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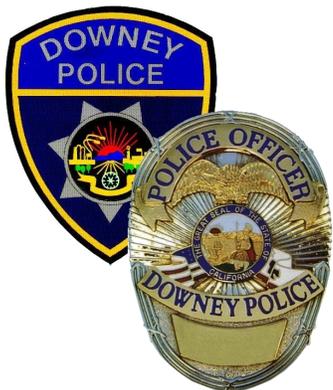
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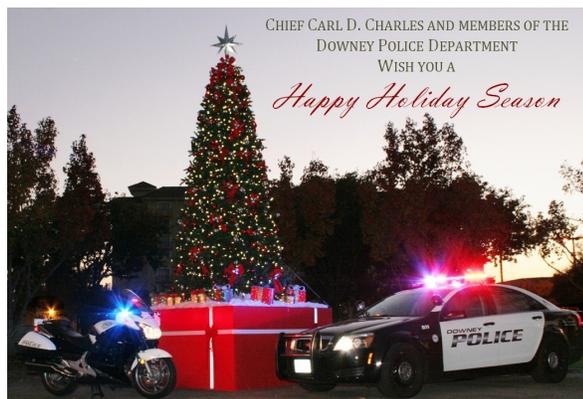
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## STAYING SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is a time when busy people sometimes become complacent and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips can help you be more aware during the holiday season and throughout the year:

- Do not leave packages on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves.
- If possible, shop during daylight hours. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member and park in a well-lit area.
- Be aware of your surroundings even though you may be rushed and thinking about a thousand things.
- Be extra careful if you carry a wallet or purse. They can be targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Always carry your California Driver License along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use. Avoid carrying unnecessary items.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Criminals may attempt several methods of distraction with the intent of taking your money or belongings.



Taking precautions can help keep you safe since we can never be too aware or prepared. Please share this information with your family, neighbors and friends.

The Downey Police Department wishes you happy holidays and reminds you to be safe this holiday season!

All issues of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter are available online at [http://www.downeyca.org/gov/police/neighborhood\\_watch\\_program/neighborhood\\_watch\\_newsletters.asp](http://www.downeyca.org/gov/police/neighborhood_watch_program/neighborhood_watch_newsletters.asp)

## DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT SOCIAL MEDIA

Social-networking sites, such as Facebook, have given police a new forum for releasing information and interacting with the community. We understand the numerous ways to get information through social media sites can get a bit overwhelming. The Downey Police Department utilizes social media with the goal of relaying pertinent information to our Community in a quick and simple manner. Our social media sites can be viewed without having to create user accounts. However, you will need to create an account if you would like to receive text message or e-mail updates via Nixle or Everbridge.

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/DowneyPoliceDepartment>

Downey PD's Facebook page is where you can view Department news as well as information about upcoming community activities.

### Nixle

<http://nixle.com/downey-police-department/>

Register for Nixle alerts if you wish to receive detailed, up-to-date information directly from the Downey Police Department via text, e-mail, mobile application or web. Nixle can be used to receive information ranging from critical alerts to community news.

Registration is quick, easy and secure. Text "DOWNEYPD" to 888777 to immediately receive critical alerts via text message. Visit [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to tailor exactly what information you receive and how you want to receive it.

### Everbridge

[https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis\\_alias\\_id=460761](https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=460761)

This emergency notification system enables the City to provide critical information quickly in emergency situations, such as unexpected road closures, missing persons, environmental emergencies and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. Registration may also be completed by calling (562) 904-7347.



## CITY OF DOWNEY DIRECTORY

### Downey City Hall

562-904-7246

### Police Department

562-861-0771

Dispatch - 562-861-0770

### Neighborhood Watch

562-904-2374

### Fire Department

562-904-7345

### Code Enforcement

562-904-2392

### Graffiti Removal Hotline

562-923-4484

### Emergency Preparedness

562-904-7347

### Business Watch

562-923-2191

### Gangs Out of Downey

562-904-3514

### Shopping Carts

800-252-4613

### Animal Control

562-803-3301

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you would like to have a question answered or topic discussed, please e-mail [jguzman@downeyca.org](mailto:jguzman@downeyca.org)



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK CAPTAIN MEETING



Tuesday, January 28, 2014  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center - Downey Room  
7810 Quill Street Downey, CA 90242

The Neighborhood Watch Program will kick off another year of keeping our neighborhoods safe with a Block Captain Meeting.

Block Captains will receive information about upcoming changes to the Neighborhood Watch program and will have the opportunity to network with each other. The meeting will be a great opportunity to acknowledge Block Captains for the hard work they do throughout the year. As always, their commitment and dedication are very important to the success of the program!

If Block Captain is unable to attend, a representative may attend on his/her behalf. Neighborhood Watch members are also invited to attend.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Jane Guzman at 562-904-2374.

