

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee

Answers Your Questions about Girdwood Police Service

Q: How do I call for police service?

A: **Call 911 for emergencies.** Your call is then forwarded to Whittier Police Dispatch if you're calling from the Girdwood Valley Service Area or to Anchorage Police Department Dispatch if you are on the Seward Highway or up Crow Creek Road. **The non-emergency number is 907-783-3223.**

Q: Why does the Whittier Police Department provide police service to Girdwood?

A: Girdwood has partnered with the Whittier Police Department since 2016. Girdwood used to be policed by the Alaska State Troopers, however, their service to Girdwood was discontinued due to state budget limitations. Girdwood residents voted to partner with the Whittier Police Department, and this partnership continues today.

Q: What geographic area does the Whittier Police Department cover?

A: The Whittier Police Department is responsible for policing the City of Whittier, the Girdwood Valley Service Area, and the Anton Anderson Tunnel in a contracted arrangement with the State of Alaska. According to Alaska Statute (AS.35.225) all sworn officers are duty-bound to respond to traffic violations committed in their presence, regardless of location.

Q: Is there a Whittier Police Substation in Girdwood?

A: Yes. The Whittier Police have an office across from Chair 5. The entrance is around the back of the building. The office is staffed by appointment only. Call 907-783-3223 to make an appointment.

Q: Can Whittier Police write parking and speeding tickets?

A: Yes. Money generated from parking and speeding tickets goes into the State of Alaska General Fund.

Q: How do Whittier Police know where my house is?

A: Having a clearly marked street address is important for fire, ambulance, and police response. Whittier Police have been provided Girdwood Maps and Mapbooks from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA).

Q: If someone is arrested, will they be transported to Whittier?

A: All arrested individuals will be transported to Anchorage for processing by the Alaska Court System.

Q: How do I get a copy of my police report or file a police report?

A: Complete a request for records at: www.whittieralaska.gov. WPD has an office in the building across from Chair 5. The entrance is around the back. Call 907-783-3223 to make an appointment.

Q: How do I file a restraining order?

A: Contact Whittier Police Department at 907-783-3223 and they will assist you with the court process.

Q: I need a background check and fingerprints for work, where should I go?

A: You can obtain a background check from the Alaska State Trooper Office in Anchorage on Tudor Road. There are various private fingerprinting businesses in Anchorage.

Q: What is the Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee?

The Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) is a subcommittee of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS). The PSAC was formed in 2016, with the initial purpose of helping to find "right-sized" policing for our community after the Alaska State Troopers left their Girdwood post. The PSAC's ongoing purpose is to serve as a conduit between the community and law enforcement. The committee consists of four volunteer members who meet monthly. We hear reports from the Girdwood Fire Department Chief, Whittier Police Chief, and Girdwood's Service Area Manager, and review and discuss safety-related issues impacting our community.

Q: When are the Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee Meetings?

A: PSAC meets the first Monday of every month at 7 pm in the Girdwood Community Room. Meetings are open to the public, can be attended in person or virtually, and there is always an opportunity for public comment on the agenda.

PSAC meetings are publicly noticed online: www.muni.org/gpsac and are physically posted at the Girdwood Post Office, Gerrish Branch Library, and Girdwood Community Room bulletin boards.

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Emergency? Dial:

911

Local Police Non-Emergency Dial:

907-783-3223