



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

The Los Angeles Police Department and I are dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for all members of the community we serve. As a new commanding officer here at Southwest Area, I look forward to seeking solutions to some of the challenges we face in the coming summer months when crime tends to heighten. In order to fulfill our mission statement of reducing the incidence and fear of crime, it is my belief we must take a community policing approach to combating crime.

Safety related educational programming, conducted on an almost daily basis, helps members of the community realize the power they have to prevent crime and keep themselves safe. Partnerships and working relationships with the Southwest Community Relations Office allows us to offer a multitude of services. Overall, we believe that a stronger relationship between the department and the community makes for a collaborative, focused, and successful crime fighting team.

Finally, remember that crime prevention and personal safety begins with each individual community member. Please report criminal activity immediately, exercise crime prevention techniques, and remain vigilant of your personal safety. Remember, with our combined crime fighting effort, a safer community is attainable.

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CRIME PREVENTION

Community awareness is the key to crime prevention. If you are interested in establishing a Block Club in your area, please contact your Senior Lead Officer for assistance.

CRIME AND ARREST INFORMATION

Officers in Southwest Division have been working extremely hard to reduce crime, provide a safe environment and a better quality of life for the community of Southwest Division.

3SLO1- ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

In the first six months of the year, Senior Lead Officer(SLO) Sanchez reported an increase in burglaries, however, overall crime in this area is considerably low. Please remember to lock your windows and doors when you leave for work in the morning. If you are going to be on vacation for an extended period, please notify SLO Sanchez so that he may arrange for extra patrol for you while you are away.

Crime Tips

Fourth of July Gunfire Reduction Program

In an effort to reduce injuries, death, and property damage associated with indiscriminate gunfire and the increased incidents involving intoxicated drivers, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is promoting the safe celebration of our Country's Independence Day. Along with activating sobriety checkpoints, the LAPD will seek out and arrest any person firing a gun during celebrations. Indiscriminate gunfire will not be tolerated in the City/County 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.

On July 4, 1999, a child was celebrating the holiday with family and friends, when a bullet

fired aimlessly into the sky and struck him in the head. The following day, the victim died from his injuries. He was only nine years old.

The senseless death of this child and the potential for others being injured compels the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department to once again ask the community to celebrate the holidays safely and responsibly. Don't fire guns into the air! If you see someone committing such acts, please call the police. Remember, what goes up, will come down, and when a bullet falls back to earth, it travels at a fatal velocity.

Many times individuals involved in celebrating holidays such as Independence Day with gunfire do not realize the dangers posed in their actions. Research has found that a bullet fired into the sky can climb up to two miles and remain in flight for more than a minute. As it falls, the bullet reaches a velocity of 300 to 700 feet per second. A velocity of only 200 feet per second is sufficient to penetrate the human skull.

The Los Angeles Police Department has made great strides in reducing the amount of indiscriminate gunfire that occurs during the Independence Day holiday. Comprehensive public education and awareness campaigns have dramatically reduced the threat to the community.

Lastly, please remember that fireworks of any kind (including the 'Safe and Sane' kind) are prohibited in the City of Los Angeles. We encourage our community to enjoy a professionally organized pyrotechnics fireworks show and to celebrate the 4th of July safely and responsibly.

3SLO15- WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

The month of June was a very busy time for the West Adams Area. Southwest Division regrets to announce that there were two homicides that occurred in this community. The first incident occurred during the first week of June at Crenshaw Boulevard and Montclair Street. The second homicide occurred during the second week of June at 25th Street and Harvard Boulevard. If anyone has any information regarding this incident you are encouraged to call Officer Hauter at 323/387-9617.

Senior Lead Officer(SLO) Hauter reports an extensive amount of gang related graffiti in the community. She will be collaborating with Southwest gang experts for the "Rollin'20's and the Harpys" gangs to start investigating who is responsible for this crime. Please forward any pictures of graffiti or information to SLO Hauter before you have it removed by the city.

Also, during the month of June, Senior Lead Officer Hauter has been focusing on the illegal vending issue in this community. It is a violation of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for street sales of any non food merchandise. Due to the Los Angeles Lakers winning the championship we have been experiencing extensive counterfeit sales of Lakers merchandise. On June 18,2009 , SLO Hauter arrested an individual for illegally selling Lakers merchandise at the corner of Crenshaw and Adams. If you notice a vending problem in your area please contact Officer Hauter.

SLO Hauter would like to thank all of her block clubs for the outstanding support within the community. She also encourages all of you who

do not belong to a block club to become part of one, and get to know your neighbors. Our community is proud to announce that soon we will have a new block club forming on 22nd Street between Western and Normandie. If you are interested in joining a block club or starting block club in your neighborhood please contact Officer Hauter.

3SLO19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK

Crime Trends

There has been a trend of Grand Theft Auto the past few weeks in the area along 35th Street between Normandie and Vermont Avenue. In an effort against Vehicle Theft, Southwest Division participated in a multi agency Task Force to combat the increase in vehicle thefts.

Southwest Division has also seen a slight increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicles in the area along Vermont between Adams Blvd and Jefferson Blvd. Southwest Senior Lead Officers conducted a Burglary from Motor Vehicle Task Force in attempt to reduce the number of victims of vehicle and property theft.

There have been a few Burglaries along Budlong, between Exposition Boulevard to Martin Luther King Boulevard. These crimes typically occur between the hours of 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Please report any suspicious activity to the police.

Crime Tip

Carjacking Stealing a car by force has captured headlines across the country. Statistically your chances of being a carjacking victim are very slim, and prevention actions can reduce the risk even more.

Golden opportunities: what do carjackers look for?

- Intersections controlled by stop lights or signs.
- Garages and parking lots for mass transit, shopping malls, and grocery stores.
- Self-serve gas stations and car washes.
- ATMs (automated teller machines).
- Residential driveways and streets as people get into and out of cars.
- Highway exit and entry ramps, or anyplace else that drivers slow down or stop.

Reduce Your Risk From Becoming A Victim.

Getting In Your Vehicle:

- Walk with purpose and stay alert.
- Approach your car with the key in hand. Look around and inside the car before getting in.
- Be wary of people asking for directions or handing out fliers.
- Trust your instincts - if something makes you feel uneasy, get into the car quickly, lock the doors, and drive away.

On the Road:

- Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up (at least part-way, if it's hot and you don't have air conditioning), no matter how short the distance or how safe the neighborhood.
- When you're coming to a stop, leave enough room to maneuver around other cars, especially if you sense trouble and need to get away.
- Drive in the center lane to make it harder for would-be carjackers to approach the car.
- Avoid driving alone. Go with someone whenever possible, especially at night.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car is broken down. Help instead by driving

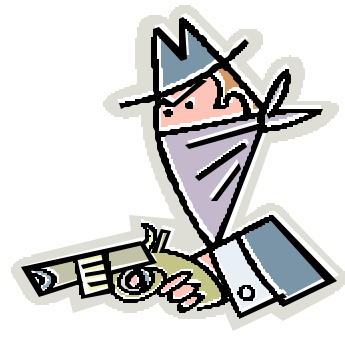
to the nearest phone and calling police to help.

Getting Out

- Park in well-lighted areas, near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters, woods, large vans or trucks, or anything else that limits your visibility.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if the car is locked.
- Put them in the trunk or out of sight.
- Try to park in a garage with an attendant. Leave only the ignition key, without identification.
- Even if you're rushed, look around before you get out and stay alert to the surroundings.

If It Happens to You:

- If the carjacker threatens you with a gun or other weapon, give up your car. Don't argue. Your life is worth more than a car.
- Get away from the area as quickly as possible.
- Try to remember what the carjacker looked like - sex, race, age, hair, eye color, special features, and clothes.
- Report the crime immediately to the police. Call 9-1-1.



3SLO31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

While burglaries are down dramatically from 2008, we are experiencing increased burglary and Burglary from Motor Vehicle, (BFMV) activity within the Jefferson Park area. All of the BFMV incidents occurred during early evening through the early morning hours.

The majority of the residential burglaries occurred during late morning through early afternoon. Officers have increased the frequency of patrols in those areas where the aforementioned incidents have been occurring. Even though a significant number of arrests have been made (up 1.7 % from the same period last year), we still need your help. We all need to remain vigilant as it relates to our property and personal safety. Make sure your vehicles and residences are always locked/secured and important personal items, (electronics; currency) are not left unattended in vehicles. Lastly, be a good neighbor. Look out for each other. If you see suspicious activity either persons or vehicles, gather as much information as you can safely, and report it to police immediately.

Senior Lead Officer Biondo has received countless complaints regarding ongoing vending throughout the Southwest area involving sales of food/non-food items from mobile stands and/or pushcarts in/on or around public sidewalks/public streets. Per Los Angeles Municipal Code, (LAMC) 42.00 (b) sales of any items are prohibited on any city owned property, (with specific exceptions in the harbor area and MacArthur Park). This includes but is not limited to sidewalks, streets, parking lots, buildings and parks. Activity of this kind clogs up sidewalks and creates traffic and other safety hazards. While the city requires permits to sell items within city limits, the city does not issue permits for the aforementioned sales in the above-listed areas. Additionally, individuals selling food items are subject to additional

restrictions/permitting from the Los Angeles County Health Department due to obvious concerns about food borne illnesses.

On June 10, 2009 Senior Lead Officers from Southwest Division conducted a Vendor Sweep in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Housing, the Los Angeles Health Department, Council District 10 and the City Attorney's Office at two locations. At one location, they discovered 8 fruit carts; some with fruit still inside, and approximately three pallets of fruit. The fruit was stacked outside with a blue tarp covering it. Additionally, at that location, a dog was running loose in the yard. At the other location, six bicycle type carts were confiscated along with unrefrigerated condiments and cooking pots which were stored outside in unsanitary conditions. Property owners and business owners at both locations were cited for the violations. Should you observe any illegal vending, you can contact the Community Relations Office or Council District 10.



Crime Tip

Vacation Security Awareness

Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation. Don't let yours be interrupted by crime. Follow the crime prevention tips below.

Before leaving . . .

- Have good locks on all doors and windows, and USE THEM!
- Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number (preceded by "CA") and post Operation I.D. stickers in entry doors and windows.

- Never leave your house key hidden outside, under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of a door.
- Make your house appears “lived in.” Use timers for lights and radios. Have a neighbor or a friend pick up your mail, packages and newspapers, and keep the lawns mowed and watered.
- Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends.

On the road

- Never carry large amounts of cash; use traveler’s checks. If you must carry large sums of money, do not display it openly.
- Keep a record of traveler’s check numbers and your credit card numbers in a safe place. Have the telephone numbers to call in case your checks or credit cards are lost or stolen.
- Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans to strangers; this includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.
- Do not stop to offer help to a stranded motorist. Go to the nearest safe location and call for assistance.
- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to the nearest service station, restaurant or business and call the police or sheriff’s department. If you believe it is unsafe to get out of your car, sound your horn and flash your lights to draw attention.

Hotel and motel security

- Determine the most direct route to and from your room, to the fire escapes, elevators and nearest phone.

- When occupying or leaving your room, use all auxiliary locking devices on doors and windows. (You may want to purchase a portable door lock for traveling.)
- Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry. Open the door only if you are certain the person has a legitimate reason to enter your room. If in doubt, call the hotel/motel office.
- Never leave money, checks, credit cards or car keys in the room. Take them with you.
- Place extra cash, expensive jewelry or other valuables (furs, gems, gold, or silver) in the hotel/motel safe.
- Report to hotel management any suspicious movements in the corridors or rooms. Remember– the only way to stop crime is to get involved in crime prevention.

3SLO41-BALWIN HILLS/VISTA AND VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

The Baldwin Hills/Baldwin Vista/Village Green Communities has seen a slight increase in residential burglaries. Several computers, jewelry and cash were taken. Detectives are working on tips in an attempt to locate the suspects.



There are several simple things that residents can do to limit their chances of becoming a victim of a burglary. 1) When you are leaving your residence lock all your doors and

windows, this includes closing your garage doors. 2) If you are going to be out for an extended period of time let your neighbors know so they can look after your house. 3) If you are going to be gone for an extended period of time, contact the postal service and put a "stop" on your mail so it does not pile up at your residence.

Good news for the residents of this community. Due to the recent installation of red curbs and no parking signs in areas within the Baldwin Hills there has been a decrease in the number of citizen complaints about people leaving trash and debris in the area when they park their vehicles. Senior Lead Officer Beard has noticed an increase in parked motor homes and trailers in the area. Although it is not illegal, the owners of these recreational vehicles should be aware that parking vehicles for more than 72 hours can result in a citation as well as the vehicle being impounded.

- If you have information on crime that is occurring in your neighborhood you can contact the Southwest Division Crime Tip Line at 213-485-7492.

- The LAPD is also accepting anonymous crime tips via cell phone. You can text your information to CRIMES (274637) and begin your message with the letters LAPD

3SLO55-WESTERN CORRIDOR AND JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

Basic Car 3A55 has experienced an increase in burglaries. Residents are reminded to be on the lookout for criminal activity and secure all doors and windows when leaving their residences.

Transient and juvenile truancy sweeps are being conducted by LAPD Southwest Division to deter this criminal activity.

Come join the Community Village Project. Be the change in your neighborhood. Create a safe park for our children to play. Clean up and take pride in our neighborhood. Make our community healthier and safer by removing harmful and irresponsible businesses. For more information call Karume at 323 750-9087 x263.

Crime Tips:

Ten Things Kids Can Do To Stop Violence:

1. Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons. Don't stand around and form an audience.
2. Learn safe routes for walking in the neighborhood, and know good places to seek help. Trust your feelings, and if there's a sense of danger, get away fast.
3. Report any crimes or suspicious actions to the police, school authorities, and parents. Be willing to testify if needed.
4. Don't open the door to anyone you and your parents don't know and trust.
5. Never go anywhere with someone you and your parents don't know and trust.
6. If someone tries to abuse you, say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult. Remember, it's not the victim's fault.
7. Don't use alcohol and other drugs, and stay away from places and people associated with them.
8. Stick with friends who are also against violence and drugs, and stay away from known trouble spots.
9. Get involved to make school safer and better - sponsoring poster contests against violence, holding anti-drug rallies, counseling peers, and settling disputes peacefully. If there's no program, help start one!

10. Help younger children learn to avoid being crime victims. Set a good example and volunteer to help with community efforts to stop crime.

3SLO57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Crime Trends

During the month of June, University Village experienced an increase in street robberies and burglary from motor vehicles. Los Angeles Police Department(LAPD) officers assigned to the area surrounding the University of Southern California(USC) has worked with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) diligently since the first street robbery occurred. Within one week of the first street robbery, LAPD and DPS apprehended a male that was later identified as the suspect.

LAPD and DPS will continue conducting extra patrol in the area in an attempt to catch burglary from motor vehicle suspects as well as deterring any future burglary from motor vehicles.

Neighborhood Watch Events

Update! The newly formed USC Student Group, the West University Park Community Council, (WUPCC), will *not* be meeting during the summer break. We look forward to reconvening in the fall and will announce the date of the next meeting in the future.

Crime Tips

Fraud Prevention

It's not always easy to spot con artists. They're smart, extremely persuasive, and aggressive. They invade your home by telephone and mail, advertise in well-known newspapers and magazines, and come to your door.

Most people think they're too smart to fall for a scam. But con artists rob all kinds of people - from investment counselors and doctors to teenagers and elderly widows - of billions of dollars every year.

Just remember... if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

You Can Protect Yourself!

- Never give a caller your credit card, phone card, Social Security, or bank account number over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these numbers to verify a prize or gift.
- Beware of 900 numbers. People who call 900 numbers to request instant credit often end up with a booklet on how to establish credit or a list of banks offering low-interest credit cards. Such calls can end up costing \$50 or more, but consumers rarely end up obtaining credit.
- Listen carefully to the name of a charity requesting money.
- Fraudulent charities often use names that sound like a reputable, well-known organization such as the American Cancer Association (instead of the American Cancer Society).
- Ask for a financial report before you donate; a reputable charity will always send you one.

Investigate before you invest. Never make an investment with a stranger over the phone. Beware of promises that include the terms "get rich quick," or "a once in a lifetime opportunity."

3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Southwest officers assigned to the Baldwin Village area have been working hard to reduce crime and provide a safe and peaceful environment. Senior Lead Officer Thomsen is monitoring the arrests made in Baldwin Village. Senior Lead Officer Thomsen is closely working with the city attorney's office and evicting tenants that are involved in any type of illegal activity.

The Crenshaw Manor area has been experiencing a burglary problem. It is important that community members report any type of suspicious activity. It is also important that community members play an active role in their communities and get involved in their neighborhood watch. Senior Lead Officer Thomsen will continue to conduct extra patrol in the area.

Attention Parents! Audubon Middle School will be offering a summer camp program. This program is free for the children in the community, where they can enjoy a day full of fun activities. Space is limited, so it is important to contact Audubon Middle School for any further information 323-290-6300.

Crime Tip

Summer is here!!!! Let's take precautions to safeguard our families. Heat can affect anyone. However, it is more likely to affect young children, elderly people, and people with health problems. Consult a physician if you have any questions about how medication may affect a person's ability to tolerate heat. If you observe someone in medical distress, call 9-1-1 immediately.



- Looking for a great career? If you are interested in joining the Los Angeles Police Department, you can get information by calling: 866-444-LAPD (866-444-5273) or joinlapd@lapd.lacity.org The Los Angeles Police Department is an equal opportunity employer.

3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK AND THE CRENSHAW CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

The Leimert Park community has continued to be plagued with residential burglaries, during daytime hours. There have been no suspects descriptions provided in these incidents. Residents are encouraged to communicate with their neighbors and report any suspicious activity or persons to police.

Also, there has been a noticeable increase in the presence of motor homes parked along the streets and I have received a number of complaints regarding this issue. It is not illegal to park large motor homes on residential streets, though vehicles parked in excess of 72 hours are subject to citation or impound. However, if these motor homes are being occupied as a residence, these individuals are in violation of city ordinances prohibiting illegal lodging in motor vehicles. If you observe motor homes being occupied as residences, please contact Senior Lead Officer Sasajima so that the issue can be addressed.

Crime Tip

Vehicle License Plate Safety

Protect your vehicle license plates and the registration tabs. Numerous license tabs are being stolen and resold because proof of insurance is required in order to apply for current registration.



- Check your license plate occasionally to ensure your current year license tab is attached
- If you have a “build-up” of past year tabs remove them prior to adding the current year
- Once you attach the current sticker - slice an X or diagonal lines, with a sharp razor blade, through the year tab so the sticker will not come apart in one piece
- A sturdy metal frame bolted to the license plate will discourage thieves from cutting the corner off your license plate in order to steal the year sticker
- Be aware of people loitering near the rear of vehicles
- Call the police if you suspect criminal activity

3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Trends:

Senior Lead Officer Anderson and the patrol officers assigned to the Vermont Square Park area have been working tirelessly to reduce crime and make it a safe environment for everybody.

Robberies along the Western corridor, between King Boulevard and Vernon Avenue have been on a slight increase. The robberies have been in

front of the motels. Ensure when walking in that area you are not calling attention to yourself with cell phones or other expensive jewelry. Please report any suspicious persons seen in the area.

In the area east of Manual Arts High between King Bl and Vernon Av, we are experiencing residential burglaries occurring during morning hours, while people are at work. Please look out for your neighbors and report any suspicious activity. Ensure you lock and secure all windows and doors.

Crime Tip

If you have a crime you would like to report anonymously you can now text the letters LAPD plus your tip to #274637. You can also call 877-LAPD-24-7.



3FB20-MALL

CRENSHAW BALDWIN HILLS PLAZA

The Crenshaw Mall (located at 3650 Martin L. King Blvd) is provided security by twenty five uniformed security officers; who are employed by the **Investigative Protection Company/IPC**. IPC, provides constant parking lot vehicular patrol, foot beat patrol, and has a state of the art camera system. The LAPD Substation (located on the first floor of the mall, next to Sears) is staffed with six uniformed LAPD Officers, who work with IPC, mall management, and the community of the location to provide a safe and enjoyable shopping experience.

Renowned actress & dance artist **Debbi Allen** opened *The Dance Academy* at the Crenshaw Mall. Debbie Allen's Academy is located at 3791 Santa Rosalia Drive. Mrs. Allen invites everyone to come and join the most incredible young dancers on the planet in multiple disciplines. Hip Hop, Ballet, Tap, Flamenco, Jazz, and much more! For additional information call **310-280-9145**.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS*

- 1st Annual University Little League Opening Day Ceremony was Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 10:00am. However, they are still accepting applications. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Olega or Raul Claros at (310)844-5591.
- The newly formed USC Student Group, the West University Park Community Council, (WUPCC), will be holding its regularly scheduled meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the DPS office at 6:00 p.m.

For additional information contact Senior Lead Officer Munson. *****Note-WUPCC will not be meeting during the summer break. We look forward to reconvening in the fall.***

- Attention all Audubon Middle School parents! Audubon recently held Boot Camp orientation on April 18, 2009. This Boot Camp is *free* of charge and runs for eight weeks, every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. This is a very successful program for troubled youths that attend Audubon. For further information on this program, please contact Officer E. Rocha @ 213/485-2582.
- Are your kids struggling to complete their home work assignments? If so, then join St. Agatha's Catholic Church every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. They have a Life Skills Academy that will teach your children the skills they need to succeed in life. They will also provide tutors to help your children with their homework. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Sanchez.

- The Southwest Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meets the first Monday of every month at the Child Guidance Center, 3787 S. Vermont Avenue. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2009, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Allen-Stallworth, CPAB coordinator @ 213/847-5800.

**Jim Gilliam Park Seniors (Senior Citizens) meets every month on the third Wednesday at 1PM.*

** The Crenshaw Manor Neighborhood Watch Program meets every month on the first Wednesday at 6PM at 3939 Marlton Drive.*

- The St. James Area Block Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Wisconsin Street Block Club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Estrella Block Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. For boundaries of these block clubs please call Senior Lead Officer Salazar 323-387-9617.

***Dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the Southwest Community Relations Office prior to attending any event.**

- Jim Gilliam Park will be hosting "Summer Night Lights" starting on July 8. The park will be open to the public from 7PM until midnight. This is an opportunity for the community of Baldwin Village to come together and meet their neighbors.
- Senior Lead Officer Thomsen would like to see more community members participate in the following two neighborhood watch programs that meet at Jim Gilliam Park, 4000 S. La Brea Ave:

**Baldwin Village Community in Action meets every month on the third Wednesday at 6PM.*