



# Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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### **Southern California Edison Customers Targeted By Scammers**

**Southern California Edison (SCE)** warns its customers to be aware of a telephone scam which demands immediate payment for allegedly past due electricity bills. Imposters have been calling SCE customers demanding payment immediately or have their electric service disconnected. The caller demands payment of their bill in full via a pre-paid debit card to cover their tracks. SCE will never call a customer to demand payment over the phone.

SCE also reminds customers to ask for identification when a stranger comes to the door or calls claiming to be a utility worker. SCE utility workers will provide verification, including their department and phone number, when asked.

In most cases, home visits by SCE are scheduled by the customer and SCE will confirm the appointment in writing. If there are any concerns, SCE and law enforcement officials suggest having the utility worker wait outside until their identity can be verified.

SCE suggested the following general tips for avoiding scams:

- An SCE employee will never ask for money in person.
- Never reveal your credit card, ATM or calling card numbers (or PIN numbers) to anyone.
- If someone calls and requests you leave your residence at a specific time for a utility-related cause, call the police. This could be a burglary attempt set up by the caller.
- Be suspicious of anyone who arrives at your house without an appointment asking to check an appliance, wiring or suggesting that there may be some other electrical problem inside or outside your residence.

Please be aware and share this valuable information. If you are contacted by someone demanding this, please call Southern California Edison at 800-655-4555 or [San Gabriel Police Department](#) at 626.308-2828. For more ways customers can stay safe, please see [SCE.com/FAQ](#) and read the safety tips section.

And remember, for ANYTHING suspicious...Don't Ignore It, Report It!

## **We are excited to announce that the Community Academy's full session will begin on February 21st, 2019!**

The Police Department hosts the full 12-week Community Academy session every year. Translation services are available for Spanish and Mandarin.

The Community Academy is designed to give community members an overview of law enforcement today, while simultaneously giving attendees the opportunity to meet the men and women in uniform who serve their community. This exciting and informative twelve-week course includes an introduction to the various Police Department bureaus, community programs, and the criminal justice system. Citizens can also expect to participate in hands-on activities that offer an authentic law enforcement experience, including police tactics, self-defense and firearms safety.

Applications are now available and must be submitted on or before February 18, 2019. Apply early, as space is limited to 20 students per session. Admission will be based on a first come, first served basis for qualified applicants. Qualified applicants who are not admitted into this session will be wait-listed for the following session.

Informational brochures and applications can be picked up at the San Gabriel Police Department lobby, or you can download them from the City's website.

For more information on the Community Academy, please visit [www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com).

**If you have any questions, don't hesitate to touch base with us.**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

#### **BLOCK CAPTAINS' WORKSHOP**

**San Gabriel Hilton Hotel**  
**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019!**

**San Gabriel Mission District**  
**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

#### **Community Engagement Bureau**

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