



## North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



The North Hollywood Area Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) serves an important function, their purpose is to provide advice to me regarding decreasing the incidence and fear of crime in the community, as well as to provide community members with a voice in the

policing of their communities. In addition, I provide updates and explanations of Department programs to members of the C-PAB.

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, C-PAB members from throughout Los Angeles came together to celebrate the annual C-PAB Summit at California State University Los Angeles. Nearly 300 C-PAB members joined Department personnel for breakfast, networking and educational sessions.

At this year's summit, C-PAB members were given an opportunity to see the Department's crime scene investigators (CSIs) in action. Of course, the crime was simulated, but crime scene investigation, photography, evidence collection, evidence processing, data mining, and other aspects of the investigation were on display. The presentations were extremely interesting and provided some detailed insights on how a crime is investigated. As our local CPAB members themselves indicated, they found this kind of transparency both informative, as well as entertaining. C-PAB meetings are held the third Thursday of every month, please call the Community Relations Office for further information at (818) 623-4001.

## Community Announcements

Plans for the annual National Night Out, which will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, are currently being finalized for the North Hollywood Area. A large community gathering will be taking place at the Vineland/Victory Recreation Center, located at 11117 Victory Boulevard. This event is being sponsored by the local Target store. Numerous City agencies, including the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, Department of Sanitation, and Department of Street Services will have exhibits on display during this event. Food, refreshments, and entertainment will also be included. The event will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For further

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information, please contact the North Hollywood Senior Lead Office, at (818) 755-7679.

### Crime Briefing:

Overall for this year to date as of June 20, 2009, Part I crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, are down 11 percent.

Violent crimes are down 10 percent this year to date. This reduction includes a 19 percent reduction in robberies.

Property crimes are down 12 percent, which includes a 13 percent reduction in burglary/theft from motor vehicles, and an 18 percent reduction in grand theft auto.

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### Current Crime Trends

Based on my statistics for this period there was a major decrease in Part I crime. Burglary/theft from motor vehicles, robberies and burglaries had the most significant decrease.

On June 8, 2009, at 7:45 am, in the 7500 block of Fair Ave, an elderly couple was at home when a male Hispanic knocked on the door and claimed to be from the gas company. The elderly female opened the door and was immediately thrown to the ground. The husband came to her aid and was also confronted. The suspect pulled a knife on the couple and robbed them of jewelry and electronics. The

suspect fled in a white Toyota Corolla 4 door. Never open your door without knowing who it is, and be sure you let them know that someone is home. Report any suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood to your Senior Lead Officer at (818) 634-0949.

### Community Events

#### ***North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting***

7939 St. Claire Avenue  
Strathern Street Elementary School  
Thursday, July 9, 2009  
7:00 pm

#### ***Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Valerio/Tujunga  
Church of San Pablo  
Monday, July 13, 2009  
7:00 pm

#### ***Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue  
Pentecostal Church  
Wednesday, July 29, 2009  
7:00 pm

### Crime Tips

When walking from point A to point B, always be aware of your surroundings and never walk with your head down. When walking during evening hours, always try to stay within well lit areas. These are just a few tips that will make you less likely of becoming a victim of a crime.

Don't become a victim of auto theft. Invest in an anti-theft device such as a car alarm or a "Club." Don't forget to park your vehicle in well lit areas and

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never leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle.

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### **Current Crime Trends**

There was a slight increase in overall crime incidents this period, however robberies have decreased, which is a very positive indicator.

### **Community Events**

***North Hollywood Northwest Neighborhood Council***  
Coldwater Canyon Elementary School  
6850 Coldwater Canyon Boulevard  
Wednesday, July 22, 2009  
7:00 pm

The new Neighborhood Council, in the northern section of 15A21, is almost completed the certification process. Contact Council District No. 2 office at (818)755-7676 for further details.

### **Crime Tips**

Continue to be vigilant of your surroundings. A recent street robbery attempt involved a suspect asking the victim a question to distract her while grabbing her necklace.

As the warmer weather approaches, we all tend to leave windows and sliding doors open at night to cool down. Please remember to secure your residence (all doors and windows) when leaving your house, even for a short errand or time period.

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### **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the statistics for the last period, the area had an overall decrease of 11 percent in crime. There was a slight increase of residential burglaries in the area of Oxnard Street and Lankershim Boulevard.

### **Community Events**

***Cleon Neighborhood Watch Meeting***  
6733 Cleon Avenue  
Monday, July 7, 2009  
1:00 pm

### **Crime Tips**

As summer approaches, many of us are planning our summer vacations. Below are security safety tips when staying overnight at a hotel or motel.

- Determine the most direct route to and from your room, to the fire escapes, elevators and the nearest phone.
- When occupying or leaving your room, use all auxiliary locking devices on doors and windows.
- Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry.
- Unpack and place belongings in the closet and dresser. Arrange your things so you'll know if anything is missing.
- Never leave money, checks, credit cards or car keys in the room.
- Place extra cash, expensive jewelry or other valuables in the hotel safe.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the current crime trends crime is slightly down in Basic Car 15A33. The area along the Victory Boulevard corridor has experienced an increase in thefts.

## **Community Events**

### ***Valley Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Victory Elementary School  
6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood  
Tuesday, July 21, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

## **Crime Tips**

Sponsor a neighborhood watch meeting in your area. Be sure to lock-up your home, business and vehicles when leaving and do not leaving anything in plain view. Never open your door without knowing who it is, and be sure you let them know that someone is home. Report any suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood to your Senior Lead Officer, at 818-634-0809 or 818-755-7679.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

There were several assaults that have occurred on Lankershim Boulevard between Magnolia Boulevard and Chandler Boulevard. Also, various crimes have occurred in the area of Lankershim Boulevard and Tiara Street. Several burglary/theft from motor vehicles took place along Burbank Boulevard between Vineland Avenue and Cahuenga Boulevard.

## **Community Events**

### ***Mid Town North Hollywood Council Meeting***

11416 Tiara  
Wednesday, July 14, 2009  
7:00 pm

## **Crime Tips**

Be a good witness. Report any suspicious activity occurring in your neighborhood.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the current crime trends, burglary/theft from motor vehicles are the most frequent crimes within this Basic Car area. The majority of these crimes are occurring in the western portion of the area. The items still being taken are electronics (e.g. iPods, cell phones, laptops).

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## Community Events

### *Valley Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting*

Victory Elementary School  
6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood  
Tuesday, July 12, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

### *Neighborhood Council Valley Village Meeting*

Colfax Elementary School  
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village  
Wednesday, July 21, 2009  
6:30 pm  
Meetings are open to the public

## Crime Tips:

- Organize neighborhood cleanup days to send the message that your community is closed to thieves, vandals, and loiterers.
- Ask the police to increase patrols of your neighborhood.
- Sponsor a Neighborhood Watch.
- Be sure the outside doors of your home or business have strong deadbolt locks.
- Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor or nearby shopkeeper, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
- Lock gates, garage doors, and shed doors after every use.
- Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide: the spaces between trees or shrubbery, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entryways.
- Set timers on lights when you're away from home or your business is closed so it appears to be occupied.

- Keep your bike and sports equipment inside the house when they're not being used.
- Avoid confrontations with burglars.

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## Current Crime Trends

Based on the statistics for the past month, my area experienced an overall increase in the total number of crime. Crime was up in all categories, with the exception of grand theft auto.

Due to the deployment of various resources and directed patrol into the area south of Magnolia Boulevard and east of Tujunga Avenue, this area continued to see a considerable reduction in crime during the last couple months, however, a large increase of this crime has moved east of Vineland.

## Community Events

### *Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting*

Toluca Elementary,  
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard  
Tuesday, July 21, 2009  
7:00 pm

## Crime Tips

As we enter the summer months, remember to keep your windows and doors locked. When it is warm, we like to open our windows and forget to close them when we run out of the house, even for a few minutes. There have been several daytime residential burglaries in which the homes were unsecured and suspects entered through open doors and windows. If you have a home alarm system, don't forget to set it.

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and active neighborhood watch makes you less likely of becoming a victim. If you do not have a neighborhood watch group in your area and you would like one please contact me. My City cell phone number is 818-634-2593.

## **Current Crime Trends**

On Monday, July 20, 2009, the Los Angeles Fire Department along with the LAPD will be participating in a **mock brush fire** exercise. This mock brush fire will start as an imaginary house fire on the 3800 block of Rhodes Avenue. Fire trucks will respond and quickly determine that the fire is threatening the dense brush behind the structure and into the canyon. The Los Angeles Fire Department will call for additional resources, set up a command post and request the assistance of LAPD for evacuations. Upon our arrival to the command post, the incident commanders will instruct the police to conduct a mock evacuation of three areas.

## **Community Events**

### ***Studio City Residence Association Meeting***

Beverly Garland Hotel

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

7:30 pm

## **Crime Tips**

Do not leave items such as GPS and iPods in your vehicle in plain view. Thieves are walking around looking into vehicles for items to steal. If they do not see it, they will not break in. If you see something suspicious call me. If it is a suspicious vehicle, try to get a license plate number and let me know. Sometimes all I need is a license plate number to crack a case. Keep an eye out on your neighbors and get to know your neighbors so you can alert them if something is suspicious. An organized neighborhood