 2021. This was especially true for the Gang Suppression Unit. Due to COVID-19, the court system was all but shut down, and chronic gang offenders were being released daily, causing gang member activity to spike. Also, during this time, civil unrest and protests broke out in Orange County. The Garden Grove Gang Suppression Unit assisted in managing protests occurring in Garden Grove and was called upon by numerous cities around the county to help with crowd management and mobile field force.



SWAT

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team consists of specially selected officers who are trained in the use of special weapons and tactics to handle high-risk situations, barricaded suspects, hostage takers, high-risk warrant service, or other situations requiring training and expertise beyond the capabilities of the regular police officer. Officers assigned to the SWAT team are required to pass physical agility and strength tests, and undergo psychological examinations. Components of the SWAT team include a chemical agent unit, entry teams, sniper teams, and work hand in hand with the Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT).



HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Garden Grove Police Department's Hostage Negotiation Team is comprised of officers from different assignments within the department. HNT responds to crisis situations, critical incidents that have the potential to result in a barricaded subject and/or hostage situation, as well as high-risk search warrants and dynamic entries involving active suspects. HNT works in conjunction with the SWAT team for most incidents.



COMMUNITY IMPACT UNIT

The Community Impact Unit (CIU) is the newest specialized unit in the Garden Grove Police Department. The unit was established in January 2020 and is comprised of six officers, each assigned to one of the six beats in the city. CIU has a multi-pronged mission, but the main focus of the unit is to build a stronger connection and relationship with the citizens of Garden Grove.

CIU has found face-to-face interactions as the best way to build a stronger relationship with the community. The unit participates in many community events during the year, including: Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Watch meetings, Pop-up events, Shop with a Cop, Community clean-up events, and numerous other community engagement events. These events allow the unit to get to know the local community and, in turn, get a better understanding of the concerns they have. The unit then works with the community to address their concerns. With the information obtained from the community, the unit then conducts proactive enforcement throughout the city.

As a result of the proactive enforcement, the unit has made over 754 arrests since its inception. Of the 754 arrests, many were for drug-related offenses. The unit has taken approximately 20 pounds of narcotics off the streets of Garden Grove. Along with the narcotic seizures, the unit has also taken 33 firearms off the streets, which undoubtedly stopped numerous violent crimes from occurring. The unit has found that working hand in hand with the community is a very effective approach to address the quality of life issues in the city.



COMMUNITY LIAISON DIVISION

The Community Liaison Division conducts, facilitates, and participates in numerous outreach programs and educational presentations. Services are provided in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese.

In response to COVID-19, the Community Liaison Division continued engaging with community members through the creation of a quarterly newsletter, Community Connection, which is available in all four languages. In addition, the division disseminated thousands of informational bags throughout various neighborhoods, thus limiting in-person contact yet still continuing the outreach effort. With the need for assistance from community partners, the Community Liaison Division assisted in the distribution of food and other goods, citywide PODS, and community service programs.

As restrictions eased, the Community Liaison Division initiated a monthly crime prevention and safety outreach booth to connect with the community on a broader level. These events rotate throughout the city and include the participation of other police department divisions as well as community agencies, such as the Community Impact Unit (CIU), Special Resources Team (SRT), Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA).



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING

The Volunteers in Policing (VIP) Program consists of 18 members who assist in over 20 administrative and field tasks. They have been instrumental in handling assignments that improve community relations and department efficiency, including restocking first aid kits, completing vacation checks and resort checks, assisting with special events, maintaining the police memorial, and a variety of other assignments.



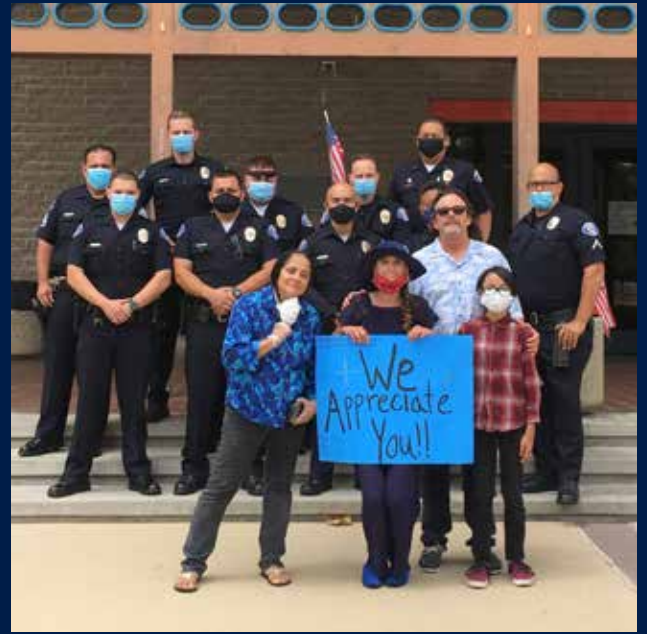
Through the end of 2021, Garden Grove Police Department Volunteers have contributed over 110,600 hours since its inception in 1994.

CITIZEN ACADEMY

Through the Community Liaison Division, the department offers a Citizen Academy course to introduce residents and community members to the units, services, and daily operations of the police department. The curriculum is comprehensive and includes presentations as well as practical demonstrations. The 2020 class was postponed to 2021, which spanned 13 weeks with 13 graduates.







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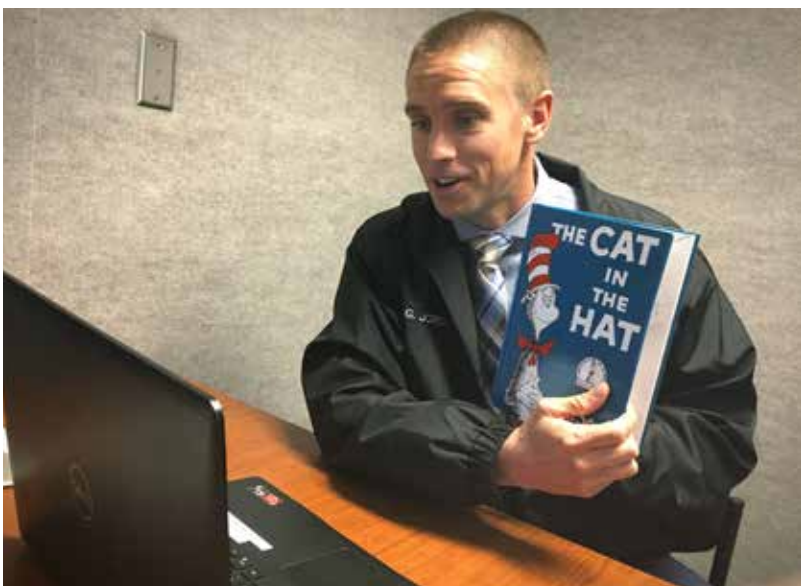
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SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

The Support Services Bureau is a crucial element that works in conjunction with the Community Policing Bureau, providing follow-up investigations and administrative support. Divisions in the Support Services Bureau include Investigations, Communications, Records, Youth Services and Property and Evidence.



RECORDS DIVISION

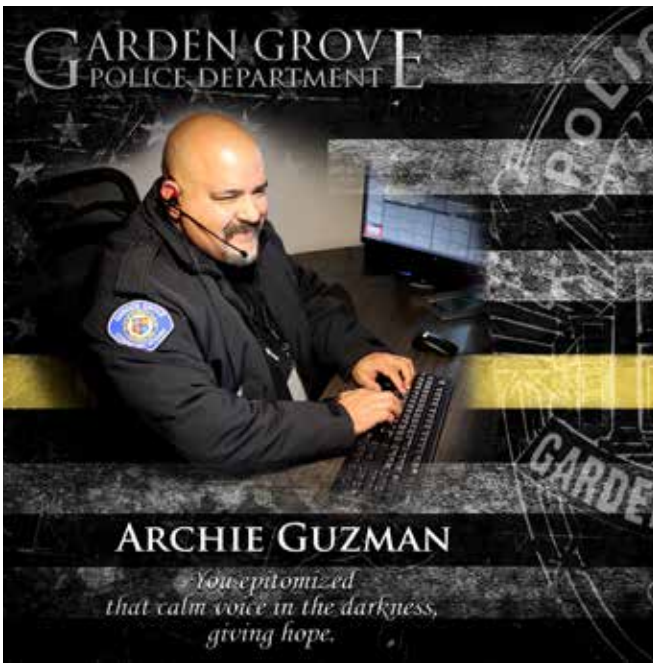
The Records Division operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is an integral component in the successful operation of the Garden Grove Police Department. The unit is overseen by a Records manager and is comprised of Records supervisors, Records specialists, community service officers, and cadets. All police, traffic accident, and citation reports are maintained by Records Specialists. Records personnel provide customer service to the citizens of Garden Grove in accordance with federal, state, and local laws. During the pandemic, the Records Division continued to provide great customer service even with the COVID-19 challenges the community and our department faced.



FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT

The Garden Grove Police Department has a long-standing partnership with the Orange County Crime Lab, which provides enhanced forensic services on a contractual basis to the city of Garden Grove. The Garden Grove Police Department Forensic Services Unit is comprised of an OCCL lead forensic specialist who works full-time at the Garden Grove police station.





ARCHIE GUZMAN

*You epitomized
that calm voice in the darkness,
giving hope.*

— IN MEMORIAM — **ARCHIE GUZMAN**

Archie Guzman began his law enforcement career in April of 2006 when he joined the Garden Grove Police Department as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

Archie was a family man who made sure his family and friends were his priority. His loved ones used words like humble, hospitable, and friendly to describe him. He was an avid music lover and novice musician who played the conga drums and was taking upright bass lessons.

In August 2015, Dispatcher Guzman was promoted to Dispatch Supervisor. His work ethic, personality and demeanor played a huge role in this promotion.

During his career, Archie trained countless new dispatchers, served as a SWAT tactical dispatcher and was on numerous community committees, including Be Well OC.

Dispatcher Archie Guzman passed away on July 27, 2021. Archie will always be remembered in our hearts and his family will always be a part of the Garden Grove family.

Archie is survived by his wife, Rosa, daughter Ashley and son Ethan.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Dispatchers are the first point of contact for most citizens and serve as an integral part of day-to-day operations within the department. Communications (Dispatch) is responsible for answering most of the incoming phone calls to the department, including all 9-1-1 calls. Dispatchers are highly trained and dedicated employees who evaluate the priority of each call for service and allocate the proper resources to handle those calls in the field.

2020 & 2021 COMMUNICATIONS CALLS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS

RESPONSES	2020	2021
	68,093	69,775
911 CALLS	55,304	60,172
NON EMERGENCY		
LINES	125,912	123,395
TOTAL	181,216	183,567
TEXT TO 9-1-1		
TEXT SESSIONS	304	279
TEXT MESSAGES	2,019	1,837



INVESTIGATIONS - PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT

The Property Crimes Unit investigates property-related crimes, such as burglary, auto theft, identity theft, fraud, forgery, minor assaults, and vandalism. The unit consists of one sergeant, seven detectives, and two full-time and two part-time community service officers. Although the responsibilities for each detective are divided by crime type and geographical area within the city, the unit works as a cohesive team and has the highest case load volume in the department. The Property Crimes Unit was assigned over 7,300 cases in 2021 and assisted other units when needed on high-profile cases.

In March of 2021, detectives from the Property Crimes Unit began investigating a case involving a BB gun discharged at a vehicle and an elderly female. After further investigation, it was determined that there were 13 total incidents in Garden Grove. Each time, the suspect was interviewed and

denied possessing any BB guns or projectile weapons. Detectives wrote a search warrant for the suspect's residence and vehicle in which a BB gun, three different types of BB's, and a wrist rocket were found. It was later determined that the suspect arrested was involved in over 60 incidents on the 91 freeway in Orange and Riverside counties.

During August of 2021, burglary detectives identified a series of commercial burglaries taking place on Brookhurst Street. An extensive investigation was conducted, and the suspects were identified. Detectives conducted multiple surveillances and apprehended the suspects after they committed a commercial burglary. At the conclusion of the investigation, it was determined that the suspects were responsible for 15 commercial burglaries.

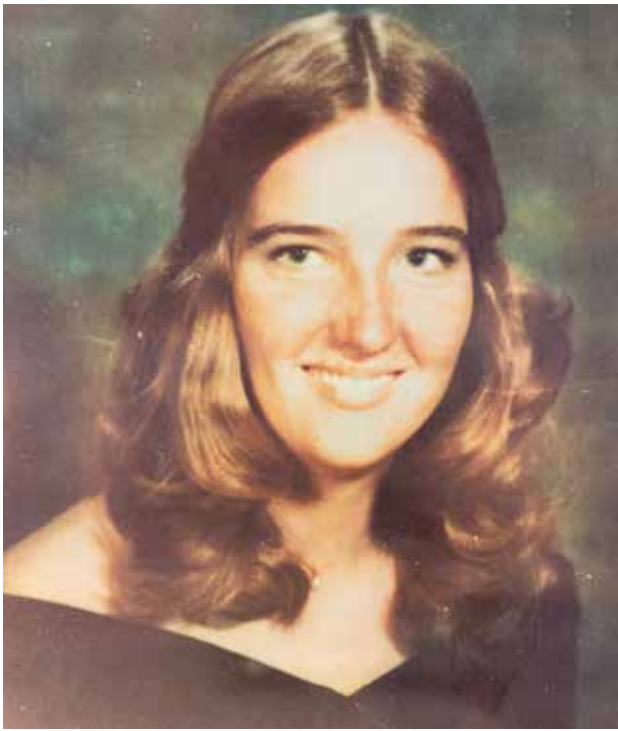


INVESTIGATIONS - CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS UNIT

The Garden Grove Police Department's Crimes Against Persons Unit (CAP) is currently comprised of nine detectives. Unlike any other unit in this department, you must have prior investigative or detective experience in order to be selected for this specialty. The need for experience is paramount as this unit investigates and solves the most serious crimes that occur in this city. Detectives assigned to this unit handle homicides, robberies, kidnappings, sexual assaults, child abuse, missing persons, domestic violence, and felony assaults. The scope of the work in CAP requires collaboration and support from other units within the Garden Grove Police Department, as well as outside agencies. The CAP unit continues to carry on the long successful history of attaining a high volume of filings in the Orange County District Attorney's office and an exceptionally high clearance rate for cases investigated.



COLD CASE INVESTIGATION



Janet Stallcup was a responsible 19 year-old young woman who had a job and was attending school full time as a nursing student. On Sunday, December 19, 1976, while her roommate was on the phone, Janet left their Dale St. apartment in Garden Grove to attend a party in Santa Ana. Janet never made it to the party.

When Janet missed a doctor's appointment on Monday, December 20, and didn't show up at her parents' home as planned, Janet's father reported her missing to the Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD). Janet's vehicle was also missing so an intensive countywide search was launched, which included a plea to the public for help.

On December 27, 1976, Janet's body was located inside her car, parked in an apartment complex in Garden Grove. An autopsy determined Janet was a victim of a homicide and DNA was collected as evidence.

The investigation by Garden Grove PD has been ongoing since the day Janet was reported missing. It has been one of the most intensive and exhaustive investigations ever undertaken by the department and has spanned nearly half a century. Many of the original officers and detectives involved have since passed away.

The community, the police department, and Janet's family needed this crime be solved. Rewards were offered, and there was much press coverage. After obtaining the suspect's DNA profile, investigators collected DNA samples from potential suspects over the course of many years, but they were all eliminated by their DNA.

In 2019, Detective Ramirez became familiar with the case. Due to advancement's in technology, Detective Ramirez requested assistance from the District Attorney's office. Every workable lead was pursued prior to the case being submitted to the OCDA IGG (Investigating Genetic Genealogy Unit) in August 2020 in hopes of developing a new lead. The IGG unit identified Terry D. Hawkins as a potential suspect so Detective Ramirez and numerous agencies continued to work the case to ensure that Hawkins was, in fact, the suspect.

Terry Hawkins had numerous Orange County arrests dating back to April 12, 1974, one of which included an arrest in May 1975 for the murder of a 30 year-old woman, which was dismissed in June 1975. However, during that investigation there was a mention of a male friend of Terry Hawkins. Detective Ramirez believed this male friend may have information on the Stallcup homicide. GCPD Detectives Ramirez and Desbiens and District Attorney Investigator Dierking drove to Arizona to speak with this friend. His wife told investigators that he had suffered several strokes, was not coherent, and was confined to his bed but provided information about her and her husband's friendship with Terry Hawkins and the behaviors that took place during the mid-to late 1970s.

Based on their follow-up investigation, Detective Ramirez and investigators believe that, in addition to Janet Stallcup's murder, Hawkins is one of the two suspects responsible for a sexual assault/kidnapping at gunpoint that occurred in November 1976.

It was learned Hawkins died in Orange County Jail in 1977 prior to being identified as the suspect in this case. During Hawkins' autopsy biological tissue was collected and his DNA matched the suspect DNA collected at the 1976 crime scene. This confirmed Hawkins was responsible for the murder of Janet Stallcup and finally gave her family the answers to the questions they had asked for more than 40 years.

Police Seeking Leads on Missing Student Nurse, 19

BY PATRICK BOYLE
Times Staff Writer

GARDEN GROVE — Detectives continued to grope for leads Friday in their search for a student nurse who disappeared last Sunday night on her way to a Christmas party.

Sgt. Paul Fiegner said investigators were interviewing acquaintances of Janet Stallcup, 19, of Garden Grove, in an effort to find out what may have happened to the woman.

Her father, James Stallcup, has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to her discovery.

Fiegner said Miss Stallcup left an apartment she shares with a roommate at about 8:30 p.m. Sunday to go to a party at the home of a co-worker in Garden Grove. She works part time at UCI Medical Center and attends school at Cypress College.


She never arrived at the party and has not been seen since. The roommate

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Janet Stallcup

7/14/2021 Press Release



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Investigative Genetic Genealogy Solve 1976 Rape, Murder of 19-year-old Garden Grove Nursing Students

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The 1976 rape and murder of a 19-year-old Garden Grove nursing student has been solved by the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the Garden Grove Police Department through the use of investigative genetic genealogy.

Terry Dean Hawkins has been identified as the person responsible for the rape and murder of 19-year-old Janet Stallcup who was on her way to a party on December 19, 1976. Stallcup never made it to the party. Her body was found eight days later inside her car about 2 1/2 miles from her apartment.

Hawkins died in the Orange County Jail in 1977 without ever being identified as the suspect in Stallcup's murder, but generations of Garden Grove police officers never gave up on the cold case.

In 2002, the Orange County Crime Lab obtained a single source male DNA profile from swabs taken from the crime scene. Unfortunately, the profile never matched with any other profile in the CODIS database.

In 2020, the Garden Grove Police Department asked the District Attorney's Office to open an investigative genetic genealogy investigation into the Stallcup rape and murder. That investigation, which included DNA testing of biological tissue from Hawkins' autopsy, ultimately led to Hawkins being identified as the perpetrator. The United States Marshal Service was instrumental in identifying this suspect.

Members of the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the Garden Grove Police Department recently met with the Stallcup family to inform them investigative genetic genealogy had finally solved Janet's murder.

"We know who killed Janet Stallcup because generations of law enforcement officers refused to give up on finding her killer," said Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer. "Advances in technology and DNA is breathing life back into cases that have grown cold over the years. Justice that had been elusive for decades is now at our fingertips hidden away in DNA. Loved ones who have spent years wondering if they will ever have the peace of mind of knowing who killed their daughter, their sister, their friend, now know who is responsible. I want to thank the Garden Grove Police Department and the Science and Technology Unit at the Orange County District Attorney's Office for their never-ending dedication to the pursuit of justice."

"Advances in DNA technology have not only assisted in identifying Janet Stallcup's murderer, but have become a valuable tool for law enforcement. This case would not have been solved without the determination of our detective unit and the support from the Orange County District Attorney's Office Science and Technology Unit."

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YOUTH SERVICES UNIT

The Youth Services Unit (YSU) is responsible for addressing issues related to schools and at-risk youth within the city of Garden Grove. The focus of the YSU is student and school safety, with education being a large secondary portion of the effort. The Youth Services Unit grew to five school resource officers and also partnered with the Orange County Sheriff's Department SMART Unit (School Mobile Assessment and Resource Team).

SMART is utilized in school situations and incidents related to violence, threats, possession and/or use of weapons, unstable behaviors, and suicidal actions or tendencies. SMART works collaboratively in conjunction with school officials, the Probation Department, the District Attorney's Office, and the Health Care Agency to help resolve safety issues and concerns involving all personnel associated with schools. The goal of SMART is to evaluate and assess each incident individually, to effectively resolve the matter through the least intrusive means available (while still maintaining safety and security for the school), and ultimately return the staff and students to their daily routine.

During COVID, the students were working remotely from their homes. The School Resource Officers fielded hundreds of calls pertaining to cyber-attacks on school-based platforms and also welfare checks on students who were not attending online classes. When school began in-person education, the School Resource Officers fielded over 1,187 calls for service. School Resource Officers made multiple presentations on school safety procedures and response to active shooter events, as well as diverse topics such as cyber-bullying, vaping, reports of false threats, drugs, and "sexting".



PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

The Property and Evidence Unit (P&E) consists of two full-time community service officers (CSOs) and one part-time police cadet. The P&E unit is responsible for controlling and maintaining security of all property and evidence seized and retained by the department, as well as managing equipment resources for uniformed personnel. There are approximately 400,000 pieces of property currently being stored in the department's property and evidence facilities, some from as far back as 1962.

The department must follow strict state

and federal protocols for the handling and storage of evidence, and P&E personnel are trained to ensure compliance with these standards. Property and Evidence personnel play a very important role in the criminal justice process by documenting the chain of custody, preparing and transferring evidence to court and the crime lab, and handling the disposition of evidence after the case has been adjudicated.

In 2020 and 2021, 800 pounds of edged and other metal weapons were among the items booked for destruction.



PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

**Total items booked
26,101**

**Cases to/from lab
2,587**

**Items to/from lab
4,520**

**Items released
1,447**

**Items destroyed
23,942**

**Narcotics destroyed
2,018 lbs.**

**E-waste and hazmat destroyed
600 lbs.**

**Metals destroyed
900 lbs.**



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Administrative Services Bureau has several responsibilities within the Police Department. They are responsible for maintaining and updating all the department's policies and procedures, the department's annual budget, department training, and overseeing the Internal Affairs and Professional Standards Divisions, which handles new recruits.

The primary function is to ensure continued compliance with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards. Accreditation is a continuous process and requires constant vigilance and attention to detail.

In August 2020, the police department underwent an on-site visit by CALEA assessors. As a result, the police department received its ninth re-accreditation, which is valid through August 2024. In August 2021,

the department successfully passed the on-line annual CALEA review process.

The true value of accredited status is that it allows the City of Garden Grove to demonstrate to its citizens that the police department continually meets professionally recognized standards that were carefully developed by national law enforcement organizations.

In August 2020, the Police Department added Lexipol to its' risk management tool kit. Lexipol provides a policy manual written by legal and law enforcement professionals who constantly monitor major court decisions, legislation, and emerging trends affecting law enforcement operations. Additionally, Lexipol provides regular updates in response to legislative mandates, case law, and evolving law enforcement best practices. Lexipol services will provide the Police Department with:

- Policies that reflect up-to-date industry standards and best practices
- Content specific to the laws and practices of California
- Timely updates in response to new legislation and case law

In 2021, the Administrative Services Division began working diligently with Lexipol personnel to tailor the department's existing General Orders to Lexipol's policy manual. The full implementation is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

The Professional Standards Division has several responsibilities within the Police Department, including recruitment, hiring, coordinating state-mandated annual training, overseeing the field training program, and internal affairs.

The recruitment process is a very detailed process, which requires PSD to work closely with the city's Human Resources department. Together, they coordinate events such as physical agility testing, written examinations, oral interviews, and extensive background checks.

In 2020, PSD hired nine police recruits, one lateral police officer, one reserve officer, two community service officers, two records specialists, and two police dispatchers.

In 2021, PSD hired ten police recruits, one lateral police officer, two community service officers, two records specialists and two police dispatchers.

RESERVES / MRO'S

Reserve police officers and Master Reserve Officers (MROs) were a huge asset to the department during the pandemic. Reserve officers assisted by filling in for patrol shifts or special details that required officers to be present. The Master Reserve Officers helped maintain equipment and continuously updated policies and procedures as COVID-19 forced changes upon the department. Even though many of these Reserve Officers/MROs work other jobs, they understand the necessity of providing safety and security to our community during such unusual times.



CADETS

The police cadet program offers high school seniors and college students the opportunity to work in various non-enforcement uniformed positions. Examples of assignments police cadets may work include: Crime Prevention, Front Desk, Communications, Forensic Services, Traffic, Gangs, Property and Evidence, Investigations, Youth Services, and Professional Standards.

The cadet position is reserved for those interested in having a career in law enforcement, and who are hoping to gain knowledge and experience in different assignments within the department. At the same time, the Department is given the opportunity to evaluate them for potential future full-time sworn or civilian positions.



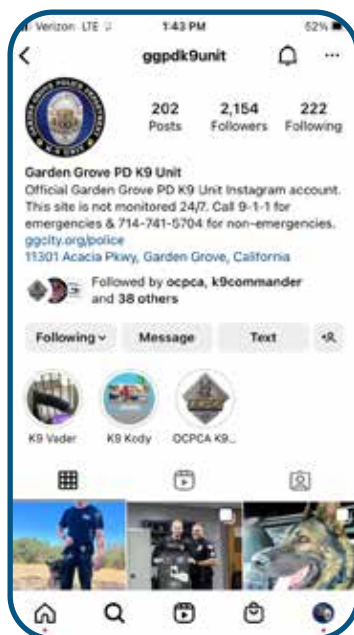
EXPLORERS

Garden Grove Police Explorer Post 1020 works hard to make a positive impact on the City of Garden Grove. Explorers, who are between the ages of 14 and 21, serve the community by volunteering thousands of hours every year. Many city-sponsored and community events in Garden Grove could not occur without assistance from Explorer Post 1020.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Garden Grove Police Department uses various social media platforms as another way to engage and interact with our community. Our posts are done to show the human side of our department, recruit new officers and staff, educate our residents, provide vital information during critical incidents and demonstrate the efforts we've made on community issues.



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OUR EXTENDED ACCOUNTS INCLUDE:

K9 UNIT
Instagram
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#ggpdK9Unit

EXPLORER PROGRAM
Instagram
(@ggpdExplorers)
#ggpdExplorers



RETIREMENTS & PROMOTIONS

2020 - 2021 PROMOTIONS

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER 2021

Brittane Brantner
Jennifer Iturralde

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER 2021

Madeline Alvarado
Ashley Rojas
Van Vu

COMMUNICATIONS SHIFT SUPERVISOR 2021

Cristina Payan

MASTER OFFICER 2020

Brian Girgenti
Mike Jensen
Gianluca Maniaci
Brian Stroud
John Yergler

MASTER OFFICER 2021

Jason Howard
Patrick Murphy
Ryan Richmond
Christin Rogers

CORPORAL 2020

Paul Ashby
Chris Earle
Mike Elhami
Dennis Wardle

CORPORAL 2021

Daniel Camara
Jason Johnson
Ron Reyes
Adam Zmija

SERGEANT 2020

Ryan Lux

SERGEANT 2021

Tom Capps
Willie Holloway
Paul Tessier

LIEUTENANT 2020

Brian Dalton

LIEUTENANT 2021

Mario Martinez
Luis Payan
Robert Stephenson

DEPUTY CHIEF 2021

Amir El-Farra

2020 RETIREES

Aaron Nelson
John Casaccia
Joseph Vargas

2021 RETIREES

Richard Desbiens
Ray Bex
Eric Quintero
Carl Whitney
Alfredo Avalos
Rocky Rubalcaba



THIS ANNUAL REPORT IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF ALL WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN THE LINE OF DUTY.



Sergeant
**MYRON L.
TRAPP**



Reserve Officer
**ANDY R.
REESE**



Officer
**DONALD F.
REED**



Officer
**MICHAEL L.
RAINFORD**



Master Officer
**HOWARD E.
DALLIES, JR.**



Sergeant Myron L. Trapp

End of Watch · October 6, 1959

Reserve Officer Andy R. Reese

End of Watch · May 30, 1970

Officer Donald F. Reed

End of Watch · June 7, 1980

Officer Michael L. Rainford

End of Watch · November 7, 1980

Master Officer Howard E. Dallies Jr.

End of Watch · March 9, 1993



GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WEBSITE

ggcity.org

COMPLAINT STATISTICS

ggcity.org/police/complaint-statistics

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency Dispatch: 714.741.5704

Police Records: 714.741.5719

