



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter ♦ August 2013

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

Greetings all,

As our Southern California summer will be coming to a close at the end of this month, I would like to thank everyone for joining our mission to reduce and prevent crime in Devonshire Area. You have all been doing your best to ensure personal safety by being aware of your surroundings and also looking out for your neighbors and their property while they are away from their homes. A good number of property crime arrests have been made because many of you, our community members, have been vigilant and provided our officers and detectives with crucial information to assist in various investigations.

On a festive note, it was great to see many of you on July 4th at the Shepherd of the Hills July 4th Spectacular. It was nice to see so many of our community members able to come together and celebrate this holiday. A huge "Thank You" to Shepherd of the Hills for making this national day of celebration, a day to always remember.

The next two community events I would like to invite everyone to attend are **"National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 6th, and the Devonshire Area Town Hall meeting on**



Thursday, August 22nd. See your Senior Lead articles below for further details on these events. **Hope to see you there.**

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS - Our area experienced an increase of Commercial/Residential Burglary this past month. The area of concern for Burglary is from Topanga Canyon Blvd. to Winnetka Ave. and Plummer to Chatsworth Sts. Criminal activity occurred in the late-evening to early-morning hours for the Commercial Burglaries, and the majority of Residential Burglaries occurred during the late-morning/early afternoon. **Please report all suspicious criminal activity!!!**

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS - Do not believe in relying only on your neighbors to call police. Responsibility starts with **YOU**. Please shred all papers containing personal information that you throw into the trash or recycling bin. Many fall victim to identity theft, since predators, who go thru our bins on trash day, use these documents as a resource. **If you see strangers going through your or your neighbor's trash, please call for police to investigate the suspicious activity.**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS - Thurs., August 22, 2013, is the Devonshire Area Town Hall Meeting at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Ave. starting at 6:30PM. The topic for the meeting is 'Home Invasions and How to Prepare Yourself'.

The Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 17A23 are generally held every 4th Thursday of the month at Saint John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Ave., at 7:00PM. **The next 17A23 Neighborhood Watch Basic Car Meeting will be on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 7:00PM.**

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS - We continue our downtrend having recorded only 9 Residential Burglaries for the entire Basic Car during the month of July. The year-to-year comparison chart indicates a nearly 10% reduction in overall Part-1 crimes for the Basic Car Area, and over 13% reduction, in the same categories, for all of Devonshire Area. *Our biggest challenge at the moment is preventing vehicle break-ins. Everyone can greatly minimize the risk of having their vehicle broken into by removing any and all valuables from plain sight.*

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION

- Always be aware of your surroundings, no matter where you are.
- Conceal jewelry, money, cell phones, iPods and anything of value when in public.
- Don't be oblivious or distracted while on your cell phone or listening to music.
- Look around for strangers before entering or exiting your home, your car, or a business. Anyone can be watching or waiting from a parked car or behind a bush.
- Never open your door to solicitors or strangers—even those who say they are your neighbor. It is not rude to talk through the door if you need to; your safety is more important than being polite.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS
Our next meeting will be the "Town Hall" meeting on Thurs., August 22, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Ave. in Chatsworth.

Basic Car Area 17A49

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

The following crime statistics are from 5/25 to 6/24, 2013. There were (6) Grand Theft Autos, (1) Robbery, (14) Thefts, (15) Burglaries, (2) Aggravated Assaults, and (21) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. There is no particular cluster of crimes. These crimes are throughout our Basic Car. Crime has picked up in the Knollwood area. Most of the crimes occurring in our area are happening between midnight and 6:00 AM.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION

"Back to School" is here for many of us already! Please designate a safe meeting place to pick up your kids from school. Many of the kids are congregating in large crowds on the corner of Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave., and also on the corner of Woodley Ave. and San Fernando Mission Blvd. Also, in case of other emergencies, have a secondary location to avoid emergency vehicles or personnel handling the matter.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS

Our next meeting will be the "Town Hall" meeting on Thurs., August 22, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Ave. in Chatsworth.

Basic Car Area 17A67

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

Basic Car 17A67 is currently experiencing an increase of Grand Theft Auto (GTA) near the Reseda corridor. The area of concern is east of Reseda Blvd between Plummer and Parthenia Sts. Vehicles stolen are early model Toyota's, Honda's and Nissan's.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION

Don't forget LAUSD schools are back in session this month. This means that traffic and pedestrian activity near the schools will increase drastically. It's important to remember all safety considerations and traffic laws when driving near the schools. The speed limit in a school zone is 25 mph. Parents/caretakers should allow extra time when dropping off their children and should know the school's drop-off routes and procedures.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

This month's meeting will be the "Devonshire Town Hall Meeting" on Thurs., August 22, 2013, at 6:30 PM, at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Ave. This will take the place of our usual monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Basic Car Area 17A81

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

The following crime statistics are for the month of June 2013. There were (10) Grand Theft Autos, (3) Robberies, (20) Thefts, (9) Burglaries, (1) Aggravated Assaults, and (15) Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles. Most of the crimes occurred on a Tuesday and Saturday from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. The top vehicles stolen are 1990's Honda Civic's and Accord's from parking lots.

CRIME TIPS - Since Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles are increasing as we approach the summer months, please keep in mind the following:

- Keep all vehicle doors locked and secured;
- Keep vehicle windows rolled up;
- Remove or hide any visible property in vehicle (ie: GPS, bags, purse, cell phones, phone chargers or loose coins);
- Utilize security devices if equipped (i.e.: alarm, "the Club", ignition kill switch);
- Engrave Vehicle Identification Numbers or Driver's License numbers on third row seats (ie: GMC, Chevrolet and Cadillac Sport Utility vehicles);
- Park in well-lighted areas; and,
- Do not leave small children or animals unattended in your vehicle (temperatures can rise very quickly and dangerously).

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

This month's meeting will be the "Devonshire Town Hall Meeting" on Thurs., August 22, 2013, at 6:30 PM at 9901 Mason Ave., St. John Eudes Church. This will replace of our usual monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting.

National Night Out...

We invite you to join us for our summertime National Night Out program co-hosted by the Los Angeles Police Department's Devonshire Division and outdoor screening of the kid-friendly movie, "Despicable Me." The movie will be shown at Northridge Park at on August 6 and will include FREE popcorn, FREE face-painting, and children's activities.

Movie will begin at nightfall (approximately 7:50 PM)

Tuesday, August 6 - Northridge Park - 18300 Lemarsh Street

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS

For the month of June 2013, we had (11) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles, (4) GTAs, (9) Burglaries and (8) Thefts. The year-to-year comparison chart indicates an over 13% reduction in overall Part-1 crimes for all of Devonshire Area. Our biggest challenge at the moment is preventing the vehicle break ins

so remember to: Lock It, Hide It, Keep It.

CRIME TIPS - Reminder to lock your doors and windows!

Please watch out for any suspicious activity in your area. Most of the residential burglaries are occurring during the day. Commonly used tactic by the suspects are to knock on your front door and when no one answers they go around to the back of house to break in. Lock all your windows and doors, close your curtains and blinds, and leave a radio or light on to make it appear that someone is home.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS - Thursday, August 22, 2013 is "Devonshire Div. Town Hall Meeting", at St. John Eudes Church located at 9901 Mason Avenue at 6:30 PM. The topic to be discussed is 'Home Invasions and How to Prepare Yourself.' This will take the place of our usual monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting.

The Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 17A95 are generally held every 2nd Thurs. of the month, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at 7:00 PM. **The next 17A95 Neighborhood Watch Basic Car Meeting will be on Thurs., September 12, 2013.**