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# **Glendale Police Department**

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DATE: October 9, 2014  
TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers  
THROUGH: Brenda Fischer, City Manager  
FROM: Debora Black, Chief of Police and Jack Friedline, Public Works Director  
SUBJECT: Council Item of Special Interest – Bulk Trash Collection Notification

This memo is in response to a Council Item of Special Interest related to city bulk trash collection notification procedures and the potential it is driving crime in neighborhoods. This Council Item of Special Interest was brought forward by Councilmember Chavira on August 5, 2014.

In response to this Council Item of Special Interest, staff from the Police and Public Works Departments reviewed this item. The Police Department conducted an analysis of daily crime averages within several specific neighborhoods for the actual day of bulk trash pick-up and for the days preceding the bulk trash service when bulk trash is likely to be staged for pick-up. The Police Department found no correlation between bulk trash pick-up or bulk trash staging and the incidence of reported crime or calls for service. In other words, the Police Department has found no data to support the concern that bulk trash services adversely affect the levels of crime or criminal behavior in a given neighborhood.

The Police Department is aware the perception of increased criminal activity exists and is aggravated by individuals who come into a neighborhood to rummage through discarded items. In order to combat this fear, the Police Department strongly encourages members of the community to report all suspicious activity.

Additionally, the Public Works Department will work with Communications Department personnel to insert, in literature and on the website, reminders for residents to be aware of people unfamiliar to them in their neighborhood who may be canvassing properties while collecting items from the bulk trash at the curb.