WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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Log onto www.lapdonline.org today! You can view information on the crime in your neighborhood, get the monthly newsletter and sign up for e-policing, a real-time way to get information from LAPD to you!

WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING TO PREVENT CRIME??

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN PREVENT PROPERTY CRIMES?

It's true…YOU CAN prevent property crimes from happening. With minimal effort and a little self discipline, you and your family can take active steps in preventing burglaries and thefts.

Property crimes are the number 1 crime that occurs in the West Valley Area. This has been a fact of life for decades.

Residential burglaries and burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles top the crime charts here in West Valley. One-third to one-half of all the home burglaries and thefts last year should never have occurred. These crimes are crimes of opportunity and the victims gave the bad guys great opportunities. Open and unlocked windows and doors let roaming burglars waltz into homes and millions of dollars in property was lost. If these victims of crime had locked their doors and windows and closed blinds and drapes, the burglars would have kept moving on down the street. It is also very important that if someone knocks on the door when you are home, LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE HOME. You don't have to open the door, but let whoever is at your door KNOW someone is home.

Our cars are another popular place to break in and steal property. Many people use their vehicles to store valuable property, or just "forget" to bring high priced and popular items inside their homes. Purses, wallets, IPods, laptop computers, PDA's, cell phones, and money are the top items taken out of vehicles. Don't fall victim to a car burglar. Take ALL of your property out of your car, if you have to park it outside. AND LOCK YOUR CAR UP. If you have a garage, clean it out and park your car IN your garage.

Etching an ID number (like your driver's license number) on valuable property will make it easier to get your property back to you, if you do become a victim of a property crime.

The New LAPD Anonymous Tip Services

The LAPD has developed two new anonymous tip services in response to public demand for a secure way to submit crime tips to authorities. You can now send tips anonymously through text messaging by typing "LAPD" and your message to "CRIMES" (274637). The message is encrypted, which masks the sender's identity before opening a dialogue with the LAPD Crime Stoppers.

There is also a new Web link where you can send the LAPD tips. Go to http://www.lapdonline.org/ and follow the link for "Anonymous Web Tips." This also uses a secure server which protects your identity and makes it impossible for detectives to track.

The LAPD wants information on any type of crime, and these resources provide a great way to help cut back the crime in our neighborhoods safely. Remember, tip services are for non- emergencies only, so if you have an emergency, always dial 911.

You can look up crime activity in your neighborhood on-line at www.lapdonline.org or www.lapdcrimemaps.org

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The 10 Most Ticketed Cars

Someone at US News & World Report has way too much time on their hands. The news magazine published an article, based on statistics kept by ISO Quality Planning. This company helps insurance companies spot "risks." With this information, they were able to figure out what model cars were ticketed the most by law enforcement. Included in the list were the top 10 cars MOST likely to be ticketed:

1. Hummer H2
2. Scion tC
3. Scion xB
4. Mercedes Benz CLK63 AMG
5. Toyota Solara Coupe
6. Mercedes Benz CLS63 AMG
7. Scion xA
8. Subaru Outback
9. Audi A4
10. Toyota Matrix

The 10 LEAST likely to be ticketed cars are:

1. Jaguar XJ
2. Chevy Suburban
3. Chevy Tahoe
4. Chevy Siverado 2500 and 3500
5. Buick Park Avenue
6. Mazda 6
7. Buick Rainier
8. Oldmobile Silhouette
9. Buick Lucerne
10. GMC Sierra 1500

So the moral of the story is…no matter what car you drive, drive it safely, don't talk or text on the phone, and be courteous to others and you'll avoid that ticket. Avoiding higher car insurance rates is another story altogether.

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Neighborhood Watch Meeting Schedule:

West Valley Area C-PAB Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 @ 7:00 pm
19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda
(818) 374-7690

Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
Demerjian School
Vanowen St. /Oakdale Av.
(818) 374-7631

Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Tuesday February 17, 2009 @ 7:30 PM
LAPD West Valley Station
19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda
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Encino Neighborhood Watch Meetings
Dates and times vary.
Please contact SLO Rob Trulik for more information.
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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Watch Meetings
Dates and times vary.
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West Van Nuys Neighborhood Watch Meetings
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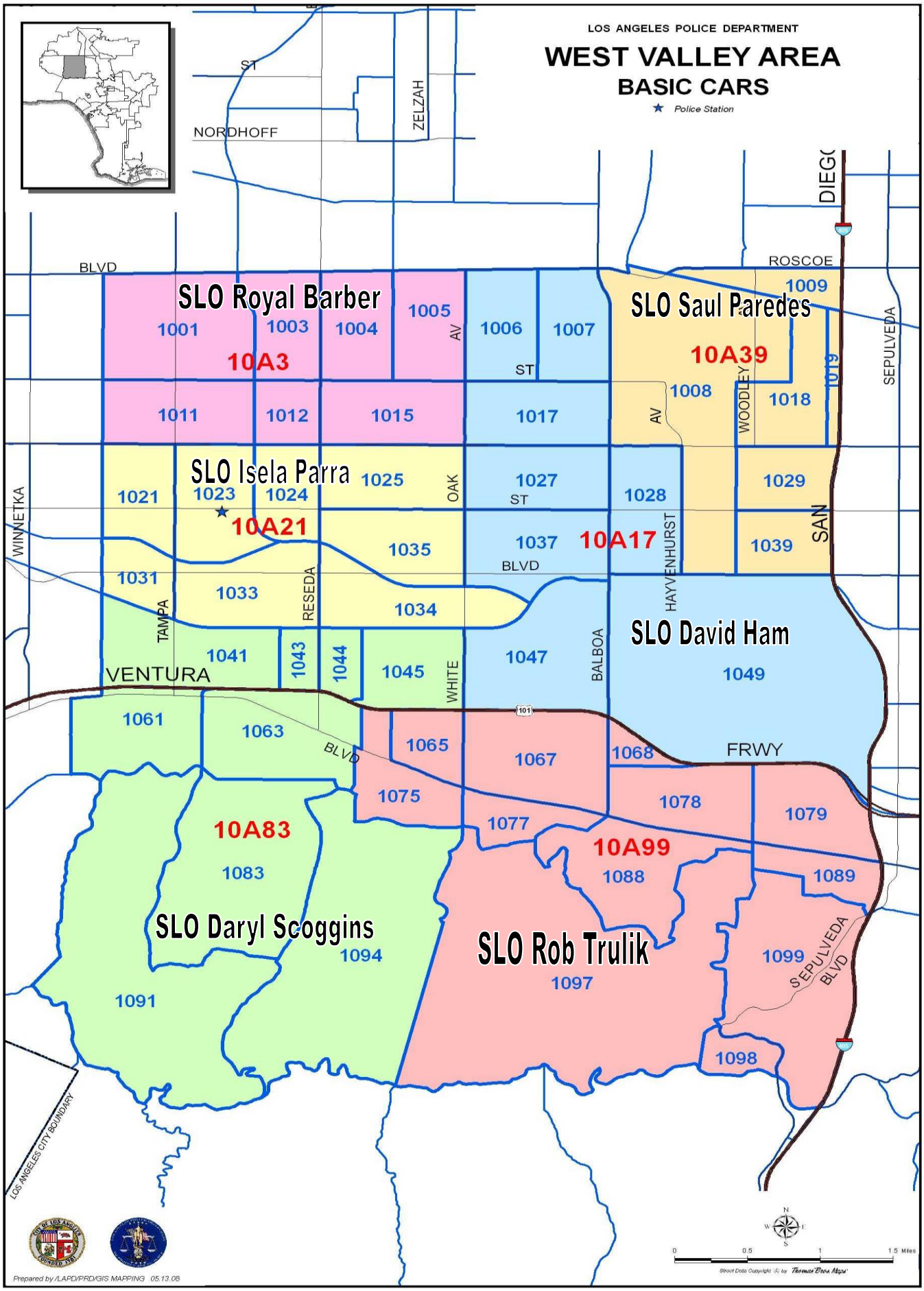
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