

## **Captain's Message**

November is a time to give thanks for the many things. It is also a time to be vigilant. It is the beginning of the holiday season and there may be a spike in property crime.

Therefore, I am asking you to properly secure personal items in your vehicles, be aware of your surroundings, and be a good witness if a crime should occur.

## **Monthly Crime Prevention Tip**

### **Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Safety Tips**

The primary focus of the ATM Crime Prevention is user safety. Surveys have shown the reported crime rate at ATM's has changed little over the last decade and that this is a crime of low probability. A person using an ATM is more likely to be the victim of a street robbery or involved in a traffic collision than the victim of an ATM crime. However, low probability odds and statistics are a moot point to those who suffer the trauma of ATM crime.

Perform mental exercises and think out what you would do in different crime or personal security situations. Follow your instincts. If you feel you are in danger, respond immediately. Remember that your personal safety is the first priority.

Criminals select their victims and targets, focusing on the unaware or unprepared. Criminals are also drawn to environmental conditions that enhance the opportunity to successfully complete their crime.

### **ATM Selection Considerations**

Do not select an ATM at the corner of a building. Corners create a blind area in close proximity to the customer's transaction. Select an ATM located near the center of a building. An ATM further from the corner reduces the element of surprise by an assailant and increases effective reaction time by the user;

Select an ATM that is in a well-lighted location;

Whenever possible, select an ATM that is monitored or patrolled by a security officer;

Avoid ATM locations with large perimeter parking lots and numerous ingress and egress points.

### **Fraud Considerations**

Memorize your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not write it down or keep it in your wallet or purse. Do not tell anyone else your PIN;

Shield the ATM keypad from anyone who may be standing or parked nearby or anyone crowding you in an attempt to view your transaction. This may be an attempt to determine your PIN or they may be waiting for you to throw your transaction receipt away;

Make sure you retain your transaction receipt. Do not throw the receipt away at the ATM site; and Immediately report any stolen or lost ATM card to the proper entities.

### **Traffic Tip of the Month**

#### **Child Passenger Safety and Seat Belts**

Nationally, traffic collisions are the leading cause of death among children ages 5 to 14 and the results are staggering; more than 500 are killed and 95,000 are injured annually. Many of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented if the children were properly restrained in seat belts or child safety seats. When children outgrow forward-facing child safety seats, they need to be restrained in belt-positioning booster seats until they are big enough to fit properly in an adult seat belt.

Things to remember when transporting children or using child safety/booster seats in a vehicle:

? All children age 12 and under should sit in

child safety seats. Young children should be correctly buckled using a booster seat.

- ? Read the instructions for the child safety or booster seat and your vehicle owner's manual before installation. If the vehicle has only lap belts in the back seat, consider having shoulder belts installed by a dealer or repair facility. Most vehicle manufacturers offer retrofit shoulder belt kits for this purpose.
- ? After installing a child safety or booster seat, do not forget to test for a snug and secure fit. Properly fitting lap and shoulder belts reduce the risk for belt-induced injuries, which can occur when lap or lap/shoulder belts are a small child's only restraint.
- ? Always fill out and mail the registration card that comes with the safety/booster seat so notifications can be made in case of a recall.

Effective January 1, 2002, California's new booster seat law mandates children be secured in a child safety or booster seat until they are six years of age or weigh 60 pounds. The new law is meant to close the safety gap for children who have outgrown infant car seats, but are not big enough to be protected by adult safety belts. Booster seats are required by law to comply with the same standards and guidelines as child safety seats. When buying a booster seat, make sure it has a label stating the child restraint system conforms to all applicable United States Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Never use a booster seat that has been in a crash. The seat may have defects that are not visible.

Violation of this new law, which involves the following sections in the California Vehicle Code (CVC), will bring fines of \$100 for a first offense and \$250 thereafter:

**27360(a) CVC** - A child transported in a vehicle, by a parent or legal guardian, shall be in a passenger restraint system unless the child is either six years of age or older, **OR** weighs 60 pounds or more.

and make every effort to protect drivers on City streets. These efforts, combined with the participation and cooperation of the community will help ensure the safety of motorists throughout the City

### **Community Relations Information**

Community Relations Office (323) 342-4140  
Senior Lead Office (323) 342-4130

**Monterey Hills (4A3)**  
**Senior Lead Officer John Pedroza**  
**Phone (213) 793-0748**

### **Current Crime Trends**

The Basic Car (4A3) had 2 violent crime and 7 property crimes. The crimes appeared to be sporadic with no specific crime trend. These were the crimes reported for October 18 - October 24, 2009.

### **Basic Car Info**

The next Montecito Heights Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on November 11, 2009 at 4545 Homer St. (Montecito Heights Recreation Center) at 07:00 pm.

The next Lomitas Hills Neighborhood Watch will be held on Tuesday November 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at 4527 Huntington Dr, Barrio Action Building.

The next Monterey Hills Federation meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at Marshall Villas Recreation Room, 4225 Via Arbolada  
Voice Mail: 323-761-6494  
Website: <http://www.montereyhills.org>

Contact SLO PEDROZA ( 213-793-0748), for further info.

**El Sereno-University Hills (4A9)**  
**Senior Lead Officer Steve Morales**  
**Phone (213) 793-0749**

Property crime went down slightly. There was 27 property crimes reported continues to be high in the El Sereno area. There was 52 property crimes reported in the last four-week period. There was a cluster of about 15 property crimes in the area of Eastern Ave between Valley Bl and Huntington Dr.

To check the crime in your area go to [WWW.LAPDCRIMEMAPS.ORG](http://WWW.LAPDCRIMEMAPS.ORG).

**Lincoln Heights (4A15)**  
**Senior Lead Officer Austin Fernald**  
**(213) 793-0750**

#### **Current Crime Trends**

During the month of October 2009, we had six reported Auto thefts in the Lincoln Heights area, included in that number were two Honda's, one BMW, one Toyota, one Nissan and one Dodge. We also had several reports of vehicles be broke into around County USC, while family members were visit patients.

During the month of October several Lincoln Heights gang members were arrested and four guns were recovered and taken off the streets.

#### **Additional information**

The City of Los Angeles has a graffiti removal unit covering the Lincoln Heights area, by the name of Central city Action Committee. If you observe graffiti on walls in the community of Lincoln Heights, you can call to have it removed by calling 311.

The City of Los Angeles is also offering a \$1000 reward to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals. For more information please call 1-877-275-5273 or 1-213-978-0228.

**Central Boyle Heights (4A53)**  
**Senior Lead Officer Dan Diaz**

There was an increase in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 6 reported property crimes, a decrease from 9 crimes reported from the previous crime statistics. The most common stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be **Toyota, Honda, SUVs and pick-up trucks.**

Be more involved in communicating with your neighbors and your community leaders. Report any unusual activity; this will help reduce the amount of crime taking place in your neighborhoods. If you wish to leave an anonymous message, call (323) 526-3817 for non-emergency police assistance call 1-877-ASK LAPD, (1-877 275-5273). **Let's try to keep our community clean by calling "311" for trash, bulky items and graffiti.**

#### **Upcoming Events / Meetings**

On November 4, 2009 at 6:00PM there will be a Boyle Heights Neighborhood Organization Meeting at 2201 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. in the basement level.

#### **Community Safety Tips**

Vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts continue to be a concern in the Hollenbeck area despite added patrols and the arrest of several suspects. Toyotas and Hondas continue to be the suspects' vehicles of choice. Most cars that were stolen or burglarized were parked on streets. The safe place to park your vehicle would be inside of a garage. If you don't have a garage or can't use your garage, think about parking your vehicle on the driveway and install motion sensor lights. Also getting an alarm and/ or a kill switch or a steering wheel locking device could deter or at least slow down the suspects. Don't leave cell phones, purses, tools, or any other valuables in your car. If you have a removable car stereo, take it with you. If you see anything suspicious, call us. For non-emergency calls, call 877-ASK LAPD for crimes in progress call 911.

**Let's start some neighborhood watch meetings**

## **Current Crime Trends**

The current crime statistics reported that violent crime i.e. Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery, etc, between October 18, 2009 to October 24, 2009 showed 1 crime.

The current crime statistics reported that property crime (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle) between October 18 to October 24, 2009 showed 7 crimes.

## **Crime Tip**

Protecting yourself against physical theft of your personal identifying information can be done by, caring minimum information on you i.e. only one photo I.D. and one or two credit cards. Shred all old financial records before discarding, opt out of all programs in which the financial institution shares financial information with other groups, never allow your home mail box to overflow, and do not carry your social security card, PIN, passport or other personal identifying information on you.

## **Community Events**

The Hillside Village Block Captain Meeting will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Absolute Tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

The Hillside Village Home Owners Association will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Absolute Tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Senior Lead Officer Casini at (213) 793-0752

Hollenbeck Community Station 323-342-4100  
2111 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Los Angeles, Calif. 90033.

**Western Boyle Heights (4A71)**  
**Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon**  
**Phone (213) 422-1060**

Motor Vehicle). There were 23 reported property crimes. The previous crime statistics reported 25 reported crimes. The most commonly stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be Toyota and Honda.

Here are some crime prevention tips. Stay alert and always be aware of your surroundings. Park your vehicle in a well-lighted area and lock your car. If you have a car alarm, make sure it's in good working order and it is activated when you are away from your car. Please secure your vehicle and keep all valuables from sight. Always place items in the trunk of your vehicle prior to arriving at your destination. If you should place items in your trunk of your vehicle while shopping, move your car to another parking area before leaving the vehicle unattended.

As you all know, graffiti is on the rise in and around Hollenbeck Division. Besides taking away from the beauty of our neighborhoods these activities can lead to more serious crimes. Please report any vandalism/graffiti activity in your area and attempt to get the best description of the individuals possible, so our officers can have a better chance in arresting them.

Be more involved in communicating with your neighbors and your community leaders and report any unusual activity. This will help reduce the amount of crime taking place in your neighborhoods. If you wish to leave an anonymous message, call (213) 422-1060 for non-emergency police assistance call 1-877-ASK LAPD. Let us try to keep our community clean by calling 311 for trash and bulky items.

If you believe illegal activity is occurring in your area (gang activity, narcotics activity), please give me a call at the below number. The information will remain anonymous.

Please call me on my cell at (213) 422-1060 or office at (323) 342-4135 for any questions or concerns.

**Southwest Boyle Heights Area (4A07)**

crimes. We continue to monitor the homeless problem. Therefore, if you encounter a new encampment in your area, we ask that you notify you Senior Lead Officer or SLO Medina in charge of the homeless population in the Hollenbeck Area. SLO Medina can be contacted at (213) 793-0751.

### **Community Events**

On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. there will be a park dedication in honor of Ross Valencia. Mr. Valencia was a longtime community member and is best remembered for his incredible service to our community and country. He founded several of the existing neighborhood organizations in Boyle Heights that are still active today and was often referred to as “Mr. Boyle Heights”.

We are still looking for community participation in the neighborhood watch program. If you wish to get your community involved, please contact your Senior Lead Officer.