

Garden District Security District

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2018 YEAR END MESSAGE

Since 1998, the Garden District Security Patrol officers have provided around the clock enhanced security patrols for the neighborhood. This includes multiple private patrol officers on simultaneous duty plus NOPD detail officers on duty for random shifts. All day, every day, GDSD officers are available in the District to assist you in emergency situations, to check your home or business when you are out of town, escort you safely from your car to your door, or check out suspicious persons in the area. They work closely with the NOPD officers of the Sixth District to monitor and deter crime in the area and report crimes that have occurred. All residents and businesses within the boundaries of Louisiana Avenue, Carondelet Street, Jackson Avenue and Magazine Street (both sides of all streets) are eligible to receive GDSD patrol service any time, day or night. The positive results of this coverage can be noted in our crime statistics that are consistently lower than many other areas surrounding us and across the city that do not enjoy enhanced security.

Crime Statistics:

Categorized statistics are uploaded weekly by our GDSD supervisors and available for viewing anytime at <http://www.gdsdpatrol.org/>. As of this writing, this year our GDSD patrol officers have conducted more than 650 resident and business escorts and hundreds of home checks for our traveling residents. They have handled incidents such as hit and run accidents, suspicious person calls, medical/mental emergency responses, drunk driver complaints, auto burglaries (mostly from unlocked cars) and thefts, and assisted NOPD on serious incidents such as residence burglaries and armed robberies. These are only some of the activities they have encountered throughout the year trying to keep our neighborhood safe. We believe that their visibility continues to be a deterrent to potential crime in this area that is heavily travelled by thousands upon thousands of visitors each week as well as our more than 2500 residents.

The city-wide crime trends and statistics, can be found on the city's website <http://www.nola.gov/nopd>.

Are you on the Email Blast List?

If you are not already receiving our periodic email blasts, we invite you to join our email list to receive alert notices and activity reports regarding the patrol, the NOPD and neighborhood concerns. Simply send a request to join along with your email address and home address to gdsdpatrol@bellsouth.net.

GDSD Decals:

Telephone and car decals are available for you to use to help in keeping the neighborhood safe. The phone stickers can be placed anywhere to facilitate easy access to the number for the patrol. GDSD car decals can be placed on your rear car window to allow the patrol to easily identify your car as belonging to a resident. If you would like either or both of these decals, please send us an email request with your address to gdsdpatrol@bellsouth.net.

LOCK IT UP! All visible items should be removed from your car each time you park. If you have a house alarm, it is recommended that you add the GDSD number as one of the first responder numbers in case of emergency. Often the GDSD patrol officers can be there faster than the NOPD to help control the situation. Remember, keeping your belongings secure protects not only you and your family but your neighbors as well.

Remember to give the **GDSD Patrol Number 899-GDSD** to your visitors and other family members to use whenever possible for escort service or to report an unusual activity or crime. We also encourage you to add the number to your contacts on your cell and home phone speed dial. Escorts can help prevent a would-be criminal from taking advantage of a situation and allows the

officer to become more familiar with you, your family and your property, thus better able to protect you.

Board of Commissioners

The GDSD Board of Commissioners, made up of residents within the security district, meets several times each year to set the security plan and budget and implement policies. They and the Executive Director are always available to discuss these issues with neighbors.

Officers: Fred Buras - President, Wendell LeGardeur - Vice President, Randy Richardson - Secretary, Ken Davis - Treasurer.

Directors: Jenny Charpentier, Ann Grace, Bobby Hassinger, Beverly Lamb, Isabel Sanders, Chip Saulsbury and Sandy Shilstone. Executive Director: Shelley Landrieu

2019 Budget

At its annual public hearing and budget meeting in October, the GDSD Board of Commissioners discussed and decided to reduce the number of mills to be levied against each property in 2019 to 975 mills, lower than the 2018 levy of 10 mills. This tax is billed via the city's property tax bills sent at the end of each year. The 2019 budget below shows the income and projected for the coming year. Note that the policy set by the board is to retain a fund balance in order to be prepared for continued coverage in case of a disaster such as Hurricane Katrina.

Projected Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 964,689
<u>Income</u>	
Revenue from taxes (net 99% collectible/ less 4% city fee)	\$ 807,149
Interest income	<u>5,000</u>
	\$ 812,149
<u>Expenses</u>	
Patrol	\$775,000
Enhanced Security	10,000
Administrative Costs (accounting, office, supplies, GPS, website)	60,162
Insurance	25,000
Legal Services	10,000
Contingency	<u>5,000</u>
	\$885,162
Revenue less Expenses	<u>< 73,013 ></u>
Projected Ending Balance 2019	\$891,676

Here's wishing you and your family a safe and happy 2019!