



# La Palma Police Department Community Newsletter **THE SOURCE**



Nov/Dec 2017

## From the Desk of Police Chief Terry Kim



As this is the last issue of *The Source* for 2017, I want to take this opportunity to provide a few highlights of the year and share some of the outstanding work from the men and women of the La Palma Police Department. This year our Department implemented several crime prevention strategies to help address the increase in property crimes. We continue to work very hard to keep our response time low, which is consistently around three minutes for Priority One calls. Having one of the fastest if not the fastest response times in the Southern California region provides a greater chance for our officers to catch suspects in the act or locate them before they can get too far away from the crime scene. These quick responses have led to several arrests over the past year. The hard work of our well-trained officers and dispatchers makes these low response times possible.

Changes in legislation and voter initiated propositions have caused cities across the State and in Orange County to see a increase in crime. La Palma is not immune to these increases. Therefore, when our Officers are not responding to emergency calls or writing reports, they maximize their time patrolling La Palma neighborhoods to prevent and deter residential crimes.

These efforts have been successful throughout 2017, with La Palma Officers arresting a man after he brandished a firearm at a bank; capturing a wanted felon after a foot pursuit; arresting several armed suspects during traffic stops; arresting a parolee at large; seizing over 15,000 Xanax pills that were packaged for illegal sales; and arresting numerous suspects after vehicle pursuits. Our Detective Bureau has also been busy with identifying burglary suspects through a variety of investigative techniques and conducting surveillance to catch burglary suspects. La Palma detectives have also been working with the FBI and a multi-agency task force to investigate a multi-million dollar real estate scam.

By the end of the year, our officers will have arrested well over 300 suspects for various crimes, and over 30 of these arrests will be for DUI drivers. There were also numerous arrests for motor vehicle thefts, domestic violence, and other types of crimes. Our dispatchers will have handled over 25,000 phone calls this year with over 4,000 of those calls being 911 calls. In total, our Department will have handled over 16,000 incidents throughout the year.

The Police Department has also heavily focused on Community-Oriented Policing, and we have been involved with numerous community events and programs throughout the year. Our officers participated in the Red Ribbon Week Challenge, Police Interaction with Youth (P.I.Y.) program, Explorer program, and Volunteers in Policing (V.I.P.) program. With the help of the La Palma Community Foundation the Department brought back the "Every 15 Minutes" program; and our officers hosted a "Tip-A-Cop" event to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Our Officers routinely work closely with all the local schools and we will enhance that partnership with implementation of the School Resource Officer program as mentioned on this page. I am very proud of the service our Police Department employees provide to the community. Please have a safe and joyous New Year!

## School Resource Officer Program

The City recently secured a grant to fund the School Resource Officer (SRO) program for the next four years. This position will be responsible for handling calls for service at our schools, teaching our Police Interaction with Youth (P.I.Y.) program, and providing counseling, education, and awareness on various topics to students who attend La Palma schools. The addition of a SRO will allow our other patrol officers to spend more time patrolling your neighborhoods. I would like to congratulate Officer Hongsing Phou on being selected to serve as our new School Resource Officer. Prior to becoming a La Palma Police Officer, Officer Phou worked for nine years in various sectors of the social work field. He also holds a Master's Degree in Social Work with a focus on children, youth and families, and he brings the experience, understanding, and character that are essential for the SRO position.



- This Newsletter has important information about your police department.
- Ang papel na ito ay may nakalagay nang informacion tungkol sa aping policia.
- Este documento con tien e informacion importante del departamento de policia.

이 홍보물은 경찰국에 관한 중요한 정보입니다.  
這份通訊有關於您的警署的重要資訊。  
Thu tin tức này có thông tin quan trọng về ban cảnh sát (của) các bạn.

# 'Tis the Season for Package Theft

This is the season when many of us buy gifts over the internet and have the packages delivered to our homes. In prior years a number of La Palma residents have reported that their packages have been taken from their front doorstep. Package thieves routinely follow delivery trucks and observe the carriers delivering the packages and leaving them at the front door. If the package is left and the resident does not answer the door, the thieves have a green light to take the package and flee the area. The La Palma Police Department urges residents who are not usually home to personally accept packages, to consider having packages delivered to a work address or held by the carrier. If you will not be present and the package must be delivered to your home, consider having a neighbor sign for the package and holding it for you. Although we do not recommend residents having their packages left unattended, you may request that the carriers leave them in areas not readily visible from the street. This may include near side doors, on porches away from street/sidewalk view, or other inconspicuous locations. Package delivery services will often honor requests to leave parcels in other areas of the home if properly requested. For assistance with FedEx, visit [www.fedex.com/us/delivery/](http://www.fedex.com/us/delivery/) and for assistance with UPS, visit [www.ups.com/mychoice](http://www.ups.com/mychoice). If you see any suspicious vehicles driving through your neighborhood, do not hesitate to contact the La Palma Police Department at (714) 690-3370. Remember, if you see something, say something!



## Holiday Closures & Service Schedules

Since 2011, City staff have used floating holiday or other leave benefits to facilitate a winter holiday closure. To that end, all La Palma City offices (City Hall, Recreation, Public Works, and Police Administration) will be closed starting December 22 and will re-open on January 2. The Police Department is always open for emergency services or for other matters requiring an urgent response from the City, such as a water leak. Customers wishing to pay their municipal utility (water) bill during the holiday break are encouraged to use the drop-box, located outside City Hall or call Park Disposal (EDCO) directly at (714) 522-3577 and pay over the phone at no additional cost.

Trash collection services will be disrupted on November 23, December 25, and January 1, in observance of the holidays. Trash collection will be pushed back one day throughout these weeks; for example, Monday's collection will occur on Tuesday, Tuesday's collection on Wednesday, etc. During the two-week winter holiday period, Park Disposal will be using a separate collection truck to collect and recycle holiday trees.

Street sweeping services will be cancelled during the weeks of: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. Street sweeping services will resume on Monday, November 27 and then again on January 8. Please have a safe and joyous holiday season and Happy New Year from the City of La Palma!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November						
19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Open</li> <li>Mon. Trash</li> <li>No Sweeping</li> </ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Open</li> <li>Tues. Trash</li> <li>No Sweeping</li> </ul>	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Open</li> <li>Wed. Trash</li> <li>No Sweeping</li> </ul>	23 (Holiday Observed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Closed</li> <li>No Trash</li> <li>No Sweeping</li> </ul>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Closed</li> <li>Thurs. Trash</li> <li>No Sweeping</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fri. Trash</li> </ul>
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# La Palma Neighborhood Watch

Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. La Palma City Hall

## LPPD Incident Summary - October 2017

3 - Felony Arrests

22 - Misdemeanor Arrests

7 - Warrant Arrests

Total Calls for Service 1,470

Date	Time	Incident #	Block	Street Name	Incident type	Brief detail
10/1	1907	14237	5600	Orangethorpe	Vandalism	Vehicle window smashed. No known loss.
10/1	2039	14239	5600	Orangethorpe	Burglary	Vehicle ransacked. Unknown loss.
10/4	0440	14345	13355	South St. (Cerritos)	Bike	Cyclist stopped, arrested at gunpoint. Booked.
10/5	0030	14383	5000	Orangethorpe	Pedestrian	Drug paraphenalia. Booked. Released on cite.
10/5	1506	14414		Kennedy High School	Petty theft	Theft of bicycle from campus.
10/5	1248	14410		Kennedy High School	Petty theft	Report of 3 stolen iphones. App reports location in Cypress.
10/6	2324	14466		Centerpointe	Bike	Suspect resisted arrest for drug paraphenalia. Jailed.
10/8	1008	14511		Moody/Houston	Traffic Stop	2 jailed for possession of controlled substances.
10/8	1442	14515	5400	La Palma	Child Abuse	5 year old child left in hot car in parking lot. Mother warned.
10/8	1455	14516	5300	Athens	Pedestrian	Bench warrant. Jailed for poss burglary tools, stolen pty.
10/10	0152	14583	5900	Orangethorpe	Vehicle	Drug paraphenalia. Booked. Released on cite.
10/10	1524	14612		Kennedy High School	Petty theft	Cell phone and keys stolen from vehicle in parking lot.
10/11	0557	14649		Walker Junior High	Transient	Asleep where children are dropped off. Left area.
10/12	0316	14696		Janeen/Verner	Traffic Stop	19 year old DUI arrest. Car impounded.
10/12	0642	14697	5500	Pineridge	Vehicle Burglary	Occurred overnight. Unknown loss.
10/12	0701	14698	7700	Walker	Disruptive Subject	Arrested. Jailed for vandalism, trespass, refusal to leave.
10/12	1827	14735	5400	La Palma	Petty theft	Theft of men's mongoose 7 speed bike.
10/12	1972	14737	5600	Orangethorpe	Petty theft	Debit card used fraudulently four times.
10/13	1101	14763	7200	Bourbon	Fraud/Forgery	Unknown person used debit card without permission.
10/15	1127	14863	8400	Kington	Vandalism	Gas tank tampered with. Gas siphoned.
10/16	1118	14911	5200	Iberville	Stolen vehicle	Sedan stolen between 0930-1000.
10/17	0501	14947		Orangethorpe/91	LoJack	Arrests for poss of stolen vehicle, False report ID to police
10/17	1119	14963	6000	La Palma	Pedestrian	Bench warrant arrest. Jailed.
10/17	2043	14979	5500	Byrne	Assault/Battery	3 juveniles attempted to assault adult with baseball bat.
10/18	0212	14988	7000	Valley View	Traffic Stop	Felony bench warrant arrest. Possession of drug paraphenalia
10/18	0923	15007		Kennedy High School	Incident	Student proven to have knife in his locker. Zero tolerance.
10/18	1903	15026	5400	La Palma	Citizen Assist	6 week baby locked in vehicle. Vehicle opened. Baby OK.
10/18	2132	15030	7700	Valley View	Petty theft	Package taken from porch. Value \$800.
10/19	0148	15039	6000	Orangethorpe	Traffic Stop	Arrest made for possible drug sale. Released on cite.
10/19	0952	15062	5400	La Palma	Pedestrian	Bench warrant arrest for vandalism. Released on cite.
10/19	1253	15067		Kennedy High School	Bike	Report of stolen bicycle. Unable to locate suspects.
10/19	1513	15072	7200	Rampart	Petty theft	Catalytic converter stolen from car overnight.
10/20	1943	15139		Valley View/Patton	Traffic Stop	Arrest made on felony bench warrant. Jailed.
10/22	0525	15193	4500	Sharon	Drunk in Public	18 year old arrested and jailed.
10/22	1309	15207	5000	La Luna	Burglary	Back door entrance. Loss \$500 in antique coins.
10/24	0446	15284	5600	Orangethorpe	Vandalism	Car keyed in parking lot.
10/25	0726	15327	4500	Maroon	Petty theft	No forced entry. Loss: flashlight. Damaged fire extinguisher.
10/25	1304	15340		Kennedy High School	Brandish weapon	Student brandished pocket knife at another student.
10/26	1332	15399	5300	La Palma	Fraud/Forgery	Rent check amount changed and cashed.
10/27	0512	15433	7900	Walker	Trespassing	Hospital trespass resulted in 1 arrest on felony warrant.
10/27	1212	15445		Kennedy High School	Battery on peace officer	Juvenile arrested. Transported to Juvenile Hall.
10/28	1339	15485	5300	Houston	Found property	Shotgun, air pistols, air rifle found at client's house.
10/29	0231	15509		La Palma Hospital	Counseling	Gunshot wound from drive-by in Artesia. Patient was shooter.
10/29	0915	15518	7500	Anthony	Vehicle Burglary	Forced entry thru driver's door. Loss: Musical equipment.
10/30	0202	15553		La Palma/Valley View	Traffic Stop	Fake ID. 1 arrested on felony bench warrant.
10/30	1033	15578		Santiago/Barbi	Vandalism	Vehicle passenger back window shattered.
10/30	0704	15558		Rampart/Dumaine	Vandalism	Vehicle driver's side back window shattered. Veh. unlocked.
10/30	1813	15609		La Palma/Bluebird	Traffic Collision	Vehicle into pole. Both on fire. 4-6 hours to clear traffic.
10/31	0924	15642	8400	Moody	Stolen vehicle recovery	2 detained at gunpoint. 1 jailed.
10/31	1053	15650	4500	Sharon	Citizen Assist	Gun and ammunition turned in. Ammunition returned.

La Palma Police Department encourages you to call whenever you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood or elsewhere. Remember: **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**





# THE CITY OF LA PALMA

*Where Tradition and Vision Come Together...*

## Holiday Tree Lighting

La Palma school children take center stage in this annual kick off to the holiday season!

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**  
**Crafts & visits with Santa: 4:00 - 5:30 PM**  
**Ceremony: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Central Park Amphitheater**  
**7821 Walker Street, La Palma, CA, 90623**



Join your friends and family for this annual holiday favorite. Every year this event brings the La Palma community together to ring in the holiday season! Enjoy the musical talents from our local schools and join in during the Community Carol Sing Along. Take a picture with Santa and his elves in the activities area before the event. This area will feature crafts, an opportunity to write a letter to Santa, and of course, the young and young-at-heart won't want to miss an early visit from Santa Claus! For further information, please call (714) 690-3350.

**IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE CEREMONY WILL BE CANCELLED.**

### Sign-up to Stay Informed

Don't want to miss out on any La Palma news? Sign up for the City's *Notify Me* email news service and receive email updates from the City. Simply visit our website at: [www.cityoflapalma.org/NotifyMe](http://www.cityoflapalma.org/NotifyMe) and we will keep you up-to-date on all the latest events and happenings in your hometown. Of course, we will never sell your email address and we will only send you important local information. Join today.

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Register at:  
[www.alertoc.org](http://www.alertoc.org)

## Calendar of Events

**City Offices Closed—Veteran's Day Observed**  
 Thursday, November 9

**City Council Meeting**  
*City Council Chambers*  
 Tuesday, November 21  
 7:00 PM

**City Offices Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday**  
 Thursday, November 23

**City Council Meeting**  
*City Council Chambers*  
 Tuesday, December 5  
 7:00 PM

### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

*Central Park*  
 Wednesday, December 6  
 Crafts & Visits with Santa: 4:00-5:30 PM  
 Ceremony: 5:30-8:30 PM

\* In the event of rain, the ceremony will be cancelled\*

**City Council Meeting**  
*City Council Chambers*  
 Tuesday, December 19  
 7:00 PM

**City Offices Closed—Winter Holiday Closure**  
 December 22nd - January 1st

### La Palma City Hall

7822 Walker Street  
 La Palma, California 90623  
 (714) 690-3300

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:30am - 6:00pm

When a holiday falls on a Friday or Saturday, the City will observe the holiday on Thursday; and when a holiday falls on Sunday, it will be observed on Monday.

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**For emergencies dial 9-1-1**

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