



# TOPANGA AREA

Serving West Hills,  
Woodland Hills,  
Canoga Park, and Winnetka  
21501 Schoenborn St., Canoga Park



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

### Hello Topanga Area!

**Canoga Park, West Hills, Woodland Hills, and Winnetka,**

Spring has arrived and so has our 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the Topanga Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter! We hope you have been enjoying the Newsletter thus far while gaining important information and tips regarding the areas the Topanga Area Police Department has been handling to keep our community safe.



#### Captain's Corner:

We would like to thank Westfield-Topanga for donating two T3 mobility vehicles. The T3 Personal Mobility Vehicle is electrically powered. They have a top speed of 12 miles per hour and are an important new tool to enhance community policing. They allow officers to cover large areas in a short amount of time, maneuver easily through crowds and tight spaces with the maximum stability of a three-wheel design.



***Remember, community awareness is the key to crime prevention!***

**1-877-ASK-LAPD**

Use 1-877-ASK-LAPD to call for non-emergency situations such as disturbances, stolen property, vandalism, trespassing, and loitering.

1-877-ASK-LAPD is your 24-hour, toll-free connection to the LAPD and is available in English, Spanish, and TTY.

**ATTENTION Business Owners:** Window smashes are on the rise! Please empty your cash register and put the tray up on its side so suspects can see there is no money in it.

The Topanga station personnel serving the areas of Canoga Park, Winnetka, West Hills, and Woodland Hills are highly motivated; they continue to shine, handling an outstanding 3759 radio calls, making 512 arrests, and wrote a phenomenal 2,185 tickets from February 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 23, 2009. Let's give these men and women our deepest thanks for keeping our streets safe!

**"Topanga's Goals"** ... Besides a high expectation for productivity, Topanga has many goals and strategies. Through continual proactive policing and the many special details (by the officers and detectives), Topanga hopes to: reduce overall crime by 3%, gang crime by 20%, and reduce overall property crime by 3%. This goal is no simple feat; however, thanks to the strong leadership and the hardworking men and women at Topanga, this goal is not out of reach!

March marked our third full month of operation and if you live in the area serviced by Topanga, hopefully you've familiarized yourself with **the address and phone number of YOUR new Topanga Station: 21501 Schoenborn St., Canoga Park, (818) 756-4800.**

Have you acquainted yourself with your Senior Lead Officer (SLO)? **If you are not sure who your Senior Lead Officer is, then please call (818) 756-3070** and we will be glad to tell you who your SLO is and why they are important to you. Your Senior Lead Officers (SLO) in Topanga Division are:

**SLO Sam Sabra, Basic Car 21A1**

*(Covering the North part of West Hills including part of South Chatsworth near the Chatsworth Reservoir)*

**Office (818) 756-3074 Cell (818) 731-2558**

**Email 34819@lapd.lacity.org**

The 21A1 / 21A43 Basic Car meeting will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 7 PM at Topanga Station.

SLO Sabra will also handle the group formerly known as the 17A83 Basic Car Meeting that Topanga took over from Devonshire Division (Now called *North West Hills Neighborhood Watch*). This meeting is for the area north of Roscoe Blvd to Plummer St, West of Topanga Canyon Blvd. The meeting is held at the Valley Dispatch Center 22222 Roscoe Blvd every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

**SLO Janet Zumstein, Basic Car 21A43**

*(Covering the South part of West Hills)*

**Office (818) 756-3188 Cell (818) 731-2570**

**Email 24571@lapd.lacity.org**

The 21A43 meeting will be combined with the 21A1 Basic Car meeting and is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Topanga Station at 7 PM.

**SLO Brent Rygh, Basic Car 21A73**

*(Covering Woodland Hills - West of Topanga Canyon)*

**Office (818) 756-3075 Cell (818) 731-2581**

**Email 30450@lapd.lacity.org**

The 21A73 meeting will be combined with the 21A97 meeting. Please note: the last meeting at the Woodland Hills Library location will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Thereafter these meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Topanga Station at 6:30 PM.

**SLO Charles "Sean" Dinse, Basic Car 21A97**

*(Woodland Hills - East of Topanga Canyon)*

**Office (818) 756-3076 Cell (818) 731-2568**

**Email 34420@lapd.lacity.org**

The 21A97 meeting will be combined with the 21A73 meeting. Please note: the last meeting at the Woodland Hills Library location will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Thereafter these meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Topanga Station at 6:30 PM.

**SLO Jericho "Jerry" Velazquez, Basic Car 21A57**  
*(Covering South Canoga Park and Topanga malls Office)*

**Office (818) 756-3073 Cell (818) 731-2578**

**Email 31026@lapd.lacity.org**

The 21A57 Basic Car meeting will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7PM at 20830 Sherman Way (Valley Village) at 7 PM.

**SLO Alexis "Alex" Padron, Basic Car 21A5**

*(Covering North Canoga Park)*

**Office (818) 756-3191 Cell (818) 731-2583**

**Email 32977@lapd.lacity.org**

The 21A5 Basic Car meeting is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Topanga Station at 7 PM.

**SLO Jose Maldonado, Basic Car 21A29**

*(Covering Winnetka)*

**Office (818) 756-3079 Cell (818) 731-2569**

**Email 23639@lapd.lacity.org**

Please note that the location of 21A29's Basic Car meeting has changed for April; this meeting is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 PM but will be held at the Topanga Station.



**Significant Arrests:**

Topanga burglary Det. Williams and Foster received information from two separate citizens. These citizens (who live in the affected area) provided the detectives information regarding an apartment manager who was selling narcotics— from this information and investigation, Det. Williams and Foster obtained a search warrant. The warrant was served on March 19, 2009 and led to the arrest of three people, including a CPA gang member. Two people were arrested for narcotic sales and receiving stolen property and the CPA gang member was arrested for a felony warrant with an ICE hold.

These same people are responsible for the spike in crime activity in the area as they were trading stolen property (flat screen TV's, computers, digital cameras, cell phones and video games) in exchange for narcotics and cash.

Since the arrest of these three persons the burglary detectives and patrol officers have conducted

probation checks at known criminals/gang members' residences and specialized details from Topanga have worked very hard in suppressing crime in the affected area.



### Recent news my area:

This segment contains some of the activity in Topanga Division, but it is not intended to reflect all of the crimes in your area. **For the most current updates for your neighborhood, please visit [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org)**

During the months of February and March, the Winnetka area from Mason to Winnetka and from Saticoy to Sherman Way has sustained a crime spike. The types of crimes were residential burglaries, burglary from motor vehicles (BFMV) and theft from motor vehicles (TFMV).

### **Please do not be a victim!**

- ☞ Remember to ALWAYS lock your car.
- ☞ Use your car alarm.
- ☞ Never leave your keys in the car.
- ☞ NEVER leave items of value in plain view.

Crime is up in the area of the Fallbrook Shopping Center. Again, you can avoid being a victim by parking in well lit areas. NEVER leave items of value unattended.

Topanga NED (Narcotic Enforcement Detail) arrested a suspect on March 8, 2009 at 0255 near the 21000 block of Ventura Boulevard for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled stimulant.

On March 21, 2009, Topanga Vice Units made two arrests for prostitution and supervising prostitution near the 7500 block of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, fronting as a massage parlor. The Vice Officers received the anonymous citizen complaint via LAPDONLINE.ORG-LAPD WEB TIP. *This is a perfect example of how invaluable the community's eyes and ears are to the Police Department.*

There was a commercial burglary arrest made on March 6, 2009 near the 23000 block of Mulholland, when a suspect cut through the roof of a building and dropped a rope into the business.

SLO Sabra is in the process of getting the transient encampment near the Chatsworth Reservoir and Woolsey Canyon Road cleaned up. This property is owned by DWP and coordinated efforts are being made to resolve this issue.

On March 25, 2009, Officers Maldonado, Williams, and Detectives Foster, Noone, Pogue, and Rivera were in the area of Eton Avenue & Valerio when they observed four male Hispanic juveniles fleeing from the scene of a theft. All four were detained and arrested for violation of the gang injunction (166 PC).

On March 5, 2009, more outstanding police work was conducted by Officers Bean & Miyagishima when they received a radio call of burglary suspects "here now" at the 7500 block of Mason Ave. While en route, they observed two possible suspects matching the description. Victims positively identified the suspects and they were booked for burglary.

There is a problem with a suspect(s) who is targeting private gyms. While people are working out in the gym, the suspect(s) cut off the padlocks in the locker rooms and take the property. PLEASE, do not leave valuables in your locker.

Don't forget, you can now sign up for e-policing, look up crime activity in your neighborhood, and much more at the LAPD web site [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) or [www.lapdcrimemaps.org](http://www.lapdcrimemaps.org)



### **Upcoming Events:**

- ☞ 5/25 Memorial Day Parade – Canoga Park
- ☞ 6/6 CPAB Summit – Location TBD
- ☞ 7/4 July 4<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza – Warner Ctr. Park
- ☞ 8/4 National Night Out – Warner Ctr. Park

**THANK YOU!!!** From the Los Angeles Police Department, Topanga Area Community Police Station



**Important Numbers to keep**

Topanga Front Desk (818) 756-4800  
TDD/TTY (818) 756-5899  
Comm. Relations Office (818) 756-3180  
Senior Lead Office (818) 756-3070

Detective Desk (818) 756-4820  
Vice Office (818) 756-4840  
Emergency 911  
Non-Emergency Dispatch (877) 275-5273  
*All other city services, please call 311*

