

April 16, 2020

Community Update

by Police Chief George Crum

A message from Police Chief George Crum:

As our community has been adjusting to a new normal in our personal and professional lives, I would like to provide the community with an update on the homicides that have occurred in 2020. I know the three recent homicides reported in the media are concerning to our community. As your Police Chief, I understand your concerns and it is the position of the Police Department that any one violent crime happening in Cathedral City is one too many.



On Tuesday March 10, 2020, CCPD personnel responded to the area of Avenida El Mundo and McCallum Way to reports that a male was deceased in his vehicle. It was determined the male had been shot and succumbed to his injuries in his car. CCPD patrol officers and CCPD detectives began an intense investigation and within 12 hours of the incident, had arrested the male we believe is responsible for committing the murder. The case was presented to the Riverside County District Attorney's office and they have filed murder charges against this person. He remains in custody.

On Monday March 23, 2020, CCPD personnel responded to the 29000 block of Avenida La Vista regarding an adult male and juvenile female being shot at the location. The male succumbed to his injuries and the juvenile female survived the attack. Once again, patrol personnel and detectives began an intense investigation. Over the next week, 12 search warrants were written and served in four cities within the Coachella Valley. The search warrants produced a large narcotics seizure of 156 grams of mushrooms, 1.42 grams of Oxycodone pills, 102 Hydrocodone pills, 60 Ecstasy pills, 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 88 grams of cocaine, 280 Xanax pills, 8.92 grams of heroin and 6.5 pounds of marijuana. In addition to the narcotics seized, detectives seized two shotguns and two handguns. This homicide case was solved a few days after it occurred, and four arrests have been made in this investigation. The individuals arrested in this investigation have been held to answer for a multitude of charges including murder. They remain in custody.

The third homicide occurred on April 4, 2020 when Officers were dispatched to the area of Avenida Juarez and McCallum. As personnel arrived, it was determined a male had been shot in his vehicle and had succumbed to his injuries. Within 48 hours of the murder, on April 6, 2020, CCPD detectives were able to positively identify and locate the person believed to be responsible for the shooting. The suspect was taken into custody and is being held on \$1,000,000 (one-million dollar) bail. The case was presented to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and they have filed murder charges against this person. He remains in custody.

In all three homicide cases, CCPD personnel did an incredible job and remained tenacious in their efforts to solve these horrific crimes. We were fortunate to have solid working relationships with other agencies as we utilized outside agency resources to assist us with numerous search warrant

services in other jurisdictions. The commitment to duty, drive and determination of CCPD personnel to solve these crimes elevates the confidence a community has in its police department, enhances the reputation of the department as a whole, and provides a sense of justice to the family and friends impacted by the senseless loss of their loved ones.

NEWS



COVID-19 Information

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development

Governor Newsom Outlines Six Critical Indicators the State will Consider Before Modifying the Stay-at-Home Order & Other COVID-19 Interventions



VIEW HERE: Governor unveils six key indicators that will be considered before modifying state's stay-at-home order SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today unveiled six key indicators that will guide California's thinking for when and how to modify the stay-at-home and other orders during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor noted that the progress in flattening the curve, increased preparedness of our health care ...[Read more.](#)

Videos on the Importance of Completing Your U.S. Census Questionnaire

Watch the following videos by Mayor John Aguilar and Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez as they stress the importance of completing your U.S. Census questionnaire, if you have not already done so. Mayor Aguilar's video is in English and Councilmember Gutierrez offers his in Spanish. The U.S. Census determines how much Cathedral City will receive in federal funding for healthcare, schools, ...[Read more.](#)



Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez Provides a COVID Prevention Video in Spanish

Watch the following video as Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez offers the six prevention tips against the COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB9nBeaNSgk> Continuamos luchando contra la pandemia del COVID-19 alrededor del mundo y aquí a nivel local. Les recomiendo a su familia hacer lo siguiente para salvarle su vida, la de sus vecinos, y las vidas de los doctores y ...[Read more.](#)



Desert Healthcare District Offers Bilingual COVID-19 Webpage

The new site provides a one-stop source of information on prevention, testing and financial assistance. PALM SPRINGS, CA (April 15, 2020) – The Desert Healthcare District & Foundation (DHCD) today unveiled a comprehensive online dashboard offering a wealth of bilingual COVID-19 resources and information for residents across the Coachella Valley. The Coachella Valley COVID-19 Resource Center at www.DHCD.org provides a ...[Read more.](#)



iHUB Radio Offers Free Ad Campaigns Through May

iHub Radio, the all-digital news, talk and entertainment radio station that exclusively serves the Coachella Valley region with an around-the-clock schedule of locally-produced and hosted current events and lifestyle-oriented content has announced that the broadcast service will be offering 100-percent of its advertising inventory at no charge to Coachella Valley-based businesses doing their best to operate and remain viable in ...[Read more.](#)



\$5,000 Grants for Artists – Deadline is April 23

Artist Relief is an emergency initiative organized by the Academy of American Poets, Artadia, Creative Capital, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, MAP Fund, National YoungArts Foundation, and United States Artists—all mid-sized national arts grantmakers that

have come together in this unprecedented moment—to distribute \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19; serve as an ongoing informational resource; and ...

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NOTICE OF VACANCIES: Cathedral City Commissions/Committees



Cathedral City

The City of Cathedral City announces vacancies on several Commissions/Committees. These terms will begin on July 1, 2020.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020, to the Office of the City Clerk, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City, CA 92234, or by email to tmartinez@cathedralcity.gov. Applications can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cathedralcity.gov or ...[Read more.](#)



County urges residents to volunteer for medical and non- medical positions

Riverside County is calling on all willing residents, especially those with medical expertise, to support response efforts for novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities and other group medical care sites are particularly in need for workers willing to care for COVID-19 patients. This request goes out to all physicians, both active and retired, nurses, nurse assistants, ...[Read more.](#)

SCE Offering Several Programs to Assist You Through the COVID-19 Pandemic



If you are in need of assistance with your electrical bill, SCE is offering the following programs. However, their main message is to contact them and they will help you with finding a program or an extension of your payments. Download Flyer...[Read more.](#)



Riverside County Launches Mobile App to Report Nonessential Businesses

The County of Riverside created an app to report violations of state and county public health orders issued to stem the spread of COVID-19. “We must mitigate and suppress the spread of the coronavirus. This app will help identify hotspots that will lead to efficiently responding to businesses that are risking the health of the community,” said Chair V. Manuel Perez, Fourth ...[Read more.](#)

EVENTS



Cathedral City Postpones April Special Events

Public audience at council meetings limited to no more than 10 people

The Riverside County Public Health Officer has issued a countywide order mandating all venues to have no more than 10 people at any given time, with exceptions of essential personnel, through

the end of April. The City of Cathedral City will suspend all ... [Read more.](#)



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