



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter ♦ February 2012

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

Greetings all,

I would like to welcome a new addition to the Community Relations Office. Sergeant Ruthann Scott will be supervising the Senior Lead Officers beginning February 2012. Ruthann is a tenured supervisor and has over 15 years of experience with The Los Angeles Police Department. She transferred to Devonshire Division in 2009 and has worked a variety of assignments including Patrol, Gang Unit and Detectives. She will be replacing Sergeant Bavaro who will be returning to Devonshire Patrol.



Kris E. Pitcher, 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: During this past month, Basic Car 17A23's issues were Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV). The areas of concern were from Rinaldi Street to Chatsworth Street and Tampa Avenue to De Soto Avenue. Items that were the primary target were GPS, MP3/iPod, computers, and third-row seats from SUV-type vehicles. **Please remember to report all suspicious criminal activity!!!**

Neighborhood Watch Events:

Thursday, February 23, 2012 @ 7:00PM is our next Basic Car Meeting. This is our first meeting of 2012, so please try to attend and bring a neighbor. Our meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM at Saint John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue, Chatsworth.

Crime Tip/Prevention:

For owners of SUV-type vehicles, we would like to ask that you secure the third row seat with a cable/chain and lock. When parking your SUV, try to back the rear of the vehicle against a wall, garage, or area that would prevent the rear lift door from opening. **Most importantly, remove all valuable property from your vehicles.**

Commendable Citizen and Officer Incident:

I would like to thank the West Valley Volunteer Mounted Patrol (WVMP) for assisting Devonshire Division with the fight to

reduce crime. The volunteers from WVMP patrol areas that have increased crime activity and work with officers combating crime. Working with horses is a lot of work and time consuming. Their dedication to service is **OUTSTANDING!** Thank you.

Basic Car Area 17A35

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Crime Trends and Locations:

The Basic Car area is looking fair, with no distinct clusters in any of the Reporting Districts (RDs). Please continue to use caution with regard to Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) activities that occur periodically in the areas of O'Melveny Park (RD 1705), the L.A. Fitness parking lot at Devonshire Street and Reseda Boulevard (RD 1743), and the residential area near Petit Park (RD 1737). The most common items taken are unattended purses being left in plain sight inside of parked vehicles.

Neighborhood Watch Events:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 16, 2012, @ 7:00 PM at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.

Crime Prevention Information:

Have a plan, particularly in your home and for your family! Practice response drills for earthquakes, fires, and medical emergencies. On the same token, think about what you would do if an intruder were to suddenly force his way into your home. Talk to your family members and make sure everyone understands their role.

Don't Leave Valuables of any kind in your Vehicle



It's Your Stuff!

Keep It!!



"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"

Basic Car Area 17A49

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Crime Trends and Locations:

From December 12, 2011, to January 7, 2012, there were two Robberies (211), four Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW), 23 Burglaries (459), nine Grand Theft Autos (GTA) and 24 Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV). The number of crimes in 17A49's area has decreased from last month. The majority of our crimes this month occurred between midnight and six in the morning. Money and jewelry are the most common items being taken.

Crime Trends: Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV) was our largest number of crimes for this last month. **When you park the car, please remember to bring all of your personal items, as well as your GPS, inside. It only takes a few seconds for a criminal to break your window and steal your property.**

Crime Tips:

Did you know there were many laws that came into effect as of January 2012? One of these laws is for child safety seats. This new law states **"children are to be in either a safety seat or booster seat until the age of eight, or until they reach a height of 4-feet 9-inches".** **The law also requires children who do not meet the above age or height requirement to ride in the rear seat of the vehicle. Following this new law may save your child's life in a car accident.** Please let your family and friends with kids know about this change.

Neighborhood Watch Events:

17A49 Basic Car Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2012 @ 7:00PM
10124 Balboa Bl (Fire Station 87)

Basic Car Area 17A67

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Crime Trends and Locations:

As we begin 2012, I would like to remind everyone that, with your help, we **can** impact crime in the community. The area of concern is the **"Reseda corridor"** between Lassen Street and Roscoe Blvd. Crimes in this area include Vandalisms, Thefts, Burglaries and Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV). **Even though the holiday season is over, it is still important for us to remember not to leave our valuables in plain sight in the passenger compartment of our vehicles where a potential suspect can see them.**

Crime Tip: Become more involved in your community! Help reduce crime and improve quality issues by communicating with your neighbors and attending Basic Car meetings. You never know - your neighbor may have the same concerns as you do and be reluctant to voice those concerns. **Your input is crucial in reducing crime and making the community you live in a safer place.**

Commendable Citizen and Officer Incidents:

Patrol officers observed a vehicle driving in the center median. They conducted a traffic stop and noticed an ID card and wallet on the passenger seat of the vehicle that obviously did not belong to the driver. Upon further investigation, officers found the owner of the ID card and wallet was a victim of a theft at the 24-Hour Fitness Club. He had reported his wallet and ID had been stolen from the men's locker room. All property was returned to the victim and the suspect was booked for commercial burglary! Due to the keen observation skills of officers and the immediate reporting of the crime by the victim, we were able to quickly apprehend the suspect and put the victim's mind at ease by returning all of his property. **Fantastic Police Work!**

Neighborhood Events:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be Wednesday, February 29, 2012, @ 7:00 PM at Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street, Northridge.

Basic Car Area 17A81

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Crime Trends and Locations: Residential Burglaries within Basic Car 17A81 during the period of December 4, 2011, and December 31, 2011, showed 12 Residential Burglaries. This was a decrease from last reporting period. Reporting Districts (RDs) 1762, 1764, 1771, 1781, 1782 and 1791 each had 2.

Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) showed we had 13. RD's 1662, 1771, & 1781 each had 1, RD 1764, 1772 each had 2, and RD 1791 had four.

Neighborhood Watch Events:

17A81 Basic Car Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM

19451 Londelius St. (Gianelli Square) (Northeast Corner of Londelius & Shirley)

Crime Tips: Do you really want to know what's going on?

Please sign up for E-Policing. The E-Policing tool enables Senior Lead Officers, Area Captains and Detectives to E-mail newsletters, crime trends and other important information to residents based on where they live. Notifications let you know of a specific crime trend or a suspect(s) description that we are looking for that may be committing crimes in your specific neighborhood. **It's easy, go to www.lapdepolicing.org or www.lapdonline.org click on E-POLICING and click SIGN UP NOW.**



Basic Car Area 17A95

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Crime Trends and Locations: We saw a decrease in Burglaries during the months of December and January and an increase in stolen vehicles, specifically along Roscoe Blvd. between Lindley Ave. and Balboa Blvd. Although a decrease in Burglaries is an improvement, we still lead the division in this type of crime.

Crime Tip: "THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU"

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, selling magazine subscriptions or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

These are just a few things to keep in mind. I will post three more in the upcoming newsletter. If you would like the entire list, please come to my upcoming Basic Car meeting for a copy.

Neighborhood Events: The next Basic Car meeting will be on Thursday, February 9, 2012, @ 7:00PM, at The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer St. It will be my first meeting as the Senior Lead for 17A95. I am looking forward to meeting all of you!