Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire

Please, do not open your door just because someone knocks on it! We have experienced a trend called ***"Knock Knock Burglaries"*** here in Devonshire Area. A burglar knocks on your front door in order to find out if anyone is home; if there is no answer at the door the burglar then goes to the back of your home and attempts to enter your home via the path of least resistance. We recommend you answer your door by making sufficient noise inside, however you see fit, so as to let the person at your door know that your home is not unattended. Only answer and open the door if you personally know the person on the other side. Should you see someone in your backyard that does not belong, call 9-1-1.

August 3, 2010 is National Night Out! Please join us at Northridge Park located at 10058 Reseda Blvd at 6:00 PM. National Night Out will be a great event to join our city's crime fighting team: law enforcement and your families, for a 'FREE MOVIE'. Come and mingle with your representatives from Councilman Greig Smith's office, Devonshire Area Officers, neighbors and friends both new and old!

Basic Car Area 17A23
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Crime Trends and Locations – Our area experienced a rise of Grand Theft Auto (GTA) this past month. The types of vehicles on the 'Hot List' that suspects are stealing currently are hi-end SUV's and pick-up trucks. **Please report suspicious activity, 'don't wait for your neighbor to call!'**

Crime Tips - Unattended, open garages are an attraction to thieves and "opportunists". Please remember to close your garage doors if you are not in the garage or within view. It takes only seconds for a thief to walk in and walk off with your property. Mark your valuables with your driver's license number. Should your property be recovered, law enforcement can attempt to locate the victim if we have a number that can be referenced.

Neighborhood Events – Thursday, August 26, 2010 is the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting for Basic Car 17A23. Our meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM, at 9901 Mason Avenue, the Saint John Eudes Church. Please come and get the information on crime activity for our area, as well as prevention tips.

Basic Car Area 17A35
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Crime Trends and Locations - The Basic Car Area is doing very well. Half way through the year we have had very few violent crimes and currently, we have no specific hot spots for property crimes. Residential Burglaries have gone down dramatically during the month of June.

Crime Prevention Tips - Don't open your door to strangers. Residential Burglaries generally occur during daytime hours while residents are away at work. Most burglary suspects will door-knock a residence first to ensure no one is home. The best way to protect your self is to speak through the door without opening it.

Report all prowlers and suspicious activities to the L.A.P.D. direct dispatch (non-emergency) number at 1-877-275-5273.

Neighborhood Events - Our next Basic Car meeting will be on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.

Basic Car Area 17A49
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Crime Trends and Locations – Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) along Chatsworth Avenue is the most recent concern. The trend is between Rinaldi south to Devonshire and Aliso Canyon Wash to Balboa Boulevard.

Commendable Citizen Incidents - I would like to thank Ron and Patty for their unending efforts, time, and support not only to our Basic Car, but also to the entire Community Based Policing Unit here at Devonshire Community Police Station!

Neighborhood Events – 17A49 Basic Car meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM, 10124 Balboa Boulevard (Fire Station 87) Guest speaker to be announced.

Basic Car Area 17A67
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Crime Trends and Locations – We have experienced both a Commercial and Residential Burglary upswing in Reporting Districts 1785, 1793, and 1794. The affected area specifically is from Nordhoff Street to Roscoe Boulevard between Zelzah Avenue and Tampa Avenue

Officer Bennett is unable to author her article this month. We look forward to her return!

Neighborhood Events – 17A67 Basic Car Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 7:00 PM, at Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street Northridge, California.

Basic Car Area 17A81
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Crime Trends and Locations - Great news to report! Our property crime has decreased! Although this trend seems to be on the decrease there remains a concern of the theft of **Chevy, GMC, and Cadillac "hi-end" trucks and SUV's** at our malls. We have also experienced some

staged traffic collisions. The suspects have been intentionally colliding with motorists and taking their property and vehicles at times by force or fear.

Commendable Citizen Incidents - Operations Valley Bureau, Valley Crime Task Force has been deployed here in Devonshire for a couple of months. They arrested four people for various felonies in the 19400 of Lassen Street. The small but rapidly growing trend of burglaries near that location has come to a very abrupt halt. Kudos to them and those who assisted in that investigation!

Crime Prevention Tip - Please consider avoiding driving **Chevy, GMC, and Cadillac "hi-end" trucks and SUV's** to our malls for a while. If you have no alternative vehicle, please use a steering wheel/brake lock, activate you alarm system, and as always, **leave no items inside your vehicles and lock them up!**

Although the law requires us to stop and render aid in the case of a traffic collision, we must do so safely. Please contact a family member or friend and tell them with whom you are about to make contact and a location. **Do not hesitate to call our LAPD dispatch number at 1-877-275-5273** and ask if the police can be dispatched. If your collision does not require police response at least we will have a record that you called and any information you provided.

Neighborhood Events – Thursday, August19, 2010 is our next meeting here at Devonshire Station at 7:00 PM. The Basic Car meetings for 17A81 are held at Devonshire Station at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month. This is the second of three meetings where we will discuss a change of venue for our meetings so please join us and be heard!

Basic Car Area 17A95
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Crime Trends and Locations – The statistics prove out that overall crime is down in our Basic Car Area. We have enjoyed additional resources granted by Deputy Chief Albanese to address the spike we suffered in the recent past.

Commendable Officers and Citizen Incidents - This month's commendation goes to our Basic Car Officers and our Volunteer Surveillance Team. Crime is down and the dedicated people are responsible for that in large part! Thank you all!

Crime Tips – Know your neighbors and their visitors. This is the only way to really know who belongs in your neighborhood and who does not. I realize I am "preaching to the choir", but be that as it may, we all need to spread the word of Neighborhood Watch to just one person who lives nearby but is not yet involved! Let's grow our security net!

Neighborhood Events – The next 17A95 Basic Car Meeting is on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at 7: 00 PM at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.