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Hold Your Mail

Mail piling up is a sign no one is home. If you'll be gone for more than a few days, place a hold on your mail at the post office. Remember to also put a hold on your daily paper.

Make it Seem Like Someone is Home

Beyond setting your lights on a timer, you can also set the TV and radio on a timer to create the typical noise of a family home at night.

Never Announce Your Departure

Never announce your departure or vacation dates on social media. "Sharing" settings are not foolproof & with new security updates it's always hard to tell what's public and what's private.

Trust a Friend or Family Member

Give your vacation contact info and a spare key to at least one friend or family member. That way, they'll know how to contact you in case of an emergency. If you don't stop your mail, ask a trusted friend or family member to pick it up.

Advertise Your Security Through Window Decals & Yard Signs

If you have a home security system use it!

Unplug Unnecessary Appliances

Unplug all unnecessary appliances to protect your home from an electrical fire or power surge. This can include: TVs, toaster, coffee maker, and other small appliances.

Safe Keep Your Valuables

Lock up jewelry and any other valuables or sensitive documents in a fire-proof safe.

Call Downey Dispatchers and Request "Extra Patrol"

Request officers to stop by and provide extra patrol. Be sure to let them know if anyone is house sitting or expected to be there. Call **562-861-0770** for extra patrol.

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<http://tinyurl.com/k28hxqy>

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DOWNEY PD HOSTS 1ST "COFFEE WITH A COP" EVENT

On Wednesday, April 20th, officers from Downey PD and community members gathered in an informal setting to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Downey's neighborhoods. "We hope that community members will feel comfortable asking questions, or simply getting to know our officers," said Chief Carl Charles. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."



SEMI-ANNUAL DRUG TAKE BACK RESULTS



On Saturday, April 30th the Downey Police Department and members of the Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) participated in the *National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative*. As a result, community

members disposed of 508.1 pounds of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. All of the collected items were turned over to the D.E.A for disposal.

This initiative addresses vital public safety and health issues. According to a national survey on drug use and health, rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high. More Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than those who abuse cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined. Studies show the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends.

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) 335-2826

Shopping Cart Removal
(800) 252-4613

SEAACA Animal Control
(562) 803-3301



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

WARNING
USE OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IS PROHIBITED

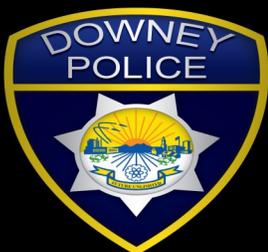
FINES

The following fines and other enforcement action will be implemented on anyone using illegal fireworks:

- First offense: \$2,000.00 fine
- Second offense: \$2,500.00 fine
- Any offense thereafter: \$3,000.00 fine



Every year people are injured due to illegal fireworks and improper use of Safe and Sane fireworks.



Downey Police Department
in partnership with the
Downey Fire Department
will be out in the community proactively enforcing all local and state laws in an effort to ensure a safe July 4th celebration.



Discharge of **Safe and Sane** fireworks is only allowed on July 4th from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE—4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



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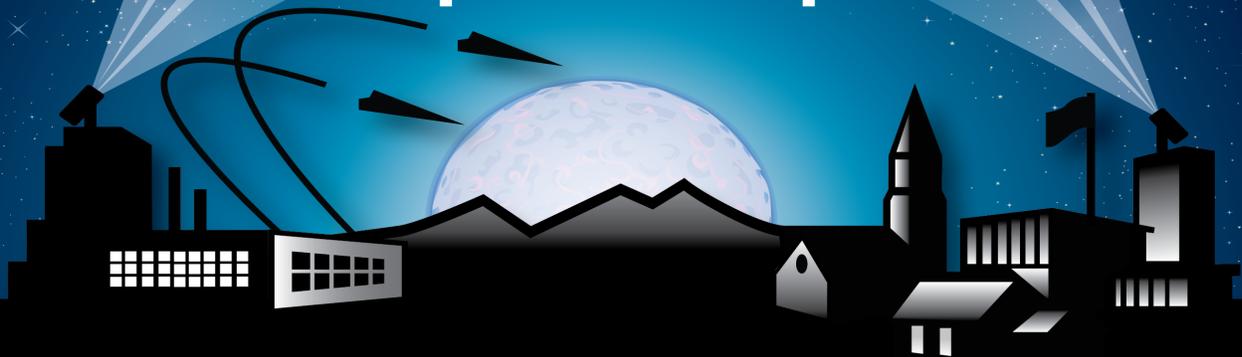
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016

DOWNEY CIVIC CENTER AREA

11111 Brookshire Ave.

Downey, CA 90241

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



National Night out is a unique community event, celebrated across the United States that happens the first Tuesday in August every year. Downey's National Night Out event will promote community awareness by educating the community about crime prevention and community resources.

FREE

**FOOD - CHILDREN ACTIVITIES - BICYCLE SAFETY WORKSHOP - JUMPER
COMMUNITY INFORMATION BOOTHS - CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP**

Live Music by **"Best of Times Band"**

For more information, call Jennifer Burkhardt at 562-904-2374 or e-mail jpreda@downeyca.org