

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter + January 2013

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones. We had a great time at the various community events in the Devonshire Area. They included the "Black Friday" shopping tradition at all our Devonshire Area shopping centers, the Granada Hills and Chatsworth Holiday Parades, the Pot Luck Basic Car Meetings at St. Nicholas that were coordinated by Senior Lead Officers Luna and Murillo, and the PALS Toy Drive. Our community involvement was amazing, to say the least. Not only by our individual community members, but the contributions made by our local businesses and schools were absolutely heartwarming. They were instrumental in making a very special Christmas for many children. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to The Church at Rocky Peak for hosting our Devonshire Area Training/Holiday Luncheon event. Our thanks to Pastor Mike Yearly, Pastor and LAPD Reserve Officer Dave Cox, Jose Pratts, and the many volunteers who made it all possible. It was a very memorable event and a great way to celebrate the season with wonderful people.

With the New Year upon us, I am sincerely looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming community events and meetings. The first

event, to kick off our New Year, is our District Meeting @ 6 PM on Thursday, January 17, 2013. See you there!



Basic Car Area 17A23
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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS - The crime of concern for our Area is Grand Theft Auto (GTA). GTA's have been occurring from Marilla to Rinaldi Street, and Winnetka to Oklahoma Avenue. The most popular vehicles stolen are Honda, Toyota and Chevy. The vehicles are generally stolen during late evening to early morning hours. **Please let others know of the crime activity that is occurring in the Area, and report suspicious activity.**

CRIME TIPS - Unattended open garage doors are an attraction to potential thieves. Please remember to close your garage doors 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.** This enables law enforcement to attempt to locate a victim if we have a number that can be referenced.

COMMENDABLE CITIZEN/OFFICER INCIDENT

Devonshire had a Training/Christmas luncheon this past month at The Church at Rocky Peak. On behalf of the whole Devonshire Division, we would like to give thanks to Pastor Mike Yearly, Pastor/LAPD Reserve Officer Dave Cox, Jose Pratts, and the many volunteers from the church. I would also like to thank all the Devonshire personnel that helped with the luncheon. The entire team was outstanding!!!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS

Due to the Devonshire District meeting, our Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting for January is cancelled. The Devonshire District Meeting is on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM, at World Vision Church, 19514 Rinaldi Street in Porter Ranch (S/E corner of Rinaldi & Corbin). The Basic Car 17A23 Neighborhood Watch meeting will resume @ 7:00PM Thursday, February 28, 2013 at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue, starting at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!!!

Basic Car Area 17A35

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

Residential Burglary activity has picked up again, especially in the Granada Hills and Porter Ranch sectors, North of Rinaldi Street. Work with your neighbors and be on the lookout for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Look for individuals loitering in parked vehicles and pedestrians going from door to door. Look for prowlers working in teams appearing overly alert and using cell phones, as they go through the neighborhood. Keep your front door locked at all times and make your presence known if someone knocks at your door.

If you suspect criminal activity may be involved, please phone direct dispatch at 1-877-275-5273 and give a detailed description of the vehicles and individuals involved. Continue to use 911 for all emergencies and crimes in progress. Stay alert and remain vigilant at all times.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION

Neighborhood Watch works well and we are currently involved in expanding our membership. If you would like to organize your block and have every neighbor look out for each other, contact the Devonshire Senior Lead Office at **(818) 363-1726** and ask how you can go about arranging a "Start-Up" meeting."

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS

Our next meeting will be a Semi-Annual District Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 6:00PM, at the World Vision Church located at 19514 Rinaldi Street (S/E corner of Rinaldi & Corbin), in Porter Ranch.

Basic Car Area 17A49

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

The following crime statistics are from November 4 to December 1, 2012. There were 13 Grand Theft Autos (GTA's), two Robberies, 13 Thefts, 15 Burglaries, one Aggravated Assault and 16 Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV's). The crime in our Basic Car Area is down!

Many may have wondered about the quadruple homicide on December 2, 2012 in the 17400 block of Devonshire Street. The

homicide was intensely investigated and the suspects were swiftly identified and taken into custody. It occurred in a single family residence, which had been illegally converted into a boarding house. LAPD is working with Department of Building and Safety and the Housing Department to resolve the various issues involved with this location. If you have a house in your neighborhood that you suspect has been illegally converted, you can contact Los Angeles County Building and Safety at (888) 524-2845, or you're Senior Lead Office at (818) 363-1726.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMANTION

Devonshire Division ended the year at a remarkable -3.7 % in Part-I crime. Our Basic Car Area was -6.1% in Part-I crime. I would first like to thank all of the hard working officers who patrol in our Area. Secondly, I would like to thank you, the Neighborhood Watch groups. The information provided by community members is passed along to the officers and detectives. This allows us to put our Department resources where they are most needed. Thank you! If you would like to join the Neighborhood Watch, please contact me at (818) 325-7749.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS

REMEMBER- There will be no January meeting due to the Devonshire Semi-Annual District Meeting on January 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the World Vision Church (19514 Rinaldi St, Porter Ranch-S/E corner of Rinaldi & Corbin). The guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

Basic Car Area 17A67

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS - Our crime along the "Reseda Corridor" (between Lassen Street and Roscoe Blvd.) continues to be an ongoing problem. We have seen recent spikes in Grand Theft Auto (GTA's) and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV's) along the "Zelzah Corridor" (between Lassen Street and Nordhoff Street). Most of these crimes are taking place during the late night or early morning hours. Please be vigilant in protecting your property and notify the police if you see anything "suspicious."

CRIME AND SAFETY INFORMATION

The New Year is here! I hope that everyone had a safe and joyful holiday for 2012. As we move forward in 2013, we need to re-evaluate some of our goals and safety tips for the year. Here are a few I would like to suggest:

- * Look at goals from the prior year to see what was obtained and what was not ...adjust the goals not obtained to something more obtainable/realistic for the New Year;
- * Re-evaluate health and fitness goals to meet your desired weight and well-being;
- * Re-evaluate financial goals to live within your means;
- * Request your credit reports to review your personal information for accuracy;
- * Organize your life and home to help reduce some of the unexpected stress;
- * Prepare/replace any natural disaster kits in home and/or vehicle;
- * Replace any batteries in fire alarms in home;
- * Photograph and document serial numbers of valuables, then place in a security box or safe;
- * Cut back shrubs/trees near house to make house more visible:
- * Replace any outside lights or add motion sensors for security;
- * Update any emergency numbers that may be outdated.

By following some of these simple tips, it will give you peace of mind and make you prepared for the New Year! Be safe and we look forward "to serve and to protect" our community in 2013.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

The Devonshire Area Semi-Annual District Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM. The location is at the World Vision Church, 19514 Rinaldi Street (S/E corner of Rinaldi & Corbin).

Basic Car Area 17A81

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

The following crime statistics are from the month of November 2012. There were five Grand Theft Autos (GTA's), five Robberies, 15 Thefts, six Burglaries, one Aggravated Assaults, and 18 Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (BTFMV's). Burglaries and B/TFMV's are our primary crime trend in the Northridge Mall and Winnetka Theaters areas.

CRIME TIPS - Even though the holidays are behind us, we should continue to focus on "not becoming a victim". We must always be mindful of the following:

- Lock and secure your vehicles, and always set your alarm or use an anti-theft device;
- Park near well lit areas and remember where you parked;
- SUV owners back into parking stalls to prevent third row seat theft and engrave your Driver's License info on the seats to help identify you;
- Never leave any valuables in plain sight such as cell phones, GPS devices, laptops, backpacks, purses or shopping bags. If you must leave the items in the car lock them in the trunk;
- Don't carry large amounts of cash to do your shopping; and
- If you observe suspicious activity, contact the police immediately by calling 911 (Emergency).

Let us start off the year right and take these few extra precautionary steps, you can enjoy a safe and wonderful 2013!

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS - Remember - There will be no January meeting due to the Devonshire Semi-Annual District Meeting on January 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the World Vision Church (19514 Rinaldi St, Porter Ranch).

Basic Car Area 17A95

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

The following crime statistics are for November 22 to December 10, 2012. We had nine Burglaries, seven GTAs, and 12 Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (BTFMV). Our major concern is the increase in cars getting broken into. This crime can be easily avoided please <u>remember</u> "Lock it, Hide it, Keep it."

CRIME TIPS: NEW YEAR RESOLUTION - 5 GREAT IDEAS

- 1. Start a Neighborhood Watch group;
- 2. Make sure that all the youth in the neighborhood have positive ways to spend their spare time through our PALS, CADET or DAP programs;
- 3. Build a partnership with police, seek volunteer opportunities;
- 4. Clean up the neighborhood! Call 311 for any trash pick-up needs;
- 5. Register for e-policing and/or Nixle to obtain current crime trends and updates.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS - The Devonshire Semi-Annual District Meeting is scheduled on January 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM. The location is the World Vision Church, 19514 Rinaldi Street (Southeast corner of Rinaldi & Corbin).