



Press Release

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La Puente and Sheriff's Department Addressing Recent Crime Activity

La Puente, California – The City's annual Fortunato Jimenez Independence Day celebration held each year on July 3rd at La Puente Park has always been a safe and fun filled event for families to enjoy. The City and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are committed to ensuring this year's event remains that way.

Over the past week the City and the adjacent unincorporated County area of La Puente have experienced an increase in gang related activities. The City, along with the Sheriff's Department, and surrounding law enforcement agencies have taken immediate steps to address the recent incidents.

Said Mayor Valerie Munoz, "This event is a community tradition that allows for all residents to come together and enjoy a fun-filled day at the park celebrating our Nation's independence. We do not want the unfortunate activities that have occurred over the past several days to discourage our residents from attending this event that showcases all that is good about La Puente".

The City and the Sheriff's Department want the La Puente community and surrounding neighborhoods to know that the City has increased its public safety resources to ensure the safety of this year's event for all of those in attendance.

A Town Hall Special City Council Meeting has been scheduled for July 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. located at La Puente City Hall. The meeting will provide for an open dialogue with the community informing them of current steps taken and the opportunity for public input in working collaboratively with the City.

The festivities for July 3rd begin at 5 p.m. at La Puente Park located at 501 Glendora Avenue with food, games for children, and musical entertainment with the fireworks extravaganza starting at 9 pm. Admission is free.

For questions about this year's event, please contact the City of La Puente at (626) 855-1500.

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