

Captain's Message

As Independence Day approaches, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is launching a Citywide Gunfire Reduction Campaign. This campaign is designed to help reduce incidents of indiscriminate gunfire that have become a deadly Independence Day tradition in our City. The Gunfire Reduction Campaign aims to advise the community that celebrating the 4th of July with gunfire will not be tolerated in the City of Los Angeles. Discharging a firearm into the air is a felony punishable by one year in state prison. Anyone arrested for discharging a firearm will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Should a stray bullet kill someone, the shooter will be arrested and charged with murder.

Also, please be reminded that fireworks of any kind (including the 'safe and sane' kind) are prohibited in the City of Los Angeles. The Hollenbeck Area wishes all the residents of the City a safe and sane holiday.

Community Relations Information

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

Monthly Crime Prevention Tip

The City of Los Angeles is considered to be among the safest "major" cities in the United States. The Los Angeles Police Department wants each tourist frequenting this City to have a safe, crime free visit. Los Angeles invites tourists to enjoy all attractions the City has to offer. There are, however, some basic crime prevention tips of which tourists should be aware. The Los Angeles Police Department offers several tourist crime prevention tips. Following these tourist crime prevention tips can help protect tourists against the occasional pitfalls that can occur, even to the most experienced traveler.

Traffic Tip of the Month

Vehicle Tips:

Never leaves your vehicle with the engine running or keys in the ignition. Always lock your vehicle, close the windows, and take the keys with you. Avoid leaving an extra set of keys in a secret hiding place. Never leave your wallet, credit cards, registration or driver's license in your vehicle. Remember that any expensive items left in plain view invite theft. Never carry large amount of cash and always know your surrounding. Please have a safe visit to the Los Angeles area.

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

The Basic Car (4A3) had two violent crimes and seven property crimes. The crimes appeared to be sporadic with no specific crime trend.

Community Information

In just a few weeks it'll be time again for our twice yearly "Bulky Item Drop Off" in Hermon. It will be Saturday June 7, 2008, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mika Color's parking lot -- 6000 Monterey Road (enter off of

Ave. 60) Our thanks to Mika Color for their community mindedness in letting us use their facility for this important spring cleaning. We CAN accept all furniture, refrigerators, washers, dryers, conventional ovens, household decorations, tools, metal, paper, and wood, etc.

We CANNOT accept -- paints and solvents, used motor oil or filters, anti-freeze, cleaning products, pool and garden chemicals, aerosol cans, medicine, auto and household batteries, fluorescent tubes, light bulbs, thermostats, computers, monitors, printers, network cables, telephones, TV's, microwaves, video game equipment, cell phones, radios, stereos, VCR's, electronic toys, or tires.

The good news is that there are places who do accept all these things we cannot (except tires), called S.A.F.E. Collection Centers for L.A. residents and the County of L.A. One is at 2649 E. Washington L.A. 90021. Open Fri-Sun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info, call 1 (800) 98-TOXIC (1800-988-6942)

Community Events

The next Montecito Heights Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Wed. June 11, 2008 at 4545 Homer St. (Montecito Heights Recreation Center) at 7:00 pm. The next Monterey Hills Federation meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Marshall Villas Recreation Room, 4225 Via Arbolada Voice Mail: 323-761-6494
Website: <http://www.montereyhills.org>

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 a slight decrease in violent crime. In the month of May there were only about 12 violent crimes reported. There were no clusters or patterns. Gang crime has also remained low with no significant crimes reported. GTA's (grand theft auto) continue to be El Sereno's main problem. There were a string of GTA's on the Huntington Dr business corridor and in the area south of Huntington Drive east of Eastern Avenue. This area has named as one of three Hollenbeck's current problems and has been directed to have additional patrol.

Crime Tip

Beware of the "Latin Lotto Scam." Senior citizen 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

Gang -related violent crime has increased especially around the area of Daly St and N. Broadway. On May 24, 2008 an unknown gang member shot at a rival gang member along Broadway and Workman Ave, on May 19, another shooting occurred on Daly Avenue and Vallejo streets, where rival gang members attacked each other. On North Broadway and Daly Street two intoxicated males became involved in an altercation and one male stabbed another.

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 three reported crimes. The previous crime statistics reported four crimes.

Property Crime

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

Community Events

On June 4, 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 1st week violent crime (i.e. Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery, etc...) had increased by six reportable crimes. The previous week reported only two crimes. Current crime statistics reported that property crime (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle) for the 1st week is at nine reportable incidents. The previous week reported three crimes.

Community Events

The Hillside Village Homeowners Association will be having there monthly block Captains meeting on Thursday, June 12th, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Absolute tow, 4760 Valley Blvd.

The Hillside Village Block Captain Meeting will resume their monthly meeting on June 12th, 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 an increase in violent crime. The current statistics reported 10 reported crimes. The previous crime statistics reported 8 reported crime

Property crime

There was a slight increase in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 21 reported property crimes. The previous crime statistics reported 19 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. Let's 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

Property crime remained pretty steady this reporting period, with six such crime reported. Violent crime dipped a little with six reported this period. The homeless issue continues to be a concern as we are seeing new encampments popping up in various parts of the division. We continue to identify these encampments as soon as they go up so we can eradicate them quickly before they can take hold.

Community Events

We are currently seeking Spanish-speaking community members to attend the next community police academy class, which will be conducted entirely in Spanish. The program will commence on Thursday, June 5th and will be 10 weeks in duration. If you are interested in attending this or any future class, please contact Senior Lead Officer Ruben Rodriguez at (213)793-0754.