

LAGUNA HILLS POLICE SERVICES

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2024

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE SAFE

LATE NIGHT HOLIDAY SHOPPING?

As the holiday season approaches, it's important to stay vigilant and prioritize safety during your shopping and outings. Stay aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas, and always keep an eye on your belongings. Limit the amount of cash you carry by opting for credit or debit cards, which offer added fraud protection. To prevent theft, keep valuables close by using a small, secure bag and avoid placing wallets or phones in easily accessible pockets. Be cautious when entering your PIN or making transactions. Shop with a buddy for added security, and if you're out alone, choose well-lit parking areas and have your keys ready when walking to your car. Finally, remember to always lock your car once inside to protect yourself and your belongings. Stay safe and enjoy the festive season!

GRINCH-PROOF YOUR HOLIDAY

'Tis the season for online shopping and ordering.

Be sure to protect your packages!

- ☐ Set Up Notifications to Track Your Packages.
- ☐ Install a Security Camera.
- ☐ Require a Signature on Delivery.
- ☐ Ask for a Package Hold When on Vacation.
- ☐ Network with Neighbors.
Ask Your Neighbors to Grab Your Packages.
- ☐ Insure Your Packages.



STAY INFORMED

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE DURING THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

- Secure doors and windows with strong locks, and consider a security system or motion-sensor lights.
- Use fire-resistant lights and avoid overloading outlets.
- Keep candles away from flammable items and never leave them unattended.
- Stay alert when cooking and have a fire extinguisher nearby.
- If you're traveling, ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home and use timers to make lights turn on and off.
- Hide gifts and valuables so they're not visible from outside.

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REMAIN READY DURING THE HOLIDAY RUSH BE SAFE, DRIVE SAFE.

The holiday season is here, bringing colder weather and increased traffic. Thanksgiving is the busiest travel holiday and leads to significant road congestion, and "Black Friday" shopping adds to the chaos. To keep everyone safe from Thanksgiving to Christmas, read the driver safety tips below and have a stress-free festive season.

ROAD SAFETY TIPS

To ensure your safety during holiday travel season, you must be prepared for a variety of weather situations. Begin by checking forecasts before leaving, and keep up with any changes. If you expect rain or snow, consider utilizing winter tires for better grip, and brush up on your driving abilities to manage slick roads safely.

In the event of an emergency, remain calm and evaluate the situation. If feasible, move your vehicle to the side of the road and utilize your hazard lights, since it is typically safer to stay inside your vehicle during bad conditions until help arrives. Use your phone wisely while calling for help, but avoid distractions while driving.

Additionally, traveling with a companion can provide added safety and support. Be mindful not to overload your vehicle, as this can affect handling and braking. Finally, stay informed by keeping up with local news and traffic updates regarding emergencies or hazardous road conditions. Being prepared may make a big difference in ensuring a safe winter trip.



EMERGENCY ROAD SAFETY KIT

- ☐ Spare tire, wheel wrench and tripod jack
- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Tool kit and/or a multipurpose utility tool
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ Reflective triangles and brightly colored cloth to make your vehicle more visible
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Nonperishable high-energy food
- ☐ Drinking water
- ☐ Reflective vest in case you need to walk to get help
- ☐ Car charger for your cell phone
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ Windshield washer fluid
- ☐ Warm clothing
- ☐ Blankets



DON'T BE THE LAST TO KNOW!

SIGN UP FOR LAGUNA HILLS & ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS!
TEXT **92653** & **ALERTOC** TO **888777**

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GONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

REMEMBER - REGISTER FOR A 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.

HOW TO REPORT A CRIME

Orange County Sheriff Dispatchers need to have accurate information as quickly as possible about any suspicious activity or crimes in progress.

When you call dispatch:

- Give your name, address, and telephone callback number.
- Describe the event that you are reporting in a brief manner.
- If you have footage of the incident, inform the dispatcher.
- Where, When, How, Why, and Who did it?
- Describe the subject as best as possible.
- Sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color/style, facial hair, tattoos, clothing, and demeanor.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved and the direction of travel (if the vehicle is moving).
- Color, make, model, style (4-door/2-door), year, license plate, dents, or special markings such as stickers.
- Stay on the line until the Dispatch Operator advises that they have all the information that is needed.
- Remain Calm.

QUICK TIP

REPORTING AN INCIDENT OR A CRIME?

For quick reporting of suspicious activity, make sure to save the non-emergency number: (949) 770-6011. This connects you directly to Orange County Sheriff's Dispatch, allowing you to report incidents efficiently without tying up emergency lines.

Important: If you're witnessing a crime in progress or face an immediate threat, always call 9-1-1.

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HOT CALL HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 22, 2024

While patrolling our community, deputies saw a suspicious subject. When deputies made contact they learned the subject was on parole.

During the investigation, the subject admitted to illegally possessing a controlled substance and had a felony warrant. Deputies arrested the subject and booked him into the Orange County jail.



OCTOBER 18, 2024

Laguna Hills Deputies continue to proactively fight crime in our community. Deputies responded to a burglary which affected multiple businesses within a commercial building.

The burglar entered the building several times during closed hours, taking multiple high-value items. In less than 24 hours of the crime, deputies arrested the suspect and booked him into the Orange County Jail.

OUTREACH & EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2024

- Pizza with Patrol
 - Terra Mia Pizza - Nov. 13th from 5 to 7 pm

DECEMBER 2024

- Cocoa with a Cop
 - Laguna Hills Community Center - Dec 6th from 6 to 8 pm

STAY CONNECTED
FOLLOW US

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Twitter - @OCSDlagunahills

**LAGUNA HILLS
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PIZZA WITH
PATROL**

JOIN US
NOVEMBER 13, 2024
FROM 5-7 PM

TERRA MIA PIZZERIA
24731 ALICIA PKWY, LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653

GET TO KNOW THE DEPUTIES THAT PATROL OUR COMMUNITY!
No agenda, no speeches, just a chance to ask questions, and voice concerns.