NEWSLETTER - MAY 2024

PREVENTION

The majority of crimes that occur in Laguna Hills are property crimes. Criminals look for an easy opportunity with the lowest risk; if you provide it, they will take it!

In a safe community like ours, it's easy to forget to lock your car, lower your garage, or protect your valuables. These simple preventative steps can go a long way toward eliminating those opportunities and reducing the frequency of burglaries and thefts in our city.



9 O'CLOCK ROUTINE

- Remove valuables from car
- Lock your car
- Lock your house & windows
- Close & lock garage door
- Turn on exterior lights

SAFETY SHOUT-OUT

Laguna Hills Police Services encourages residents and visitors to join us in celebrating Bicycle Safety Month! Bicycle Safety Month was started in 1956 to help raise awareness and promote bicycle safety! It is celebrated from coast-to-coast. Join in and be sure your friends, family, and loved ones are adhering to the following bicycle safety tips!

WEAR A BIKE HELMET

- Wear your helmet.
- Adjust straps for a proper fit.
- Protect your brain.

PASS ON THE LEFT

- Use caution at intersections.
- · Pass on the left.
- · Call out or use a bell when passing.
- Do a quick shoulder check before you change lanes.

DRIVE YOUR BIKE

- Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars, ready to brake.
- Use the bike lane when possible.

USE A BIKE RACK AND LOCK UP

- Use a designated bike rack.
- Lock the wheel and frame to the rack with a Ushaped lock.
- Don't block entryways or lock your bike to railings.

PREPARDNESS

POWER OUTAGES CAN MAKE YOUR BRIGHT SUMMER GO DARK.

A variety of reasons contribute to power outages. Laguna Hills Police Services encourages residents to be prepared. Warmer weather is approaching and power outages caused by extreme temperatures, events, and or environmental impacts.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE?

PUT TOGETHER AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT WITH THESE SUPPLIES IN CASE OF A PROLONGED OR WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGE:

- Water and non-perishable food
- Flashlight
 - Do not use candles during a power outage due to the extreme risk of fire.
- Batteries
- First aid kit, medications, and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and relevant medical information, deed/lease to residence, birth certificates, insurance policies).
- Cell phones with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Keep your car's gas tank full.

WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING A POWER OUTAGE?

KEEP FOOD AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.
 - First use perishable food from the refrigerator.
 - Then use food from the freezer.
- Use your non-perishable foods after consuming food from the refrigerator and freezer.
- If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items.
- Keep food in a dry, cool spot and keep it covered at all times.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment.
- Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the power went out. When power comes back on, surges or spikes can damage equipment.
- Leave one light turned on so you'll know when the power comes back on.

TRAVEL

- Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car.
 - Traffic lights will be out, and roads will be congested.

QUICK TIP - VACATION CHECK!

Laguna Hills Police Services provides patrol checks of your home while you are away on vacation or business. Submit the Vacation Patrol Check Form a week prior to your travel date (form available online).

- Email the completed Vacation Patrol Check Form to Crimeprevention@lagunahillsCA.gov.
- Contact Laguna Hills Police Services for any questions regarding the matter.

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S UPDATE

Effective January 1, 2024, all Trespass Arrest Authorization Forms (TAAF) must be notarized. If the property/business owner or agent is not present, deputies need a signed and notarized TAAF to take enforcement action.

See attachments for Trespass Arrest Authorization Forms (TAAF). For additional information please call (949) 707-6011.

HOT CALL HIGHLIGHT



This month, deputies responded to the area of Via Lomas reference a robbery.

Deputies utilized law enforcement resources and broadcasted a description of the suspects and their vehicle to surrounding cities. This quickly led to the arrest of the suspects in Lake Forest.

Laguna Hills Police Services would like to thank Lake Forest Police Services for their team effort in the apprehension of the suspects.

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TEXT THE WORD **ALERTOC** & **92653** TO **888777**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2024

- Emergency Preparedness in your Community
 - REI May 11th from 4 to 5 pm
- Laguna Hills Memorial Day Half Marathon
 - LH Community Center May 26th from 11 to 4 pm
- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
 - Hills Hotel May 30th from 11:30 to 1 pm

JUNE 2024

- Coffee with a Cop
 - Karak Coffee June 15th from 8 to 11 am
- Heroes for Heroes
 - LH Bj's Brewery June 20th from 6 to 8 pm
- Chamber of Commerce Car Show
 - LH Mall June 22nd from 9 am to 1 pm



