

CITY UPDATE

Azalea Carnival

On Friday night, a group of up to 150 teens was reported to SGPD, which then dispersed into several groups of 30-40 teens that began to engage in physical altercations while attending the Azalea Carnival. All indications are this was a planned event and encouraged through social media. Despite having both private security and SGPD in attendance, the size of the group and their continued ignoring of lawful orders to disperse made it both unsafe for those attending as well as public safety personnel.

The decision was made to shut down the carnival that night as well as for Saturday and Sunday. The inability to ensure sufficient public safety presence for those attending without an impact on the remainder of the City was the driving force for this decision. It was fortunate that the City had a multi-jurisdictional gang suppression team in the City on Friday night which able to assist regular SGPD patrol units which ensured that no injuries or physical damage transpired.

SGPD continues to view various social media posts that filmed the melee between the juveniles to help identify them. If any member of the public has information on the incident, please contact the South Gate Dispatch Center at (323) 563-5436.

No refunds will be given for wristbands purchased on Friday. Wristbands purchased on Friday were for Friday only and not for the duration of the carnival.

