LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter ♦ September 2012

WARNING

ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES ARE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER!

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

Greetings all,

On July 18, 2012, Devonshire Area Senior Lead and Patrol officers and the youth of LAPD PALS, along with nearly 60 community members, participated in our inaugural Walk Against Crime. Devonshire Patrol Commanding Officer Captain Ryan and Councilman Mitch Englander addressed the crowd before the walk began, at Granada Hills Recreation Center (A.K.A. Petit Park). Along the one-mile loop through the neighborhood, the officers mingled and conversed with the community members. The topic was crime prevention and education and the message was, **"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It."** Lock up your vehicles and bicycles and hide your valuables from view to prevent the criminals from taking your possessions.

Our Devonshire Area National Night Out was August 7th at Northridge Park. This was yet another successful year, nearly 500 in attendance, mostly families. We met so many new community members and saw many familiar faces at both the above events. Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to next year.

And now I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Basic Car 17A81 Senior Lead Officer Ken Cioffi. After 24 years as a Los Angeles Police Officer and 18 years as your Devonshire SLO, Ken has earned his retirement and will be sincerely missed. Thank You, Ken, for all your hard work, your dedication, your candidness and your wisdom. Good Luck and enjoy!

Kris E. Pitcher, Captain
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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:

The area for Basic Car 17A23 this past month is doing well overall. The crime of Grand Theft Auto (GTA) is a concern and the area of activity was from Valley Circle Blvd. to Oakdale Ave. and San Jose to Lassen Sts. Most of the GTA's occurred during the evening to early morning hours. The suspects try to commit crimes when they feel that the area is clear of witnesses. **Please let others know of the crime activity that is occurring in the area and report suspicious activity.**

CRIME TIPS:

Please mark your property with your California operator's license number for identification purposes. If property is stolen, law enforcement is able to refer to the Department of Motor Vehicles database and locate the owner. **In addition to marking your property, photograph and/or take a video recording of your valuables.**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS:

The next **Basic Car 17A23 Neighborhood Watch Meeting is Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:00PM. Our guest speaker, Sergeant Taylor, is from the Los Angeles School Police Department.** Sergeant Taylor will give a presentation of what crimes are occurring in the schools, and officer's duties. Please attend the meeting to hear the area crime statistics/activity and future events. **Our meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month, located at 9901 Mason Avenue, the Saint John Eudes Church at 7:00PM.**

Basic Car Area 17A35

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Crime Trends and Locations:

The biggest challenge and concern we've generally been having in this Basic Car area has to do with Residential Burglaries. It is exactly in this category that we have seen our biggest accomplishment year-to-date. We started off the year on a horrible note when, during the months of January and February, we experienced among the highest concentrations of Residential Burglaries I have ever seen in the Granada Hills and Porter Ranch sectors. We turned the tables around during the spring months hitting an all-time low in June, when we had just 11 Residential Burglaries for the entire Basic Car area. We continue on this positive trend with a below average number of 15 hits for the month of July. **Keep up the good work; Neighborhood Watch does work! Be vigilant and continue to report suspicious activity to our dispatch center at 1-877-275-5273.**

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:

To help prevent thefts of garden ornaments, we would advise that you not leave them in plain sight overnight. **Mark the property with your driver's license number,** whenever possible, by either using a permanent marker or an engraving tool. **Take photographs of your larger items,** as the pictures will come in very handy in getting an accurate description of the property taken, thus increasing the chances of recovery.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 7:00PM at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.

Basic Car Area 17A49

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

School is back in session! Please remind your kids not to leave valuables inside of their vehicles! Thieves are breaking into vehicles and taking purses, wallets, GPS's and backpacks. These crimes are occurring all over our Basic Car area. Also, when your kids are walking to and from school, remind them to keep their phones and I-PODS hidden. Do not keep valuables in their backpacks either. **These few safety tips listed above can keep your kids from becoming a victim of a crime!**

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:

If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If possible, and without endangering yourself, continue to monitor any activity you can observe. A police dispatcher will answer 911 and will ask a series of questions relating to the activity you're witnessing. Being able to quickly articulate your location will assist the officers in their response. During this stressful time, it's important for you to remain calm so you can clearly answer the dispatcher's questions. Listen to the police dispatcher for direction and guidance. Some of the questions may not seem pertinent to you, but dispatchers are trained to know exactly what information the officers need to respond quickly and safely.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at 7:00PM. It will be at the Emeritus of Northridge, located at 17650 Devonshire Street.

Basic Car Area 17A67

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

Our Basic Car area is looking pretty good. However, GTA's near the CSUN campus are still taking place during all hours. Suspect(s) are stealing older model Honda's and Toyota's. **Remember to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.**

CRIME AND SAFETY INFORMATION:

This month is very important! It's national tribute of remembrance and honor to the men, women, and children killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. I want to take a moment to remind you that we all have to be vigilant. **"iWatchLA"** is a community program to help your neighborhood and city stay safe from terrorist activities. You and fellow community members can report suspicious behaviors and activities. **Remember, a simple observation or a single report can lead to actions that may stop a terrorist attack. To report information go to iWatchLA.com or call 1-877-A-THREAT.**

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street, in Northridge.

Basic Car Area 17A81

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

Residential Burglaries within Basic Car 17A81 during the period of June 24 and July 21, 2012 showed five. This was a decrease of one from last reporting period. Reporting District (RD) 1771 had two; RD's 1781, 1762 & 1792 each had one.

Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) showed we had a decrease from 16 to 14 this period. RD 1764 had four; RD's 1771,1781 & 1782 each had three; RD 1792 had one.

Grand Theft Auto (GTA) RD 1781 had two; RD's 1771, 1782 & 1792 each had one.

CRIME TIPS:

Please mark valuables inside of your residence with an engraver or, at a bare minimum, a permanent marker. If you ever become a victim of a Residential Burglary, the chances of getting your property back increases dramatically. **We recommend you use your driver's license number when marking your valuables.** Another good idea would be to **photograph your jewelry and other items** that you do not want to mark up, or that are too small to engrave.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:

The September Basic Car meeting will be on Thursday September 20, 2012 at 7:00PM. The location will be at 21001 Plummer Street (Sunburst Mobile Home Park), inside the clubhouse.

Basic Car Area 17A95

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

We have been experiencing an increase of Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV) between Plummer to Nordhoff Sts. and Hayvenhurst St. to Woodley Ave. These crimes are taking place during all hours. Suspects are smashing windows and stealing visible items.

CRIME TIPS:

LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT! Don't forget thieves are looking to steal your property. Always remember to hide your belongings in your trunk prior to leaving your location and travelling to a place where your car will be unattended. Keep in mind thieves sometimes try car doors hoping that you have forgotten to secure them. **Make sure you lock your car and set the alarm.**

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be Thursday, September 13, 2012, at 7:00PM at St Nicholas Church, 17037 Plummer Street.

S.O.L.I.D.'s 17th Annual
All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner
Friday, October 19, 2012
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
$8.00 per person
St. Nicholas Church
Plummer & Balboa