



# HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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## District-Wide School Safety Alert

On Wednesday, October 8, 2014, a district student was the victim of a child annoyance incident. The incident occurred at approximately 9:00 a.m. near the location of Wedgeworth Drive and Meadow Glen Way in the unincorporated county area of Hacienda Heights. The victim was walking to school when the suspect motioned and called the victim to come near his vehicle. The victim fled to a nearby residence and the suspect was last seen driving westbound on Wedgeworth Drive and out of view.

The suspect has been described as a black male adult, approximately 40 years old, with a beard. He was driving a small gray compact two-door vehicle. The vehicle was old and beat-up.

Parents are urged to remind their children of the need to be safe in their surroundings while coming and going to school. The Department of Police and Safety is working with Industry Sheriff's Station in order to provide extra patrol in the areas where these incidents occurred.

- Always walk in groups. If you cannot walk in a group, at least try and walk with another person.
- Do not walk alone in isolated areas.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Never talk to strangers.
- Never accept a ride from a stranger or someone you do not know.
- If you are approached by a stranger in a car, walk away as quickly as possible and go to an area where there are other people.
- If you are approached or feel threatened by a stranger, please report it as soon as possible to your Principal, a School Police Officer or a Deputy Sheriff.

If you see any suspicious activity or are confronted by a stranger, **immediately** contact the Industry Sheriff's Station at (626) 330-3322 or the Department of Police and Safety of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District at (626) 933-3899.

#### *Vision Statement:*

**T**he Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is a community committed to developing lifelong learners who value themselves and the diversity of all people; apply decision-making skills leading to responsible actions; and use creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving in meeting the challenges of a changing society.