

LAGUNA HILLS POLICE SERVICES

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2025

STAY SAFE AS THE CLOCKS CHANGE

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

As we "spring forward", the shift in daylight hours can affect our daily routines and, unfortunately, provide opportunities for criminals to take advantage of the darker hours. With safety in mind, here are some crime prevention tips to help protect you and your home as we adjust to the time change:

Light Up the Night: Install motion-sensor lights around your home to deter burglars. A well-lit exterior makes your property less attractive to criminals.

Stay Aware After Dark: Be extra cautious when out in the evening. Stay alert, avoid isolated areas, and trust your instincts.

Update Your Security System: Ensure cameras and alarms are working and covering vulnerable spots on your property.

Hide Valuables: Keep valuables out of sight, especially when it's darker outside. Make your home less appealing to burglars.

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DUI AWARENESS

St. Patrick's Day is full of fun, green gear, and plenty of food and drink. But it's also a time when DUI-related incidents rise. With increased alcohol consumption, driving under the influence becomes a dangerous risk.

Every year, DUI accidents spike on St. Patrick's Day. Alcohol impairs judgment, reaction time, and coordination, raising the chance of accidents and fatalities. This holiday, let's be extra mindful of the roads and avoid risky decisions.

Celebrate responsibly, and make sure everyone gets home safely.



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VACATION CHECK!

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.



IT'S NOT LUCKY, IT'S PREPAREDNESS

DON'T LEAVE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TO CHANCE—TAKE CONTROL AND BE READY

When disaster strikes, luck isn't enough. Being prepared is the best way to protect your family and home. Start by creating a plan so everyone knows what to do. Stock up on essentials like water, food, and flashlights, and keep your emergency kit accessible. Stay informed through weather alerts and local warnings. Secure your home by addressing weak points. Finally, practice drills so everyone's ready. Preparation beats luck every time—take control today to keep your loved ones safe.

LUCKY'S LUCKY CHARM: PET PREPAREDNESS KIT

In an emergency, don't forget your pet's needs! A well-stocked pet preparedness kit ensures your furry friend stays safe and comfortable. Here's what to include:

- Collar with ID Tag – Up-to-date contact info.
- Harness or Leash – For safe transport.
- Food & Water – At least 3-7 days' worth.
- Medication – Extra doses if needed.
- First Aid Kit – Bandages, antiseptic wipes, etc.
- Grooming Supplies – Brush, nail clippers.
- Sanitation Needs – Waste bags or litter.
- Travel Bag/Crate – Sturdy carrier for transport.
- Familiar Items – A favorite toy or blanket for comfort.

Prepare your pet's kit now—it could be their lucky charm in an emergency!



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SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

March officially kicks off Severe Weather Preparedness Month, making it the perfect time to get ready for the extreme weather that can impact our area. By preparing in advance, you can ensure you and your loved ones stay safe when severe weather strikes. We've gathered some key resources and tips to help you get started on your preparedness plan today.

LUCK FAVORS THE PREPARED:

ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD

In the face of unexpected events, preparedness is key, and sometimes a little luck doesn't hurt. While we can't predict when disaster will strike, we can ensure we're ready. Here are a few essential steps to help you prepare for emergencies, so that when luck is on your side, you're ready to act:

Power Outages:

Investing in a backup power source—whether it's a generator, portable power bank, or even solar-powered devices—can ensure that your essential appliances continue to run during an outage. It's always better to be prepared and have backup power on hand when the lights go out.

Protect Important Documents:

In case of natural disasters, house fires, or other emergencies, securing your important documents is essential. Digitally storing them in a secure cloud service ensures that even if you lose physical copies, you'll have access to your documents. The luck of preparedness ensures you won't be caught off-guard when it matters most.

DON'T BE THE LAST TO KNOW!

SIGN UP FOR LAGUNA HILLS & ORANGE
COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS!

TEXT **92653** & **ALERTOC** TO **888777**

BUILD A WELL-STOCKED EMERGENCY KIT

- **First-Aid Training:** Learn CPR and basic first-aid skills to respond confidently in emergencies.
- **Stock Essentials:** Bottled water, non-perishable foods, medications, flashlights, and batteries that can last for at least 72 hours.

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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.

HOT CALL HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

As the rain rolls in, make sure you're ready for safe driving!

Check your headlights - Ensure they're working properly for visibility. Wipers - Make sure your wiper blades are clear and effective. Brakes - Test your brakes to ensure they're in top shape.

Hydroplaning Warning: Slow down and avoid sudden maneuvers. The roads can be slippery! Stay alert and drive with extra caution.



FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Over the weekend, a local retail store in Laguna Hills reported stolen merchandise to Laguna Hills Police Services. We're grateful for the detailed description of the suspect and stolen items, which helped in locating the individual.

On Monday, while patrolling the area, deputies located a known probationer who matched the description. After detaining him and searching his belongings, deputies recovered the stolen items. The suspect was arrested and booked into Orange County Jail.

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2024 DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Laguna Hills Police Services highlights Deputy M. Rodriguez for his unwavering commitment, leadership, and service to our community. His tireless efforts in protecting and serving the residents of Laguna Hills have made a lasting impact. Your professionalism, integrity, and dedication are deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for the positive difference you make every day.

A special thank you to Mayor Sweeney, the Laguna Hills City Council, and the Elks Lodge for recognizing Deputy Rodriguez's outstanding contributions. Your support honors his excellence and strengthens the bond between Laguna Hills Police Services and the community we serve.

Deputy Rodriguez, your service and leadership continue to inspire us all. Thank you for being a shining example of dedication and excellence!



SAVE THE DATE!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025.

Join Laguna Hills Police Services for National Night Out on June 13, 2025! This exciting, family-friendly event will feature fun activities, safety tips, and the opportunity to meet your local officers. Stay tuned for more details and event updates coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

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