



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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National Night Out is coming- August 5, 2008 from 5pm to 8:30pm! Join us!

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Below are the Police Department population, staffing and gang statistics as of the February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 graduation of 77 new officers from the Class of 8/07.

Sworn Officers- 9,630  
Civilian Employees- 3,326  
City population, approximately - 4.0 M  
Square miles – 468  
West Valley – 52 square miles  
Number of documented City gangs – 400  
Number of documented Gang members - 41,000  
Budget for Sworn - 10,310 officers

per [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org)

## **Crime and Arrest Information**

**Below is a snapshot of just a few of the investigations and arrests that officers made in West Valley in the past couple of weeks:**

- 70XX Delco Ave- Several individuals (including suspect) became involved in an altercation while at a party. Suspect entered and began driving a small vehicle. Then at a high rate of speed, suspect drove the car into a small group of people standing in the street. The vehicle collided with three victims, causing the death of one victim. Suspect was arrested for murder. (10A33)
- Tampa and Saticoy- Gang officers were on patrol when they heard a call of “Grand Theft Auto suspects there now”. The officers responded and located two male individuals standing next to a Mercedes. Officers asked for the driver’s license of the apparent driver, who stated he did not have a license. The officers ran the vehicle status of the Mercedes and discovered that it indeed was a stolen vehicle. Suspects were arrested for Grand Theft Auto. (10A33)
- 186XX Erwin St – LAUSD police responded to an alarm at an elementary school, and apprehended two individuals who had apparently pried their way into a classroom and removed property. The LAUSD police officers recovered items from the suspects that were taken from the classroom, and also recovered a tool which matched the pry marks on the wood framing of the door. Suspects were arrested for burglary. (10A67)
- Collins St at Rhea Ave – An officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for driving without a front license plate. The officer conducted a DMV check, which returned with the violator having a suspended driver’s license. The officer advised the violator that the car was going to be impounded because he was driving on a suspended license. The officer began conducting an inventory search of the car prior to impounding it when he discovered a loaded handgun in the car. Suspect was placed under arrest for possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle. (10A67)
- 69XX Owensmouth Ave - Victim was walking down the street at 4am when two suspects approached him and demanded money. Victim had no money and gave the suspects his cell phone and ran away. The suspects chased victim and stabbed him multiple times with an unknown type of knife. The victim was treated at a local hospital. Suspects were two male hispanics with shaved heads, no further description. (10A57)
- Ventura Blvd near Quakertown Ave - Suspect forced his way into a residence, and attempted to force sex upon a female inhabitant. The female resisted, and the suspect fled on foot. The officers searched the area, located the suspect, and arrested him for Attempted Rape. (10A75)

**You can look up crime activity in your neighborhood on-line at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) or [www.lapdcrimemaps.org](http://www.lapdcrimemaps.org).**

**“Community Awareness is the Key to Crime Prevention”**

## **Recent Burglaries with Suspects Posing as DWP/Cable TV Workers.**

We have recently had several reports of individuals posing as Cable TV employees or DWP workers, who have entered homes allegedly to do work or conduct inspections. The residents later discovered they had been victimized and that their personal property had been removed without their permission. Please keep your doors locked, and verify any service workers who show up unexpectedly at your residence, by calling the service provider from the number in your phone book prior to letting the worker into your home. Verify that the worker should be there, and that the worker and his/her badge or worker identification numbers are correct. Do not rely on the phone number that the worker gives you, verify that it is in fact the correct number. If you believe that the individual is possibly only pretending to be a DWP or Cable worker, please call 911, so that Officers can respond, ensure your safety and detain the possible suspects while we investigate.

## **Summer Computer safety for kids- taken from [www.mcgruff.org](http://www.mcgruff.org)**

Especially as kids grow more savvy in their use of the Internet, it can still be a dangerous place. The good news is that most dangers can be avoided if children and their parents learn about smart Internet use.

### **What Parents Can Do**

- Talk with children about the benefits and risks of the Internet. Ask them what they do online, what websites they visit, who they chat with, and what games they play.
- When possible, go online with your children. Have them show you their favorite websites, online games, and chat rooms.
- Go online and look at websites, chat rooms, and blogs that your children might visit. This will help you identify what you think is important to discuss with them. Make a list of any websites you find that you think your children will enjoy and share it with them.
- Keep the computer in a busy area of the house.
- With your children, agree on rules of what they can and cannot do online, when they can go on the Internet, and how long they can stay.
- Have your children sign [McGruff's Internet pledge](#) and post it by the computer so they remember how to stay safe online.
- If your children tell you that they saw something inappropriate online, don't blame or punish them. Remember that how you react will affect what your children share with you in the future.
- Ask who your children talk to online and how they communicate (i.e. email, instant messenger, chat rooms, blogs, etc.). Tell them that you expect them to be as nice online as they are offline. Make sure they know the dangers of meeting new friends online.
- Decide if you want to allow your children to purchase items or sign up for online services (e.g., membership to a gaming website) on their own or if they should ask your permission first.
- Teach children about plagiarism. Explain that if they conduct online research they must give attribution to the author, organization, or website that created the content.
- Talk with children about downloading music and movies online. If you decide to let your children download files onto your computer, show them legal ways to do so, such as using pay per download or pay per month services like iTunes and Napster.
- Consider using a filter, blocking, or ratings system for your computer.

For more information on Internet Safety, visit [iKeepSafe.org](http://iKeepSafe.org) to meet McGruff's friend Faux Paw, the Internet safety cat.

**We welcome Sgt Tony Valadez back to the SLO office.** Sgt Valadez previously worked in West Valley for 7 years as a Senior Lead Officer. He has returned to be the Senior Lead Office Sergeant.

**Did you know that the City of Los Angeles offers a \$1,000.00 reward for any individual providing information to the police which results in the**

### **Apprehension and conviction of vandalism suspects?**

If you or any of your employees have any information, which may be helpful in ending the current assault of graffiti and vandalism in your area, you are urged to contact LAPD at (818) 374-7630 or Councilman Dennis Zine's office at (818) 374-8848.

Please know that every possible enforcement action is being taken to end this attack on our neighborhoods. Your help and cooperation in this matter is appreciated. We need you to be our eyes and ears, and to call and report suspicious activity. Together lets keep the community safe and beautiful.

We all see graffiti in and around our communities. It seems to be everywhere, and is one of the most frequent complaint calls that we receive in the Senior Lead Office. As a police department, we do everything we can, but we cannot eradicate the problem without your assistance.

### **Neighborhood Watch Meeting Schedule:**

**Canoga Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
The second Tuesday of the month  
7248 Owensmouth Ave  
7pm.

**Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
Every other month  
Call for details.  
374-7637

**Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
The second Thursday of the month  
West Valley Police Station  
7pm.

**Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
The third Tuesday of the month  
West Valley Police Station  
7pm.

**South Canoga Park/ West Winnetka  
Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
The third Tuesday of the month  
20830 Sherman Way, Canoga Park  
7pm.

**Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
The second Thursday of the month  
6844 Oakdale Ave.  
7pm.

**West Hills Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
The second Monday of the month  
7633 March Ave, West Hills  
7pm.

**Woodland Hills Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
The second Tuesday of the month  
22200 Ventura Blvd (Woodland Hills Library)  
6:30pm.

**All times and dates are subject to change. Please call the Senior Lead Officer to verify the meeting dates prior to attending, or get on the mailing list for your area to receive a monthly mailer for your meeting!**

