



# HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## COMMUNITY MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

For our Hawthorne Community,

These past few weeks have been tough for everyone. From economic uncertainty, school closings, scrambling for childcare, trying to take in all of the information on how to avoid the Coronavirus pandemic, I am sure this has been an extremely trying and stressful time for many in our community. It is unlike anything we have experienced in recent memory.

Here at HPD, we have been working around the clock preparing and planning for the changes in how we do business. Things are rapidly changing, sometimes by the hour. We have to be quick in responding to the challenges in keeping our community safe.

We have made changes in our organization by reassessing resources and adjusting to the current and future needs for our community.

### Protecting our Businesses

We have reassigned officers to patrol the shopping centers, grocery stores, and small businesses where there are long lines of people waiting to shop. We have deployed additional camera trailers in high-traffic areas to allow supervisors real-time video access to these areas. Officers in specialized units have been in touch with store managers and owners to make sure we can quickly respond to any problems or issues. K9 Officers have been doing security checks at many businesses throughout the city.

If you are a business owner in Hawthorne, as part of the “Hawthorne Safe Business” initiative, we encourage you to keep in touch with us through email at [hpdweb@hawthorneCA.gov](mailto:hpdweb@hawthorneCA.gov) Lieutenant Joel Romero of the Special Operations Bureau will be overseeing this unit to make sure you have a direct contact for us as we work together through this challenging time.

**F O R P U B L I C R E L E A S E**

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MAIN DESK 310.349.2700 | DETECTIVE BUREAU 310.349.2820



1-800-222-TIPS (8477)  
Text TIPLA plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES)  
[www.LACrimeStoppers.org](http://www.LACrimeStoppers.org)

### Caring for our Seniors/Safety for students

The Community Affairs Bureau spent this week contacting people from the Memorial Center senior citizens center. HPD staff will conduct phone and email-based welfare checks throughout the upcoming weeks. Although school is out, many students are coming on campus for lunches. Our School Resource Officers will do their best to be around as much as possible.

We compiled a list of resources for our senior citizens which can be found at the end of this message. We hope this will help during these trying times.

Questions? Email us at [hpdweb@hawthorneCA.gov](mailto:hpdweb@hawthorneCA.gov)

### Parking Enforcement

Following the guidelines from the City of Los Angeles, we have also suspended issuing citations for the following violations:

- Street sweeping (sweeper will still be in service)
- Peak traffic on the major streets
- Permit parking

We will continue to enforce other parking violations (i.e. handicap violations, red zones, fire hydrants, etc.) to maintain order and safety. If you are not sure, be on the safe side and obey the signs. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

### Protecting our First Responders

The care and safety of our employees is our #1 priority. They continue to do their jobs and are working hard in keeping the community safe. However, as is the nature of the job, they are coming into contact with many people which increases their chance of being exposed to COVID-19.

We have adjusted the organizational structure of our department in the span of just a few days. We are now connecting remotely, using various software for teleconferences, and adjusting to the new norm of staying away from each other (social distancing). Detectives and Administrative staff are all in uniform ready to respond to and assist our patrol officers.

One of our priorities is to have enough supply of protective equipment (gloves, masks, hand sanitizers, etc.) for the front-line officers. This has been a challenge as the country is in severe shortage of supplies. We will continue to find these items to keep our officers protected.

## Partnerships

All of the Police Departments in the South Bay work well and often together. The ability to share resources, exchange ideas, and work together as a team is a top priority for all of the Chiefs. We communicate daily with the Police Departments from Culver City, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes, Torrance, Gardena, and Inglewood. We also work closely with CHP and the LA County Sheriffs. Leadership at LAPD has been a great resource and partner to all of us. LA County Fire is also a trusted partner in serving our city.

Through these long-standing partnerships, we have plans in place to help and support each other as needs arise.

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I am extremely proud of our team. Our IT staff have worked around the clock to prepare our agency with the necessary tools to communicate and function. The support staff (from our Admin folks supporting our front-line officers, the cleaning crew, Records staff, Forensics unit, Property officer, Desk officers, Community officers), they have all been here working tirelessly to keep the place running. Without them, we would not be able to perform our mission of keeping you safe.

The Officers have families at home, and many are facing the same challenges like everyone else. I appreciate their dedication and sacrifice to doing their jobs. It is what makes HPD a special place. Great people working together to serve and help our community.

I will keep you informed as news develops in the upcoming weeks. I know things are getting tough for many of you.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email us at [hpdweb@hawhhorneca.gov](mailto:hpdweb@hawhhorneca.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael Ishii  
Chief of Police  
March 16, 2020

## Senior Citizen Assistance List

### Emergency Services:

- EMERGENCY 911
- Police and Fire Dispatch Center 310-675-4444
- Hawthorne Police Department Desk 310-349-2700

### Information resources:

- Focal Point on Aging  
<https://www.torranceca.gov/home/showdocument?id=52641>
- Center For Disease Control (Covid-19)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- LA Country Covid-19 Information  
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/>
- LA County Dept Mental Health  
<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/>

### Urgent Care:

- Lawndale Urgent Care
  - 16818 Hawthorne Bl, Lawndale 310-542-0800
- Bayside Medical Clinic
  - 2301 w El Segundo Bl, Hawthorne 323-757-2118 **24/7 service**
- Torrance Memorial Urgent Care
  - 22411 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance 310-784-3740
- Concentra Urgent Care
  - 390 N PCH Ste 1000, El Segundo 310-640-9911

### Hospitals:

- Centinela hospital
  - 555 E Hardy St, Inglewood 310-673-4660
- Gardena Memorial hospital
  - 1145 W Redondo Bch Bl 310-532-4200
- Little Company of Mary
  - 4101 Torrance Bl, Torrance 310-540-7676
- Torrance Memorial
  - 2841 Lomita Bl, Torrance 310-325-9110

### Groceries:

- Superior Market (Haw Bl / El Segundo Bl)
  - senior hours: Every day from 7am -8am
- Ralph's Market (Haw Bl / 118<sup>th</sup> St)
  - senior hours: Every day 7a – 7:30a

**Controlled access**

- Northgate Market (
  - Rosecrans Ave / Prairie Ave) Unknown
- Food For Less
  - (Oceangate / Rosecrans Ave) Unknown
- Target (120<sup>th</sup> St / Crenshaw Bl)
  - senior hours: Wednesday 8a – 9a

**Food Delivery:**

- Hawthorne Meals on Wheels
  - 310-412-4380 (waiting list at this time)
- Ralph's Market
  - [www.instacart.com](http://www.instacart.com)
- Post Mates
  - [www.postmates.com](http://www.postmates.com) (restaurant delivery service)
- Door Dash
  - [www.doordash.com](http://www.doordash.com) (restaurant delivery service)

**Pharmacies:**

CVS	Hawthorne Bl / 118 <sup>th</sup> St	310-679-3668
CVS	Rosecrans Ave / Inglewood Ave	310-263-7330
CVS	Rosecrans Ave / Prairie Ave	310-675-0359
CVS	Inside Target (120/Crenshaw)	323-492-1001
Walgreens	Hawthorne Bl / 120 <sup>th</sup> St	310-349-0130
Walgreens	Rosecrans Ave / Prairie Ave	310-978-9167

**Transportation Services:**

South Bay Yellow Cab	866-400-4103
Bell Cab	800-999-9977
Uber	<a href="http://www.uber.com">www.uber.com</a>
Lyft	<a href="http://www.lyft.com">www.lyft.com</a>

**Additional Senior Services:**

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)	866-448-3615 <a href="http://www.aarp.com">www.aarp.com</a>
Veteran's Affairs	844-698-2311