

# LAGUNA HILLS POLICE SERVICES

## NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2025



### PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE'S CATALYTIC CONVERTER

Catalytic converter theft has been on the rise, as these car parts contain valuable metals. Thieves often target vehicles parked in public or poorly lit areas.

To protect your vehicle:

- Park in well-lit or secured areas.
- Consider installing a catalytic converter lock or shield.
- Etch your vehicle's VIN on the converter for identification.
- Be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

By taking simple precautions, you can help prevent theft and keep your vehicle safe.

### HOUSE LOCK-UP TIPS

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Secure garage, gates, and sheds.
- Turn off lights and appliances.
- Arm your alarm system and check cameras.
- Do a final walk-through before leaving.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

#### KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

The Laguna Hills Neighborhood Watch program is all about neighbors looking out for each other. By staying alert, reporting suspicious activity, and working closely with local law enforcement, residents help create a safer, stronger community. Whether you're interested in joining meetings, volunteering, or simply staying informed, Neighborhood Watch offers a way to make a real difference in keeping Laguna Hills safe. For more information, visit the City's website or email the Laguna Hills Police Services at [crimeprevention@lagunahillsca.gov](mailto:crimeprevention@lagunahillsca.gov)



### COMMUNITY CAMERA REGISTRY

#### SHARE YOUR SECURITY CAMERA LOCATIONS WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Help enhance community safety by partnering with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. By sharing your security camera locations, you can assist deputies in solving crimes and keeping neighborhoods secure. Working together, we can make Orange County safer for everyone. To learn more and get started, visit [OCSheriff.gov/Connect](http://OCSheriff.gov/Connect).

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## PRE-K DEPUTY DAY

Laguna Hills Police Service deputies continue to engage with the community in positive and meaningful ways. Recently, they visited a local kindergarten for a special outreach event.

Deputies spoke with the children about safety and gave them the chance to see patrol vehicles up close. This event created a fun and memorable experience for the students while also building trust and familiarity with their local law enforcement.



## SPOOK-TACULAR SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

Halloween is a fun time for kids, but staying safe is key to making it enjoyable for everyone. Always provide adult supervision—trick-or-treating is safer and more fun in groups, with at least one grown-up along for the ride. Stick to familiar neighborhoods and avoid unknown homes or vehicles, and never enter a stranger's house. Remind little ones to stay on sidewalks, walk instead of run, and cross streets only with an adult. Try to finish trick-or-treating before dark, and carry flashlights or glow sticks to stay visible. Finally, carefully check all candy for choking hazards or allergens, and discard any unwrapped or suspicious treats. By following these tips, Halloween can be a safe, happy, and spook-tacular time for kids and families alike!

## GHOULISHLY GOOD WALKING TIPS

Halloween is a night full of excitement, but safety should always come first! Remind your little trick-or-treaters of these important walking rules:

- Cross safely: Use crosswalks and traffic signals. Look left, right, and left again before stepping off the curb.
- Stay alert: Put down phones and devices.
- Make eye contact: Teach kids to look at drivers before crossing in front of vehicles.
- Stick to sidewalks: If no sidewalks are available, walk facing traffic and stay as far left as possible.
- Take the safest route: Choose direct paths with fewer street crossings.
- Watch for cars: Be cautious of vehicles turning, backing up, or pulling out of driveways. Never dart into the street or cross between parked cars.

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## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is observed every September across the United States. It's a nationwide campaign led by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to raise awareness about the importance of being prepared for disasters and emergencies of all kinds—whether natural (earthquakes, wildfires, hurricanes, floods), technological, or man-made.

The goal is to encourage individuals, families, businesses, and communities to take steps to be ready, such as:

- Making an emergency plan (for home, work, and school).
- Building an emergency supply kit (water, food, first aid, medications, flashlights, batteries, etc.).
- Staying informed about potential risks in their area.
- Getting involved with community preparedness programs.

Each year has a national theme and weekly focuses to help guide preparedness actions.

### PREPAREDNESS CHECK LIST

Take a few simple steps to stay ready:

- Make an emergency plan for your family.
- Build or update your emergency kit.
- Stay informed about local alerts and hazards.

### KNOW YOUR ZONE

Take a moment before an emergency to learn your nearest evacuation route. Visit the City of Laguna Hills Emergency Management page at [lagunahillsca.gov/351/Emergency-Management](http://lagunahillsca.gov/351/Emergency-Management) to find maps, resources, and important safety information.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - THE GREAT SHAKEOUT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

Each year, communities across California participate in the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill, a statewide event designed to help us practice what to do in the event of an earthquake. The drill provides a simple but powerful opportunity for individuals, families, schools, and organizations to build confidence in their preparedness.

During the ShakeOut, participants are encouraged to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" as if a real earthquake were occurring. These few minutes of practice can make a big difference in how we respond during an actual emergency.

### EARTHQUAKES CAN STRIKE ANYTIME, WITHOUT WARNING

Earthquakes can strike anytime, without warning. Stay safe by remembering: **DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON** until the shaking stops.

Take a few minutes to practice now—it can make all the difference in an emergency.

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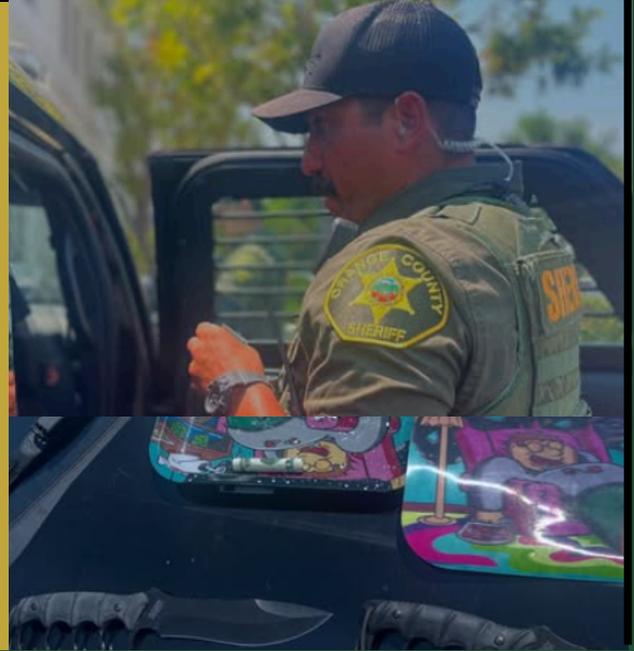
## HOT CALL HIGHLIGHT

**AUGUST 5, 2025**

While patrolling Laguna Hills, deputies observed a driver utilizing a cell phone while operating a vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was determined that the driver was on probation.

During the investigation, deputies searched the vehicle and located two black trench knives with metal knuckles attached. This type of weapon is illegal to possess. Deputies also located a container holding what appeared to be a controlled substance.

The individual was taken into custody and booked into the Orange County Jail.



## AUGUST 14, 2025

Protect Yourself from Fraud, Forgery & Identity Theft

Laguna Hills Police Services urges residents to take steps to protect personal information and help prevent fraud, forgery, and identity theft:

- Shred documents containing personal or financial details.
- Use strong, unique passwords and enable two-factor authentication.
- Review bank and credit card statements regularly.
- Never share personal information with unknown callers, emails, or websites.
- If you believe you are a victim, call 949-770-6011. For crimes in progress, call 9-1-1.



## AUGUST 17, 2025

Lock Up Routine: Keep Your Home & Belongings Safe

Laguna Hills Police Services encourages residents to make locking up a daily habit to reduce the risk of theft and burglary:

- Lock all doors and windows before leaving home or going to bed.
- Set your alarm system.
- Secure valuables out of sight.
- Keep exterior areas well-lit at night.
- Check vehicles—lock doors and remove valuables.
- Taking a few minutes each day can help protect your home, vehicle, and possessions.



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## QUICK TIP - VACATION CHECK!

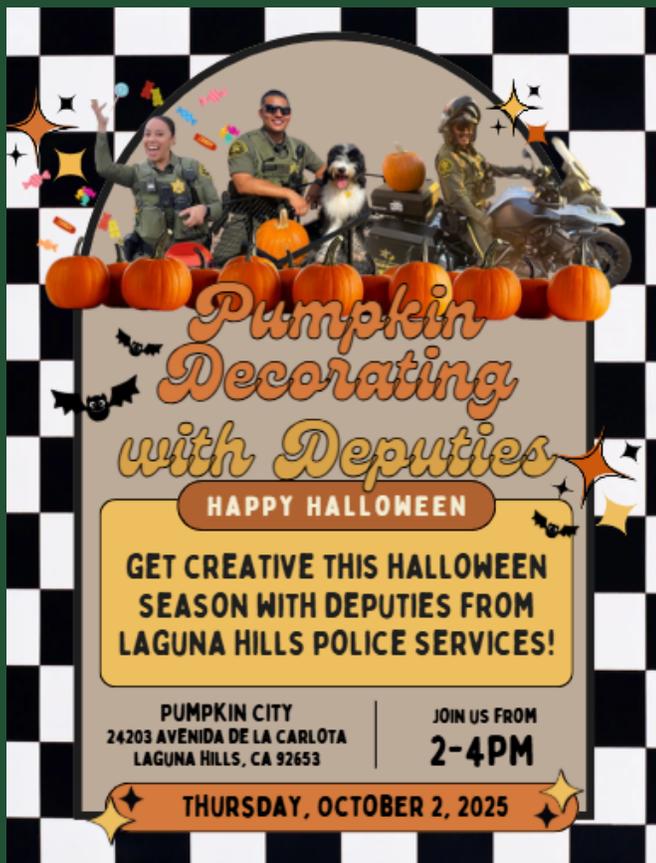
Laguna Hills Police Services provides patrol checks of your home while you are away on vacation or business. Submit the Vacation Patrol Check Form a week prior to your travel date (form available online).

- Email the completed Vacation Patrol Check Form to [Crimeprevention@lagunahillsCA.gov](mailto: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.



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TEXT THE WORD  
ALERTOC & 92653  
TO 888777

## SEPTEMBER 2025

- AlertOC Drill - Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>
  - City of Laguna Hills

## OCTOBER 2025

- Decorating with Deputies - Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Pumpkin Patch - Laguna Hills