



## North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



Happy Thanksgiving!

The month of November is a great time to say thank you for your ongoing participation in helping us reduce crime in the North Hollywood Area.

Whether it's team-building activities like attending our annual open house, becoming involved in neighborhood

watch, or something as simple as serving as the eyes and ears for your neighborhood, the partnership between the police and the community is critical, and one I greatly value. Our efforts have been greatly enhanced by the

community. Only through working together can we continue to keep North Hollywood as safe as possible.

Recently, we had a rash of burglaries in the Hollywood Hills. Because of the community's assistance, we were able to obtain the suspects' description and the method they were using to target the crime locations. With that, officers then disseminated this information to the residents of the affected area. One such resident observed a few suspicious people in his neighborhood that matched the given description of the previous burglaries. The citizen immediately called the police and three individuals were subsequently arrested for burglary. It was later determined that these suspects were involved in numerous other burglaries in the surrounding neighborhoods. This type of community involvement is crucial in our continuing efforts to reduce the incidence of crime in our neighborhoods and to enhance public safety.

For all of your efforts, I thank you and the men and women of the North Hollywood Area who together have worked diligently to make the North Hollywood community a safer place to work and live.

The month of November certainly marks our entry into another busy and festive holiday season. With this in mind, I would like to encourage everyone to keep safety in mind while you are shopping and celebrating the holidays. Unfortunately, we often let our guard down while filling our cars and homes with gifts by leaving doors unlocked and windows open. Don't be a victim and don't provide an opportunity for criminals, but do the simple things to keep yourselves safe during the upcoming weeks. While holiday shopping, visiting friends and family, or dining at a local restaurant don't allow yourself to be an easy target. Don't leave valuables – laptops, purses, or wallets – on the seat of your car. Lock the

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gifts you purchase out of view in the trunk and take extra precautions to lock the doors and windows of your home to keep your holiday purchases safe.

I want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

### Community Announcements:

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, we held our Annual North Hollywood Station Open House and Haunted Maze. This was by far the most successful open house we have hosted. It was great to meet all the community members that came out to show their support for the North Hollywood Area. Thanks to all of those that organized and volunteered their time. A special thanks to Reserve Officer Esther Niell and Sergeant Jeff Hollis who organized the event. We will soon be starting our annual toy and food drive to benefit those within our neighborhoods who are less fortunate.

We will be collecting these items at the North Hollywood Community Police Station. For further information contact the North Hollywood Area Community Relations Office at (818) 623-4001.

### Crime Briefing:

Overall for this year to date Part I crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, are down 12 percent.

Violent crimes are down 10 percent this year to date. This reduction includes a 15 percent reduction in robberies.

Property crimes are down 13 percent, which includes a 22 percent reduction in grand theft auto, a 14 percent reduction in burglary/theft from motor vehicles, and a 13 percent reduction in burglaries.

### Crime Prevention Tips:

If someone comes to your door who you do not know, Do Not Open The Door! Ask a few questions and find out who they are first. Someone claiming to be from a service company, such as cable or gas, will not normally show up without you asking them for service. If you are not sure, call the company to verify. If the person is not cooperative or is aggressive, call the police immediately.

If you see a suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood, try to get the license plate number. If you are able to obtain a plate number or any other description, call your Senior Lead Officer and give them the information. This could be the information we were looking for to identify a criminal targeting your neighborhood.

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### Current Crime Trends

There have been multiple car break-ins in the area of 7500 Simpson Avenue. Please remember to never leave anything of value visible in your car as it could become an easy target for car thieves.

### Community Events

**North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting**  
Valley Plaza Library  
12311 Vanowen Street, North Hollywood  
Thursday, November 19, 2009

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

Church of San Pablo

Valerio/Tujunga

Monday, November 9, 2009

7:00 pm

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### **Community Events**

#### ***North Hollywood Northwest Neighborhood Council***

Saticoy Elementary School

7850 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6:30 pm

### **Basic Car 15A27**

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### **Community Events**

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

6733 Cleon Avenue

Monday, November 9, 2009

1:00 pm

### **Basic Car 15A33**

Officer Jennifer DuVally

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### **Community Events**

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

Victory Elementary School

6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

7:00 pm

### **Basic Car 15A39**

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### **Community Events**

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

East Valley High School

5525 Vineland Avenue

Wednesday, November 11, 2009, 6:30 pm

### **Basic Car 15A43**

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### **Community Events**

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

Victory Elementary School

6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

7:00 pm

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## ***Valley Village Neighbor Council***

Colfax Elementary School  
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village  
Wednesday, November 25, 2009  
6:30 pm

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## **Community Events**

### ***Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting***

Toluca Elementary  
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard  
Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
7:00 pm

### ***Rio Vista Resident's Association Meeting***

Rio Vista Elementary School  
4243 Satsuma Avenue  
Monday, November 2, 2009  
6:30 pm

### **Basic Car 15A85**

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## **Community Events**

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

Beverly Garland Hotel  
Tuesday, November 10, 2009  
7:30 pm