

Captain's Message

Maybe crime has a strong grip in your neighborhood—street violence, muggings, drug dealing and shootings. People see the situation as out of hand. Some people are scared that the criminals will take revenge if they act.

There are at least three ways to counter fear. First, join together. There is strength in numbers. Most criminals attack victims who are alone—not in-groups. And groups can rally, march, and hold vigils to demonstrate their commitment.

Second, you can work with the police to set up a system that lets people remain anonymous and still report crimes. Third, you don't have to meet where the problem is. In one neighborhood, people met several blocks away at a local Church no one felt singled out, and everyone gained as crime was slowly but surely driven out.

Community Relations Information

Community Relations office (323) 266-7734
Senior Lead Office (323) 266-7712, or 266-7713.

Monthly Crime Prevention Tip

Senior Crime Victimization Prevention

As people grow older, their chance of being victims of crime decreases dramatically. But a lifetime of experience coupled with the physical problems associated with aging often make older Americans fearful. Though they're on the lookout constantly for physical attack and burglary, they're not as alert to frauds and con games - in reality the greatest crime threat to seniors' well being and trust. Want to conquer fear and prevent crime? Take these common-sense precautions.

Be Alert When Out and About
Go with friends or family, not alone.
Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

Traffic Tip of the Month

Bicycle Safety Tip

Always Wear an Approved Bicycle Helmet:
A bicycle helmet should sit low on the forehead, just above the eyebrows. It should fit snugly and

the two side plastic pieces on the straps should fit just under the ears. The buckle should be just under the chin, with one finger's width of space between the strap and chin. The helmet must always be buckled while riding. The helmet should not move more than ½ inch in any direction.

Please note the Senior Lead Officers will no longer be able to receive your E-mails to their Blackberry's.

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

Current Crime Trends

Week # 2 March 20,2008, to March 26,2008, the Basic Car (4A3) had one violent crime. There were seven property crimes that appeared to be sporadic with no specific crime trend. The problem with graffiti continues to plague our communities, please remember to call 911 when vandalism is observed in progress and 311 to report graffiti for clean up.

Community Alert

I wanted to alert the community about vehicle thefts throughout the Hollenbeck area. The suspects usually target Hondas and Toyotas, especially 1990's to 2000 series.

Community Events

Montecito Heights Neighborhood Watch Meeting
When: Wednesday / April 09,2008, 7:00 p.m.
Where: 4545 Homer Street at the Montecito Heights Recreation Center.

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

Current Crime Trends

The El Sereno basic car (4A9) has had an increase in violent crime. In the month of April there were approximately twenty violent crimes reported. There were no clusters or patterns. The two significant violent crimes were a gang related homicide on the 4900 block of Axtell Street and a multi-4 victim shooting on the 4300 block of Alpha Street. The investigation is still on going for

both of these crimes. Property crime is also high due to GTA (grand theft auto) and BFMV (burglary from motor vehicle) in RD's 426 and 428. This area is east of Eastern Avenue, south of Huntington Drive and north of Lombardy Blvd. This area also has had a lot of recovered vehicles

Crime Tip

Beware of the "Latin Lotto Scam." Senior citizens are targeted by Spanish speaking couples who have "won" and request "good faith" money. They will take you to your bank and have you withdraw some money.

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

Current Crime Trends

Over the past four weeks officers have handled numerous prowler complaints calls in Lincoln Heights. In several of these incidents, the suspect has entered the residence through an open window by cutting the screen to enter. In some of these incidents the suspect has attempted to remove clothing of females sleeping in the residence. In each case the females have awakened and the suspect fled. Please be sure to secure your residence before you go to bed.

Hollenbeck detectives are investigating the incidents, which are classified as burglaries and are seeking help from the community. If anyone has information regarding this crime, please call Hollenbeck detectives at (323) 526-3000.

Central Boyle Heights (4A53)
Senior Lead Officer Dan Rios
Phone (213) 793-0753

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported a decrease in violent crime. The current statistics report four reported crimes. The previous crime statistics reported five crimes.

Property Crime

There was an increase in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were nine reported property crimes, an increase from eleven crimes reported from the previous crime statistics. The

most common stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be **Toyota, Honda, SUVs and pick-up trucks.**

In early April, Hollenbeck Detectives and Officers conducted surveillance at the local banks in hopes of capturing lotto scam suspects. The operation paid off when two suspects were caught attempting to con an elderly lady out of her life savings. Both suspects are currently in custody and will be prosecuted for their crime.

Community Events

On May 7, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Boyle Heights Neighborhood Organization Meeting at 2201 E. 1st Street. in the basement level.

Community Alert

We have had an increase of "Senior Citizens Lottery Scams" in the Hollenbeck area. Most con artists usually will work in pairs and target female senior citizens. The con artists claim they have a winning lottery ticket but can not claim the winnings because they are illegal aliens. The con artist will agree to pay the victim a portion of the winnings if they withdraw money from their bank or credit cards as collateral.

When the cons get your hard-earned money they flee. Be smart, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Eastern Boyle Heights (4A59)
Senior Lead Officer Oscar Casini
Phone (213) 793-0752

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported that at the end of the 2nd week violent crime (i.e. Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery, etc...) had decreased with two reportable crimes. The current crime statistics reported that property crime (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle) for the 2nd week is at nine reportable incidents. The previous week reported three crimes.

Community Events

The Hillside Village Homeowners Association will be having their monthly block Captains

meeting on Thursday, May 7th, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Absolute tow, 4760 Valley Blvd.

The Hillside Village Block Captain Meeting will resume their monthly meeting on May 8th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Absolute tow, 4760 Valley Blvd.

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

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported that there was a decrease in violent crime. The current statistics reported eight reported crimes. The previous crime statistics reported nine reported crimes.

Property crime

There was a slight decrease in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 19 reported property crimes. The previous crime statistics reported 21 reported crimes. The most commonly stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be Toyota and Honda.

Please secure your vehicles and keep all valuables from sight. 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. Lets 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.

Southern Boyle Heights Area (4A97)
Senior Lead Officer Ruben Rodriguez
Phone (213) 793-0754

Current Crime Trends

We experienced a spike in property crime this reporting period, with thirteen such crimes reported. However, violent crime continued to decline, with only three reported. There is an on-

going effort to fight the property crime by actively addressing the homeless issue.

Community Events

Please remember that we have a very active neighborhood watch program operating out of Resurrection Church. This community group meets every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the rear assembly room, so feel free to come by and learn how a successful neighborhood watch program operates so you can get your community involved as well.

The new community police academy class is now underway. The current class will be graduating on Thursday, June 5th with a Spanish class to follow, beginning June 19th. For more information, please contact the Community Relations office at (323) 266-7734.