South Pasadena Police Department



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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Halloween Safety

Halloween will be here soon, and children will be looking forward to dressing up as their favorite character and go trick-ortreating.

Parents should not fear ghosts or witches, but traffic instead.

Here are some Halloween safety tips to remember:

- Never trick-or-treat alone.
 Parents should accompany small children.
- Map out an area where your children will be trick-ortreating.
- Never enter a home to get treats.
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips.
- Wear reflective tape or bright colors so you can be seen at night.
- Be sure masks does not impair visibility or hearing.
- Remind children to cross streets at crosswalks and obey traffic laws.
- At night, carry a flashlight and stay on well-lit streets.
- Provide your child with a cell phone in case of an emergency.
- Remember that vandalism is a crime, please respect other people's property.
- Be sure parents check all treats before eating them.
- Parents, remember to drive slowly in residential areas.



Prescription Drug Take Back

On Saturday, October 25, 2025, the South Pasadena Police Department will again partner with the Drug Enforcement Agency and participate in their "Prescription Drug Takeback" event from 10 AM to 2 PM in the courtyard of City Hall.

Residents can bring unwanted or expired prescription medications for proper disposal.

Unused and expired prescription drugs thrown in trash cans are dangerous. They can be retrieved and used leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse, or sold illegally. Drugs that are flushed down the drains can contaminate water supplies.

Ralphs market will again be supporting the event and will be alongside to provide information on prescription drugs and collect syringes.

The Crime Prevention Unit offers these FREE services

- Engravers to mark your property "Community Opportunity for Property Security (COPS) Program."
- Home Inspection Surveys.
- Email alerts of crime bulletins and weekly crime summary.

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch Group or receive future copies of this newsletter, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit.



Pink Patch Project

This October, the South Pasadena Police Department will again be participating in the "Pink Patch Project."

The Pink Patch Project was established in 2013 to bring awareness to breast cancer and breast cancer research. In 2016, law enforcement agencies around Los Angeles County sold pink patches to help raise funds for breast cancer research and education. Over a million dollars have been raised since its inception.

The Pink Patch Project has now expanded to include law enforcement and fire departments from across the United States and other countries.

To show our support for breast cancer awareness, during the month of October, officers can replace their uniform shoulder patch with a specially designed department pink patch.

Residents can also show their support by purchasing a commemorative South Pasadena Police pink patch at the police department.

There are two sizes available, either a small (2 1/2" wide with a Velcro backing) or a standard patch (about 4 1/2" wide). Patches are only \$10.00 each for either size with all proceeds going towards funding breast cancer research, treatment, and education.

Crime Statistic Map, September - 2025

