



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter ♦ April 2011

### Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

One of the Department's goals is to reduce crime and the fear and incidence of crime. Let's face it, crime will probably never go away, but there are steps we can take to protect ourselves. Neighborhood Watch is a huge step that we can take and it's so simple to do. A Neighborhood Watch is a neighbor banding together and getting to know each other to prevent from becoming a victim of a crime. In the old days, Neighborhood Watches were commonly started when you first moved into a new neighborhood. Do you remember when you moved in and all the neighbors would bring cookies or some other treat? The neighbors would introduce themselves and welcome you to the neighborhood. I understand that this probably didn't happen to everyone, but it was more prevalent back then than it is now. We need to get back to knowing who our neighbors are and uniting together to protect our neighborhoods. When a person bent on committing a crime enters your neighborhood, their goal is to roam around the neighborhood unnoticed. The criminal element knows a witness can put them in jail. With a strong Neighborhood Watch Program in place, neighbors look out for each other causing the criminal element to retreat. This month, make it a plan to get to know your neighbors. If you don't have a Neighborhood Watch Program in place, please call your Senior Lead Officer. Your Senior Lead Officer is more than happy to assist you with starting up a Neighborhood Watch.

The Los Angeles Police Department is dedicated to keeping the community informed. One of the new ways we are doing this is through the **NIXLE System**. The **NIXLE** sends police alerts and updates to your e-mail or a text message to your cell phone. It easily allows you to customize the system and restrict the information that you receive. Crime alerts, street closures, police activity in the area, and evacuation notifications are some examples of messages sent. This is a great tool and I urge all of you to go onto the **NIXLE** web site and sign up.



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• **Crime Trends and Locations:** The area of 17A23 and 17A35 has been sharing Burglary problems near the Ronald Reagan Freeway from Porter Ranch to Balboa. **Please report all suspicious activity!**

**Commendable Officer and Citizen Incident:** It appears our combined efforts between the Devonshire citizens and the LAPD to reduce crime is working. **Crime is DOWN!** Our Devonshire citizens have done a great job being the extra "eyes and ears" and reporting criminal activity. **GREAT JOB!**

**Neighborhood Events:** Our next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is **7:00PM, April 28, 2011**. Our meetings are held every **4th Thursday of the month**, located at **9901 Mason Avenue, Saint John Eudes Church at 7:00PM**.

**Crime Tips:** Please remember to be aware of your surroundings when accessing ATM machines. Suspects watch ATM users making withdrawals and regular deposits, searching for the easy, complacent victim. Try to access ATM's during daytime hours, if approached think about what actions to take. **Do not be the easy target...**

### Don't Leave Valuables of any kind in your Vehicle



**It's Your Stuff!**  
**Keep It!!**



**"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"**

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• **Crime Trends and Locations:** Through the month of February, we had two hot spots for Residential Burglary. The first was in the vicinity of Reseda Boulevard and Braemore Road, (Reporting District (RD) 1703). The second was in the vicinity of San Fernando Mission Boulevard and Hayvenhurst Avenue, (RD 1737). These were daytime burglaries and even though the activity has been tapering down, residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and report all prowlers to **LAPD direct dispatch at 1-877-275-5273**.

**Neighborhood Watch Events:** Our next meeting will be **7:00PM, Thursday, April 21, 2011**, at **Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills**.

**Crime prevention information:** To significantly reduce the chance of being burglarized, lock your doors. Keep all doors closed and locked, whether you are home or not. Be sure all doors, including inside garage doors, have deadbolt locks. Make an effort to keep the garage door closed at all times. One of the most common means for criminals to burglarize homes is to prey on those with open garage doors, even in the middle of the day. They may take valuables from the garage or use the inside garage door to access the house itself. **Do not leave your garage door opener in your car** if the vehicle is going to be parked in the driveway or right outside your home. **17A35 Cont. Pg 2**

### Devonshire Upcoming Events

**SOLID Pancake Breakfast** - Police Station - **May 21, 7:30 - 10:30**  
**Town Hall Meeting** - Shepherd of the Hills - **Jul 28, 7:00 - 9:00**  
**Devonshire Open House** - Police Station - **Sep 17, 10:00 - 3:00**  
**SOLID Pasta Dinner** - St. Nicholas Church - **Oct 22, 5:00 - 8:00**

**Crime Trends:** The following numbers reflect the time period from January 30 to February 26, 2011. There were four Robberies, five Aggravated Assaults, 10 Burglaries, 11 Grand Theft Autos (GTA), 27 Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (BTFMV) and nine Thefts. There are two clusters of crimes, the first is on Devonshire Street east of Balboa Boulevard and the second is on Zelzah and Lindley Ave north of Devonshire St. **Please remember not to leave any items, valuable or invaluable!**

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• **Crime Trends and Locations:** The following numbers reflect the time period from January 30, 2011 to February 26, 2011. There were four robberies, five aggravated assaults, ten burglaries, eleven grand theft autos, twenty-seven burglary from motor vehicles and nine thefts. There are two clusters of crimes. They are at Devonshire Street, east of Balboa Boulevard and on Zelzah Ave and Lindley Ave north of Devonshire St. Please remember not to leave any items, valuable or invaluable!

**COMMENDABLE INCIDENTS:** Devonshire Division is number one in the City of Los Angeles for crime reduction during this last reporting period! Great job on the part of the hardworking men and women of Devonshire division as well as our active Neighborhood Watch groups! If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group or renewing the interest in an already existing group, please call me at (818) 325-7749.

**CRIME TIPS:** With spring arriving, more people are outside enjoying the weather. While you are out and about, always remember to be aware of your surroundings! If you go to the park, do not leave your purses or wallets inside your car, in plain view. Place your valuables in the trunk before you leave your house! Please log on to [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) for more safety tips.

**NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:** Next 17A49 Basic Car meeting. **7:00PM, Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 10124 Balboa Bl** (Fire Station 87).

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• **Crime Trends and Locations:** Basic Car 17A67 area is doing pretty well, but we still need to focus on Grand Theft Auto (GTA's) and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (BTFMV). The area of concern is the Reseda corridor between Lassen Street and Roscoe Blvd. These crimes are taking place in late night to early morning hours. **Don't leave your valuables in the passenger compartment of your vehicle where the suspect can see them as he/she walks by.**

**Crime Tip: BE A GREAT WITNESS, DON'T BE AN ADDITIONAL VICTIM!** Citizens frequently ask how they can help the Police. The best way you can help is by being a great witness. We appreciate all your help, but it's important you don't put yourself or loved ones in jeopardy. If you see a crime occurring, find a safe place and call it in. Provide the best description of suspect or vehicle. Don't chase the suspect! Always remember that suspects are known to be armed. Your safety should be the primary concern. Property is always replaceable.

**Commendable Citizen and Officer Incidents:** Patrol Officers responded to a residential burglary call where the victim was home as two suspects attempted to break into his residence. Due to the quick response, officers set up a small perimeter and

began searching. Shortly thereafter, officers detained two males who were positively identified by the victim as the same suspects who attempted to break into his home. Both suspects were booked for burglary. Another example of the community and Police working together to combat crime, two bad guys are now sitting in the pokey. **Great Work!**

**Neighborhood Events:** Our next Basic Car Meeting will be **7:00PM, Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street, Northridge.**

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• **Crime Trends and Locations:** The following numbers reflect the time period from January 30 to February 26, 2011. Basic Car area 17A81 had three Robberies, one Sexual Assault, three Burglaries, five Commercial Burglaries, eight Grand Theft Auto (GTA's), and 17 Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (BTFMV). Most of the BTFMV's have occurred in large parking lots/structures and frequently taken is U.S. Currency.

**Crime Tip: When you leave your car, make sure personal items are secured in the glove box or trunk of your vehicle, and don't leave them out and visible. Remove your GPS Navigation Systems from the vehicle before walking away.** These are highly priced items, which can attract burglars. Always lock your vehicle, even if it's in your own driveway. When possible, try to park in a well-lit area, near a light post, or install motion light sensors on the exterior of your driveway which can help deter theft.

**Neighborhood Events:** Our next Basic Car meeting will be on **7:00PM, Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Gianelli Square, 19451 Londelius Street, Northridge.**

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• **Crime Trends and Locations:** There were 17 Residential Burglaries within Basic Car 17A95 during the period of January 30 through February 26, 2011. Reporting District (RD) 1779 and 1777 had four each; 1768, 1776, and 1795 had two each; and 1775, 1796, and 1798 had one. Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (BTFMV) showed we had a decrease from the prior months and ended up with a total of 16. RD 1768 and 1768 led the way with four; 1795 had three; 1796 had two; and 1799, 1788, and 1776 had one each.

**Commendable Officers and Citizen Incidents:** This month's commendable citizen is Deputy City Attorney William Larson. Mr. Larson is responsible for handling abatements for The City of Los Angeles. We are so fortunate to have his expertise in the North Hills Area, which has resulted in the closure of several problem locations within our Basic Car Area.

**Crime Tips:** We are always told not to leave valuables in our vehicles to prevent BTFMV from occurring. However, with identity theft on the rise, we generally do not think to remove paperwork from inside your vehicles. **Please do not leave anything that would compromise your identity (bank statements, social security information, credit card statements, or anything with information on it that you do not want someone to have).**

**Neighborhood Events:** Our next Basic Car meeting will be on **7:00PM, Thursday, April 14, 2011, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer St. in Northridge.**