



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



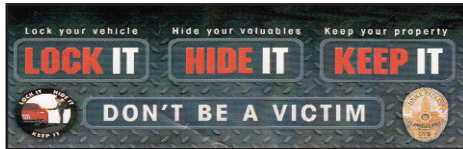
## Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

Greetings all,

On November 3, 2011, Devonshire Division will be hosting its Semi-Annual District Meeting at the Shepherd of the Hills Church (19700 Rinaldi Street, Porter Ranch, CA 91326). Join us and listen to in-depth presentations from Police Officers and Detectives who will discuss Vice, Narcotics, and Gang operations. Our local area restaurants will provide food and there will be an opportunity to win prizes too.



**Kris E. Pitcher, Captain  
Commanding Officer  
Devonshire Community Police Station**



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**BASIC CAR AREA HIGHLIGHTS  
SLO Supervisor, Sergeant Bavaro  
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### Basic Car Area 17A23

**Senior Lead Officer Dan Del Valle  
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#### Crime Trends and Locations:

Our overall crime is still down from last month. There was a small cluster of crimes north of Rinaldi St. and just west of Tampa Ave. Suspects are breaking into vehicles and removing property. Items being stolen are purses, money and GPS equipment. If there is no property in plain sight, suspects will move on. Remember, with the holiday seasons approaching criminals will become more desperate. **Do not leave anything in sight!**

**Crime Tips:** When shopping during the holidays, place all items you purchased in your trunk. If you are going to continue shopping, drive your vehicle to a new parking spot before going back into the store. Thieves will not know your car is full of expensive items!

Strong Neighborhood Watches are more important than ever! **The LAPD needs "your eyes and ears" to help us solve crimes!** You need your neighbors to keep an eye on your neighborhood when the police can't be there. If you would like to rekindle an old Neighborhood Watch or start a new one, please call me at **(818) 634-0362**.

#### Neighborhood Watch Events:

17A23 Basic Car Meeting: **No November or December meetings due to Devonshire Area Semi-Annual District meeting and the holiday season.**

### Basic Car Area 17A35

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#### Crime Trends and Locations:

We are seeing some Residential Burglary and Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle activities in the area of San Fernando Mission Boulevard and Hayvenhurst Avenue. The activity expands to about a mile radius and continues south to Petit Park. There is a similar pattern also around Reseda Boulevard and Chatsworth Street incorporating about a mile radius from this intersection as well. **"Hide It, Lock It, Keep It!"** Remove all personal items from your vehicles.

#### Crime Prevention Information:

Although it is not always the case, if you happen to see the quality of your immediate neighborhood degenerate and become burdened by incidents of repeated minor nuisance activities, try to figure out if there is a source in the area that attracts people to the neighborhood. I continue to run into scenarios where the sources of the problem are the friends of local residents who come over to visit and have no regard for the neighborhood. If this is happening in your area, it may be appropriate to get together with some of your neighbors, door knock the problem house, and advise the resident the activity is detrimental to the entire neighborhood.

#### Neighborhood Watch Events:

**Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 7:00PM at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.**

### Basic Car Area 17A49

**Senior Lead Officer Janine Angeles  
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#### Crime Trends and Locations:

From September 4 to October 4, 2011, there was one robbery, one Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW), 29 Burglaries (459), five Grand Theft Auto crimes (GTA), and 23 Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV). The number of crimes in 17A49's area has decreased slightly since last month. The number of Burglaries and B/TFMVs has slightly increased. The majority of crimes occurred between 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

#### Crime Trends:

Burglaries are on the rise! We increased from 27 to 29 burglaries in the past month. Suspects are knocking on victim's front door. If no one answers, they go to the rear of the residence and force a rear window or sliding glass door open. If someone knocks on your door, do not open it. Instead, in a strong voice tell them, "No thanks." Monitor what they **17A49 cont. pg 2**

do after that. If they appear to be looking around, call 9-1-1. Please pay attention to cars and people in your neighborhood. If you see suspicious vehicles write the license plate down (without placing yourself in danger.) If you see anyone peering in windows or cars, call 9-1-1, this is "a crime in progress".

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**Neighborhood Watch Events:**

17A49 Basic Car Meeting: **No November or December meetings due to Devonshire Area Semi-Annual District meeting and the holiday season.**

**Basic Car Area 17A67**

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**Crime Trends and Locations:**

Basic Car A67 has been looking great! One of our recent concerns is along the Reseda corridor (between Roscoe and Lassen). School is now in session at CSUN which means more vehicles and pedestrians are on the streets. Please drive safely!! We are still experiencing sporadic Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles along Reseda Blvd. between Lassen and Nordhoff.

**Crime Tip:**

**Don't forget that no neighborhood is immune to crime.** I recently read some children/neighborhood safety tips that are very important and would like to share them with you.

1. Always know where your children are going before they leave your house.
2. Make sure they learn important phone numbers and home address.
3. Set limits to where they can go in the neighborhood (away from heavy traffic, alleys, or abandoned buildings).
4. Get to know their friends.
5. If they need help, choose a safe place for the kids to go.
6. Work together with neighbors and watch for suspicious or unusual activity.
7. If you don't have one in place...**START UP A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP IN YOUR AREA.**

**Neighborhood Events:** Our next Basic Car meeting will be the **Semi-Annual District Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 7:00PM at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi Street, Porter Ranch, CA 91326.**

**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 17A81**

**Senior Lead Officer Kate Luna**

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**Crime Trends and Locations:** From September 8 to October 4, 2011, there have been 10 Grand Theft Autos (GTA), 10 Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV) and 14 Burglaries. Violent crime is down with none reported during this period. Thefts from the Northridge Mall are consistent, although we do expect an increase with the holidays approaching.

**Crime Tip: Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle**

If you own a Cadillac Escalade, Chevrolet, GMC Tahoe or Yukon with a third row seat, or you know someone who does, this tip is for you. There have been a growing number of thefts of third row seats, specifically in these vehicles. When you park in your driveway, we recommend you back the vehicle as close as possible to the garage door. Please make sure to place an identifying mark on your third row seat. In the event it does get stolen and we find it, an identifier makes it easier to return it to the rightful owner. Please keep in mind that sometimes these crimes occur in broad daylight in heavily populated areas, such as mall and restaurant parking lots. Be aware of your surroundings and, **if you see something suspicious, call 9-1-1.**

**Neighborhood Events:** We will not be having a Basic Car meeting in November due to our Semi-Annual District meeting on November 3, 2011. Hope to see you all there.

A special thanks goes out to all who attended our Open House. **It was a huge success!**

**Basic Car Area 17A95**

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**Crime Trends and Locations:** Residential Burglaries within Basic Car 17A95 during the period of September 4 and October 1, 2011, showed 16. There was an increase from last reporting period. Reporting District (RD) 1797 had four, 1776 and 1777 had three each, 1795 had two, 1775, 1796, 1778 and 1799 each had one.

Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) showed a slight increase from prior months and ended up with a total of 12. Reporting District 1777 had four, 1795 had three, 1768 had two, and 1788, 1779, and 1798 each had one.

**Crime Tips:** Crime has increased slightly within our Basic Car Area. One of the hot items being stolen right now is the third row seat in larger SUV vehicles. If you have a garage, use it to park your vehicle in. If you don't, consider purchasing a cable lock or chain to lock the third row seat down. One of the best deterrents is walking in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and know your neighborhood. Report suspicious people that don't belong there or are wandering around your neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Watch Events:** There will be **NO Basic Car Meeting held in the month of November and December. Devonshire Area's Semi-Annual District Meeting will be on November 3, 2011 at 7 PM at Shepherd of the Hills Church (19700 Rinaldi Street, Porter Ranch).**

The next 17A95 Basic Car Meeting will be **January 12, 2012 at 7:00PM at 17037 Plummer Street (Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church).**



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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# COMMUNITY DISTRICT MEETING

Hosted by the  
**Los Angeles Police Department  
Devonshire Area**

**November 3, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**

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