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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Devonshire Neighborhood Watch Newsletter ♦ September 2010

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area
August 3, 2010, was National Night Out. The event was held in conjunction with Councilman Greig Smith and his staff celebrating Northridge's 100th Birthday party! Four thousand community members came out and joined with your City's Officials to meet one another, discuss crime fighting ideas and further grow our community here in the Devonshire Area.

The 2nd Annual Devonshire Halloween Haunted Station is on October 29th & 30th. This event helps supports our "Cadet" program. Please come and join in the fun here at Devonshire Community Police Station and have a safe Halloween experience!

Sean K. Kane, Captain
Commanding Officer
Devonshire Community Police Station

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BASIC CAR AREA HIGHLIGHTS

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Basic Car Area 17A23

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• **Crime Trends and Locations** – Residential Burglary and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV) are the problem crimes for the area of Reporting District 1723 (Lassen to Chatsworth Street and Canoga to Shoup Avenue). **Please report suspicious activities. "Don't wait for your neighbor to call!"**

• **Commendable Officer and Citizen Incidents -** National Night Out was a huge success in Devonshire Division! We had a huge turn out, with approximately 4,000 in attendance. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

• **Crime Tips -** Unattended open garage doors are an attraction to potential thieves. Please remember to close your garage door if you are not in the immediate area. It only takes seconds for a thief to walk in and walk off with your property. **Mark your valuables with your driver's license number.** Law enforcement can attempt to locate a victim if we have a number that can be referenced.

• **Neighborhood Events** – **Thursday, September 23, 2010, is our next Neighborhood Watch Meeting for Basic Car 17A23. Our meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month at Saint John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue, at 7:00PM.**

The 2nd Annual Devonshire Halloween Haunted Station is coming around October 29th & 30th. We are asking for volunteers to help put on this community event. Last year's volunteers were great!!! **We hope to have those volunteers return and new volunteers added. Carpenters are needed, as well as donated materials!!! Please contact Officers Danny Del Valle or Janine Angeles for more information at the Devonshire Senior Lead Office (818) 363-1726.**

Basic Car Area 17A35

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• **Crime Trends and Locations** – Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) is a problem at Balboa Boulevard and Chatsworth Street (San Fernando Mission to Lassen and Petit to Louise). This area was the focal point back in June 2010 when several Grand Theft Autos and B/TFMV's occurred. Officer Del Core is on vacation and will return for the writing of the October newsletter.

• **Neighborhood Events** - **Our next Basic Car meeting will be on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 7:00 PM at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.**

Tour the Devonshire Police Station - **Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010**
10:00 am to 3:00 pm - 10250 Etiwanda Ave. (Corner of Devonshire)

THE MANY FACES OF HALLOWEEN FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE!

OCTOBER 29TH & 30TH - 2010

"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"

It's Your Stuff!

Keep It!!

Don't Leave Valuables of any kind in your Vehicle

Basic Car Area 17A49

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• **Crime Trends and Locations** – Last month's crime has decreased significantly from the months before. There were 25 Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles; 12 Residential Burglaries; one Commercial Burglary; five Assault with a Deadly Weapons; 10 Grand Theft Autos and eight Robberies. There is no specific crime pattern. Four of the robberies occurred near the area of Devonshire Street and Balboa Boulevard. The majority of our crimes occurred between midnight and 6:00 AM.

• **Commendable Incidents** - Thank you to all of our volunteers who participated in Devonshire's National Night Out! The event was a huge success. Free hot dogs, drinks, ice cream and cake were served! Numerous prizes were raffled off! Councilman Greig Smith continued the evening with A "Movie Under the Stars." Look for this event next year!

• **Crime Tips** – **"Back to School"** is here for many of us already! Please make sure to have a safe meeting place if you pick up your high school kids from school. Many of the kids are congregating in large crowds on the corner of Chatsworth Street and Zelzah Avenue and also on the corner of Woodley Avenue and San Fernando Mission Boulevard. There have been issues with kids fighting in the past. Have a secondary location to meet just in case a fight occurs and the crowds are dispersed.

• **Neighborhood Events** – **Our September Basic Car meeting is Tuesday, September 28, 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** – Since July 25, 2010, there have been a series of Burglary /Theft from Motor Vehicle along the Reseda Corridor (Lindley to Yolanda and Devonshire to Roscoe). As of August 1, 2010, the pattern shifted to the northern edge of Reseda Boulevard along the Devonshire Corridor (Lindley to Vanalden and Mayall to San Jose). Officer Bennett is unable to author her article this month!

• **Neighborhood Events** – **Our Basic Car Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at 7:00 PM,** at **Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street, Northridge.**

Basic Car Area 17A81

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• **Crime Trends and Locations** – The high-end GM vehicle thefts are still a problem. The vehicles are stolen, stripped and abandoned before the victim even knows their vehicle was stolen. The suspects steal the vehicle (Cadillac Escalade, Chevy Tahoe/Avalanche/Silverado and/or the GMC Yukon) from a large parking lot (mall, theatre or shopping center), moved to another end of the same lot and the mirrors and instrument cluster are taken. There have been nearly 60 such incidents in Devonshire Area this year alone.

• **Commendable Citizen Incidents** – I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our new members in our Basic Car for caring and getting involved, particularly Chris W., Christian S., and Nadia S. of Target, all of whom have become "leaders in this community, blazing a trail toward a crime-free neighborhood"!

• **Crime Prevention Tip** – **Back to school time is here.** Remember that traffic collisions occur when our attention is diverted away from our task of driving. Please be aware of your surroundings and check your mirrors regularly. Do not hesitate to call our **dispatch number at 1-877-275-5273.**

• **Neighborhood Events** – **The Basic Car meetings for 17A81 are held at Devonshire Station at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 7:00 PM.** This is the last of three meetings where we will discuss a change of venue for our meetings. **So please join us and be heard!** It has been proposed that the meeting be moved to a location at Londelius Street and Shirley Avenue. There has been no opposition to the move as yet, so it is very likely that our October 21st meeting will be held at our new location.

Basic Car Area 17A95

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• **Crime Trends and Locations** – Residential burglaries within Basic Car 17A95 have decreased this past month. The hot Reporting Districts (RD's) continues to be 1777, 1779 and 1797. Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle also decreased this past month. The most active RD's were 1795, 1777 and1799.

• **Commendable Officers and Citizen Incidents** - This month's commendable Officer is the Devonshire Area Burglary Detective Unit. This Unit has made several arrests for residential burglary that have helped decrease the amount of crime within our Basic Car Area.

• **Crime Tips** - We have decreased in crime and can continue this trend if we look out for each other. One of the best deterrents is walking in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood. Please report suspicious people that don't belong there or are wandering in your neighborhood. Remember, the majority of residential burglary arrests are due to neighbors seeing the crime in progress and calling 911. Neighborhood Watch is now more important than ever. Please get involved and attend your Basic Car Meeting.

• **Neighborhood Events** - **Our next Basic Car meeting will be on Thursday, September 16, 2009, at 7: 00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge. September's guest speaker will be Mitchell Englander, Chief of Staff for Councilman Greig Smith. Note: the date of this month's Basic Car Meeting is "the third Thursday of the month". We will return to our "normal second Thursday of the month" in October.**

Devonshire Upcoming Events

District Meeting - Shepherd of the Hills - **Oct 7, 7:00 - 9:00**
SOLID Pasta Dinner - St. Nicholas Greek Church - **Oct 15, 5:00 - 8:00**
Devonshire Open House - Police Station - **Oct 23, 10:00 - 3:00**
Haunted House- Devonshire Station - **Oct 29,30, 6:00-10:00**