

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Monday, June 17 7:00PM- 8:30PM Freeman Park (2100 W 154th Place, east of Van Ness)

Ahh, Summer! Warmer weather means we want to leave the windows open. Longer days and vacations keep us away from home. This is the perfect situation for criminals. Lock your doors and windows whenever you leave the house. Notify a neighbor when you plan to be away so they will give extra attention to your home and report unusual activity to the police, perhaps collect your newspapers and mail or turn on lights.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE AT 323-7911:

- ♦ Call the police immediately. A five-minute delay reduces the opportunity of catching the criminal by two-thirds.
- In many cases it is what victims and witnesses tell police about the criminal that results in an arrest. So tell the police as much as you can. No fact is too trivial.
- ♦ Sometimes, due to limited resources and personnel, the police may not be able to respond immediately. They have to prioritize their calls based on danger to human life involved. Don't be discouraged. They will get to you as soon as possible.
- ♦ Once you have reported the crime, stick with it!
- ♦ It pays to prosecute. Three-fourths of the criminals who are prosecuted are found guilty.
- Being a witness in court is not as much trouble as you think. Many communities have special programs to help victims and witnesses with transportation, day care services, and scheduling of their cases.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS DON'T JUST HAPPEN. IT TAKES YOUR OBSERVATIONS, YOUR CALL TO THE POLICE, and YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BE INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS A CRIME-FREE NEIGHBORHOOD.

CONTACT INFORMATION Crime-related matters: Ideas & issues regarding GCNW: 1111 CRIME IN PROGRESS 911 Gardena Circle NW www.GardenaCircle.com SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 323-7911 Louise Stein, Block Captain TTY 379-0909 Louise@GardenaCircle.com Ofc. Dave Golf GRAFFITI 217-9568 WeTIP 800-78CRIME Dgolf@gardenapd.org 800-782-7463

Don't leave your observations to memory - gather as much information as possible and write it down. This will help you in your report to the police.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION						
SEX	RACE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	
MOUSTACHE, BEARD, SIDEBURNS, HAIR COLOR & STYLE			HAT (STYLE, COLOR)			
EYE COLOR			SHIRT (STYLE, COLOR)			
GLASSES STYLE			COAT, PULLOVER			
TEETH (MISSING, BROKEN)			PANTS & SHOES (STYLE, COLOR)			
COMPLEXION			TIE			
TATTOOS, AMPUTATIONS, SCARS, MARKS			WEAPON (HANDGUN, RIFLE, KNIFE, ETC.)			
SPEECH IMPEDIMENTS, ACCENT; VOICE (HIGH or LOW PITCH)			DISTINGUISHABLE GAIT OR LIMP			
RINGS, BRACELETS, NECKLACES, EARRINGS			OTHER			
VEHICLE DESCRIPTION						
MAKE	YEAR		BODY STYLE	COL	OR	
LICENSE # / STATE OF ISSUE / IDENTIFYING COLORS:						
BODY DENTS, SCRATCHES:						

The police can use answers to as many of these questions as possible. Please remember that wrong information is worse than no information at all. Answer only the questions that you are sure of.

1.	How many subjects were there?
2.	What did they do?
	What did they say?
	What did they take?
5.	In which direction did they go?
	Were there other witnesses? Names and addresses.
7.	What other information do you feel is important?