

LAGUNA HILLS POLICE SERVICES

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2025

4TH OF JULY SAFETY TIPS

The 4th of July is a time to celebrate barbecues, parades, fireworks, and fun with family and friends. It's also one of the busiest days of the year for Laguna Hills Police Services. Big crowds, loud fireworks, packed roads, and plenty of holiday cheer can lead to serious safety concerns. While you're out enjoying the festivities, our deputies are out making sure everyone stays safe. Here are some important tips to help the community have a fun and safe 4th of July:

- Leave fireworks to the pros – Illegal fireworks can cause injuries and fires.
- Don't drink and drive – Plan a sober ride home before you head out.
- Stay hydrated and cool – July heat is no joke, especially in big crowds.
- Follow road closures and signs – They're there to protect and guide you.
- Report suspicious activity – If something feels off, say something.
- Keep an eye on kids – Big events can be overwhelming and easy to get lost in.
- Know where your exits are – Always have a meeting spot in case you get separated.



NEED DEPUTY ASSISTANCE?

If you require emergency services, please call 911, for nonemergency services please call (949) 770-6011.

GUIDE TO CALLING 9-1-1 ON THE 4TH OF JULY

- Someone has a firework related injury.
- A fire has started from use of fireworks.
- Someone is handling fireworks recklessly.
- My pet is too anxious
- **ANY LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY!**

DON'T LET A DUI RUIN YOUR 4TH OF JULY

The 4th of July should end with fireworks not flashing red and blue lights. Drinking and driving puts everyone at risk, including yourself, your passengers, and others on the road.

Stay safe with these tips:

- Plan ahead
 - Designate a sober driver before the party starts.
- Use a rideshare
 - Ride share Apps are cheaper than a DUI.
- See someone trying to drive drunk?
 - Report it immediately!

Remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving.

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BE PREPARED, STAY SAFE

Know the Rules: Fireworks are illegal in the City of Laguna Hills. Leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals and attend authorized firework shows nearby.

4TH OF JULY READINESS

The City of Laguna Hills reminds residents that the Independence Day holiday is one of the busiest days of the year for first responders. Whether you're planning a backyard BBQ or heading out to a local event, a little preparation goes a long way toward avoiding emergencies.

STAY HOLIDAY-READY WITH THESE TIPS:

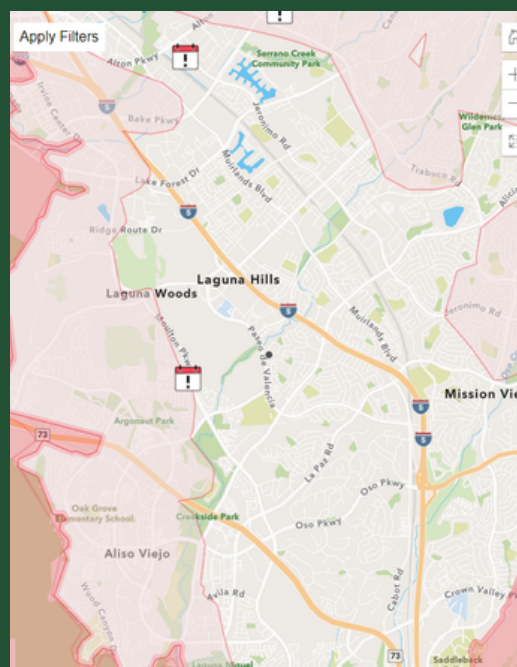
- Grill with Caution: Keep BBQs at least 10 feet from structures. Never leave an open flame unattended, and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Plan for Heat: Stay hydrated and wear sunscreen. Know the signs of heat exhaustion and take breaks in the shade or indoors.
- Protect Pets: Loud noises from fireworks can stress pets. Keep them indoors, create a calming space, and ensure their ID tags are up-to-date.
- Dispose of Charcoal Safely: Never place hot coals in plastic or paper bins. Let ashes cool completely and store them in a metal container.
- Don't Drink and Drive: Plan for a designated driver or use a ride-share service. Increased DUI enforcement will be in effect.
- Report Hazards Promptly: If you see smoke, fire, or any suspicious activity, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Preparedness is a shared responsibility. Let's make this 4th of July enjoyable and incident-free for all in Laguna Hills.

CHECK YOUR STATUS

Experiencing a power outage? Find out when your power will be restored by visiting -
<https://www.sce.com/outage-center/check-outage-status>

Edison has provided a live interactive Outage Map that helps you quickly determine if your service address is affected by an outage, including when an outage is scheduled to start or estimated to end.



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HOT CALL HIGHLIGHT

JUNE 5, 2025

Congratulations to Deputy Mike Rodriguez on receiving the Orange County Sheriff's Department Special Recognition Award – 2024 Deputy of the Year!

Thank you for setting the standard in courage, leadership, and service. Your dedication inspires us all, and your impact on the community is unmatched.

Well deserved!



JUNE 12, 2025

Throwback Thursday - Our Deputies had the honor of celebrating Memorial Day with our amazing community at the Laguna Hills Memorial Day Half Marathon, 10K & 5K!

A big shoutout to everyone who came out to run, cheer, and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Great job to all who participated and helped make the event special!

JUNE 13, 2025

Traffic Reminder - Following too closely and passing on the wrong side of the road—especially in residential neighborhoods—are not just violations, they're serious safety risks. These reckless behaviors reduce reaction time and put lives at risk, particularly for children, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Our motor deputies are actively patrolling and issuing citations for these violations.

- Slow down
- Drive respectfully
- Keep our community safe



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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.



DON'T BE THE LAST TO KNOW!

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

JULY 2025

- 4th of July Celebration
 - Laguna Hills Community Center
- Legislative Luncheon - July 17th
 - Voco Hotel

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Instagram -@OCSDlagunahills
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OUTREACH & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INQUIRY
arabas@ocsheriff.gov / (949) 707-2641

COX PRESENTS

Laguna Hills
Chamber of Commerce

CalChamber

**2025 LAGUNA HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON SERIES**

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025
11:00AM - 1:30PM

FEATURED SPEAKER

**LAGUNA HILLS CITY MANAGER
JARAD HILDENBRAND
AND
LAGUNA HILLS POLICE
CAPTAIN BILL BURK**

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