

Captain's Message

I would like to take this time to thank our many sponsors, community restaurants, community members and the Hollenbeck Area personnel for their support in making the Hollenbeck Grand Opening on September 19th, 2009 a great success.

Halloween has been celebrated on October 31st in the United States since the early 1800's and is traditionally a family-oriented holiday when children get to dress up and enjoy candy and other treats. In order to assist the Los Angeles community in enjoying this fun-filled holiday as safely as possible, please! Children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween and you should never eat any treats until they have been examined. Make sure that all fruit should be cut and closely examined before eating. Advise your children that they should never enter strangers' homes.

Monthly Crime Prevention Tip

Internet Safety Tip

As the legitimate use of the Internet increases throughout our nation and the world, the wrongful use of the Internet to commit crime and victimize people also increases. Law enforcement officials across the nation are reporting an ever-increasing variety of crimes being perpetuated via the Internet. The following Internet crime prevention information is meant to help you protect yourself, your loved ones, your friends, your neighbors and your community, and to make your journey on the Internet as safe, secure and crime free as possible.

Child Exploitation

Children can be sexually exploited, kidnapped, molested and solicited by individuals using online services. One reason is the anonymous nature of the Internet. Another reason is the large number of people using the Internet. Pedophiles contact children on the Internet through E-mail messages, electronic bulletin boards and public chat rooms. Pedophiles will make telephone contact with victims by having children call collect so the pedophile's telephone number will not show up on their parent's telephone bill. Pedophiles will also purchase a prepaid telephone card and give children a toll free access number enabling children to call from anywhere they choose.

Pedophiles will often convince children to send them a photograph. Pedophiles will offer children

money for their photographs and/or pose as professional photographers to obtain nude, graphic or sexually explicit photographs of children. Pedophiles commonly attempt to lower the inhibitions of children through deception in an attempt to lead children into other sexual conversations or acts. There are a number of ways parents can protect their children from becoming victims of pedophiles on the Internet. The following are some examples:

- Choose an online service that offers parental control features;
- Purchase blocking software and design your own safety system;
- Monitor children that are online and monitor the time they spend online;
- Ensure children never reveal identifying information about themselves on the Internet in a public chat room, on an electronic bulletin board or in their E-mail messages;
- Ensure children do not give out personal information about themselves;
- Consider using a pseudonym or unlisting your child's name;
- Get to know the services your child uses;
- Block out objectionable material through your Internet service provider;
- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without parental permission;
- Ensure children never respond to messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent or threatening;
- Encourage children to tell you whenever they encounter such messages;
- If you or your children receives a message that is harassing, sexual in nature, or threatening, forward a copy of the message to your service provider and ask for their assistance;
- If you become aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of child pornography while online, report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;
- Teach children that people online may not be who they seem;
- Teach children online service providers never ask for passwords and they should never give their password out;
- Teach children that everything they read or see on the Internet may not be true;
- Teach children to never let anyone pressure them into doing something they feel uncomfortable doing;

- Teach children to never enter an area on the Internet that charges for services without asking permission from a responsible adult first;
- Some children have access to the Internet at school. Check with the school authorities to ensure your children are properly supervised and monitored by a responsible adult;
- Know your children's friends and their parents; and
- Set reasonable rules for computer use by your children. Discuss the rules with your children and post them near the computer as a reminder.

Traffic Tip of the Month

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is one of the best times of the year for children. However, it can be one of the most dangerous as well. Please take the time to review the following safety tips, which are provided by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, and have a safe and happy Halloween.

Before Halloween

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase only those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props *must* be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children to know how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free at any payphone.

- Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.

Before Nightfall on Halloween

- Plan and review with your children the route and behavior which is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when revelers must return home.
- Remind all drivers to remain cautious and drive slowly throughout the community.
- Adult partygoers should establish a designated driver.
- A Parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

Remind Trick-or Treaters:

- By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk. Never run across a street.
- Only cross the street at corners or at established crosswalks.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble-seeing trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Only go to homes with a porch light on.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Never consume food items or drinks that may be offered.
- No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.

The police should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

After Trick-or-Treating

- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

Community Relations Information

Community Relations Office (323) 342-4140

Senior Lead Office (323) 342-4130

Monterey Hills (4A3)
Senior Lead Officer John Pedroza
Phone (213) 793-0748

Current Crime Trends

The Basic Car (4A3) had 5 violent crime and 35 property crimes. The crimes appeared to be sporadic with no specific crime trend. These were the crimes reported for the month of September 2009.

Graffiti continues to plague our local communities. Although Police are constantly battling vandalism related problems, community members can always assist by reporting graffiti to the graffiti abatement teams or by dialing 311.

Basic Car Info

The next Montecito Heights Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Wed. Oct.14, 2009 at 4545 Homer St. (Montecito Heights Recreation Center) at 07:00 pm.

The next Lomitas Hills Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Tuesday October 20 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Barrio Action Group Building located at 4927 Huntington Dr.

The next Monterey Hills Federation meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m at the Marshall Villas Recreation Room, 4225 Via Arbolada
Voice Mail: 323-761-6494 Website:
<http://www.montereyhills.org>

El Sereno-University Hills (4A9)
Senior Lead Officer Steve Morales
Phone (213) 793-0749

Current Crime Trends

The El Sereno basic car (4A9) had eight reported violent crimes in this last four-week extraction period. Six were assaults and two were robberies. There were no patterns or similar suspects.

Property crime continues to be high in the El Sereno area. There was 52 property crimes reported in the last four-week period. There was a cluster of about 15 property crimes in the area of Eastern Ave between Valley Bl and Huntington Dr.

Community Event

“Creepy Collis” Halloween event will be on Saturday October 31, 2009 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Collis Ave in El Sereno.

To check the crime in your area, go to WWW.LAPDCRIMEMAPS.ORG.

Lincoln Heights (4A15)
Senior Lead Officer Austin Fernald
(213) 793-0750

Current Crime Trends

For the month of September 2009, crime in the Lincoln Heights area continues to remain low. However we had eleven grand theft auto reports in the Lincoln Heights area. The vehicles of choice have been Chevrolets and Honda's, most of these vehicles have then taken at night. We encourage you secure your vehicles when parked and if you choose to invest in a steering wheel lock device.

Additional information

The City of Los Angeles has a graffiti removal unit covering the Lincoln Heights area, by the name of Central city Action Committee. If you observe graffiti on walls in the community of Lincoln Heights, you can call to have it removed by calling 311.

The City of Los Angeles is also offering a \$1000 reward to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals. For more information please call 1-877-275-5273 or 1-213-978-0228.

Central Boyle Heights (4A53)
Senior Lead Officer Dan Rios
Phone (213) 793-0753

Current Crime Trends The current crime statistics reported a decrease in violent crime. The current statistics report 6 reported crimes. The previous crime statistics reported 9 crimes.

Property Crime

There was an increase in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 9 reported property crimes, a decrease from 22 crimes reported from the previous crime statistics. The most common stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be **Toyota, Honda, SUVs and pick-up trucks.**

Be more involved in communicating with your neighbors and your community leaders. Report any unusual activity; this will help reduce the amount of crime taking place in your neighborhoods. If you wish to leave an anonymous message, call (323) 526-3817 for non-emergency police assistance call 1-877-ASK LAPD, (1-877 275-5273). **Let's try to keep our community clean by calling "311" for trash, bulky items and graffiti.**

Upcoming Events / Meetings

On 10/7/09 at 6:00PM there will be a Boyle Heights Neighborhood Organization Meeting at 2201 E. 1st St. in the basement level.

Community Safety Tips

Vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts continue to be a concern in the Hollenbeck area despite added patrols and the arrest of several suspects. Toyotas and Hondas continue to be the suspects' vehicles of choice. Most cars that were stolen or burglarized were parked on streets. The safe place to park your vehicle would be inside of a garage. If you don't have a garage or can't use your garage, think about parking your vehicle on the driveway and install motion sensor lights. Also getting an alarm and/ or a kill switch or a steering wheel locking device could deter or at least slow down the suspects. Don't leave cell phones, purses, tools, or any other valuables in your car. If you have a removable car stereo, take it with you. If you see anything suspicious, call us. For non-emergency calls, call 877-ASK LAPD for crimes in progress call 911.

Lotto scams continue to plague communities in many cities including ours. Please beware of these predators. **Let's start some neighborhood watch meetings, it's a great way to get to know your neighbors and fight crime!**

Please call me at (213) 793-0753 or (323) 342-4144 for any questions.

Eastern Boyle Heights (4A59)
Senior Lead Officer Oscar Casini
Phone (213) 793-0752

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported that violent crime (i.e. Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery, etc) between September 20, 2009 to September 26, 2009 showed 3 crimes.

The current crime statistics reported that property crime (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle) between September 20 to September 26, 2009 showed 5 crimes.

Crime Tip

We are approaching the Halloween season, so families please watch your children as they walk throughout the neighborhood. Please go through their candy before they are allowed to eat it.

Community Events

The Hillside Village Block Captain Meeting will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 08, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will take place at Absolute tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

The Hillside Village Home Owners Association will host their monthly meeting on Thursday October 08, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Absolute Tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Senior Lead Officer Casini at (213) 793-0752

Hollenbeck Community Station 323-342-4100 2111 E. 1st St. Los Angeles, Calif. 90033.

Western Boyle Heights (4A71)
Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon
Phone (213) 422-1060

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported that there was a slight decrease in violent crime. The current statistics reported 13 reported crimes. The previous crime statistics reported 14 reported crimes.

Property crime:

There was a slight increase in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 25 reported property crimes. The previous crime statistics reported 19 reported crimes. The most commonly stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be Toyota and Honda. There is a slight increase in GTA's and BFV's in the central part of the division between Wabash Ave. and 4th St. and between State St. and Indiana St.

Here are some crime prevention tips. Stay alert and always be aware of your surroundings. Park your vehicle in a well-lighted area and lock your car. If you

have a car alarm make sure it's in good working order and it is activated when you are away from your car. Please secure your vehicle and keep all valuables from sight. Always place items in the trunk of your vehicle prior to arriving at your destination. If you should place items in your trunk of your vehicle while shopping, move your car to another parking area before leaving the vehicle unattended.

Be more involved in communicating with your neighbors and your community leaders and report any unusual activity. This will help reduce the amount of crime taking place in your neighborhoods. If you wish to leave an anonymous message, call (213) 422-1060 for non-emergency police assistance call 1-877-ASK LAPD. Let us try to keep our community clean by calling 311 for trash and bulky items.

If you believe illegal activity is occurring in your area (Gang activity, Narcotics activity) please give me a call at the below number. The information will remain anonymous.

Please call me on my cell at (213) 422-1060 or office at (323) 342-4135 for any questions or concerns.

Southern Boyle Heights Area (4A97)
Senior Lead Officer Joel Perez
Phone (213) 793-0754

Current Crime Trends

For the reporting period covering August 30 through September 30, there was a slight increase in violent and property crimes from the previous reported period. There were 21 violent and 43 property crimes reported for this period. We are still implementing a number of patrol tactics to reduce the amount of crimes in this area.

Community Safety Tips

Burglary from Motor Vehicles

- Locked and secured your vehicle
- Never leave valuables (i.e. laptop computers, cell phones, currency) in your vehicle.
- Attempt to park in a well-illuminated parking lot at night.

Community Safety Tip

Street Robberies

- Know your surroundings
- Stay away from poor illuminated ATM's
- Shop and walk with groups of people oppose to alone

- Report suspicious persons and/or activity to the police
- Carry little or no cash and kept your valuable jewelry at home.

Community Events

Thank all of you who came out and celebrated with us on the grand opening of the new Hollenbeck Police Station. The event was a hit with the community; they enjoyed free food from local restaurants and comments from elected civic leaders.

Come be part of your neighborhood watch meetings. You'll meet people from your community and receive up to date events occurring in your neighborhood. Here is a list of the neighborhood watch meetings in the Southern Boyle Heights Area.

- Resurrection Church, 3426 Opal St: every Monday at 6:00 pm
- Boyle Heights Neighborhood Watch, Stevenson Library 3500 Percy St, last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- La Purisma Neighborhood Watch, 3236 Inez St, first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

If you cannot attend one of the listed meetings, you can start your own. Contact your assigned Senior Lead Officer for details on how to start your own group.