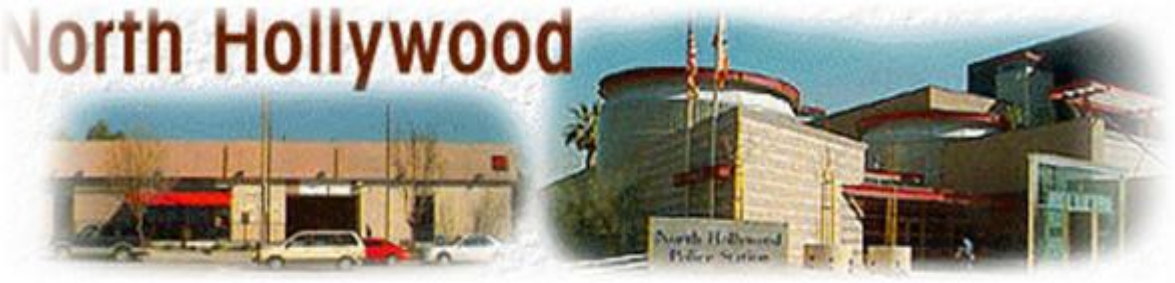

North Hollywood Captain's Corner:

I'm very pleased that there are a good many positive developments in North Hollywood over the past several months. Our efforts to combat crime in our communities have resulted in yet another drop in crime overall, and in violent crime in particular. Unfortunately, there is a fly in the ointment during the months of January and February. We have experienced a large jump in the number of BFMVs – burglaries from motor vehicles. While this problem has reared its head in our community in the past, the number of BFMVs has grown disproportionately over recent weeks.

My staff has already taken a number of steps to address this problem. Our property crimes unit has recently located, tracked, and arrested a suspect who was single-handedly responsible for many of these crimes, and our burglary detectives are hard at work identifying other perpetrators.

However, we can't win this fight alone. Community involvement is critical to our success in this area, as your eyes and ears will enable us to identify, locate, and arrest suspects involved these crimes. Education is another critical element; our neighbors need to be reminded not to leave valuables, particularly electronics, in plain view in their parked cars. With your watchfulness and outreach to your neighbors, we can win this battle, and significantly reduce the rate of BFMVs in North Hollywood Area.

As I write this, I am filled with mixed emotions. This is because I am retiring this month, concluding a 27 year career with the LAPD. While I'm happy to be embarking on a new phase of my life, filled with new adventures, I have to admit that I will deeply miss police work. The LAPD is my family (literally, as many members of my immediate family are on the job), and I have many happy memories of my years with the Department. One of the things I'll miss the most, however, is my involvement with you, the members of the North Hollywood community. In my three years as Captain at North Hollywood Area, you've been a constant source of happiness and support, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you. You have all become my friends, and you will be sincerely missed.

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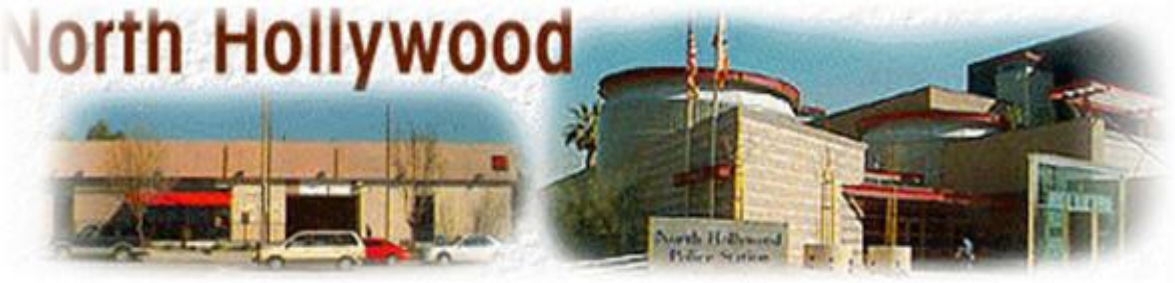

I would also like to introduce Captain Justin Eisenberg who will be your new Area Commanding Officer. Before his arrival here at North Hollywood, Captain Eisenberg was the Assistant Commanding Officer, Gang Narcotics Division. Justin has tremendous experience in Patrol, Gangs and Administrative assignments. He will definitely be an asset to the North Hollywood Area.

Community Announcements

On April 12, the 23rd Annual East Valley PALS Golf Tournament will be held at the Moorpark Country Club. This is a fun day of golf that raises money to support North Hollywood's PALS program. The East Valley Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) is a civilian-run, volunteer organization that funds many of the activities that take place at North Hollywood. PALS is an active and extremely positive organization that funds numerous community activities, from our various holiday give-aways to the underprivileged, to our annual open house and Halloween "haunted jail," to purchasing much needed equipment for our station. If you'd like to attend the golf tournament (or just lend your support to PALS), please contact Officers Harry Van Vorst or Heather Kowalczyk at (818) 623-4001 for tickets.

Crime Briefing:

Overall for this year to date Part I crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, are up two percent. This increase was due to a rise in burglary/theft from motor vehicles and aggravated assaults.

Violent crimes are down one percent this year to date. This reduction includes a 10 percent reduction in robberies, but a 16 percent increase in aggravated assaults.

Property crimes are up 2 percent, which includes a 13 percent reduction in grand theft auto, a 19 percent reduction in burglary, but a 21 percent increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicles.

Crime Prevention Tips

Burglary/theft from motor vehicles has increased significantly during the first two months of 2010. Again we are seeing the suspects breaking into vehicles where items such as GPS systems, iPods, and laptops that are left in plain sight. We need your assistance in reducing these crimes. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle when you park it; even if you are only leaving the vehicle for a short time. This one simple action you can take that will keep you from losing your property and having to replace the broken window.

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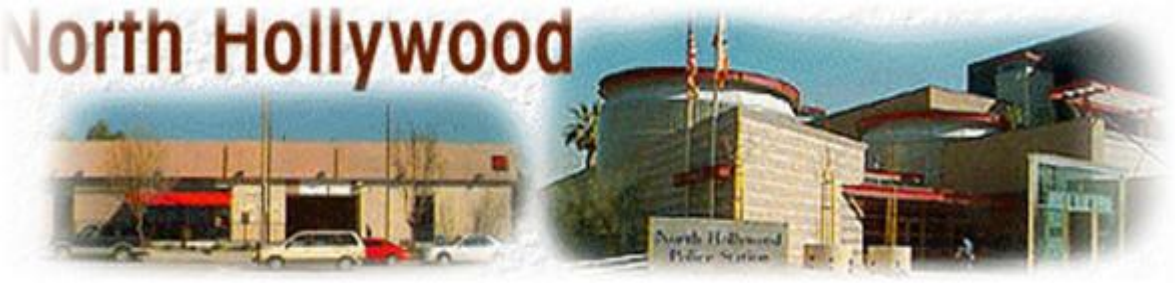
Current Crime Trends

Based on my statistics for this period, there was an increase in crime in the area bordered by Hart Street on the north, Kittridge Street on the south, Laurel Canyon Boulevard on the west and Lankershim Boulevard on the east. There was also a gang-related homicide near Vanowen Street and Simpson Avenue.



Community Events
North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
Strathern Street Elementary
7939 St. Claire Ave, School.
Wednesday, March 17, 2010.
7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Church of San Pablo
Valerio/Tujunga
Monday, March 8, 2010
7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Pentecostal Church
Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue
Wednesday, March 24, 2010.
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends
During the last period, my area experienced an increase in property crimes; primarily residential burglaries and burglary/theft from motor vehicles. Additionally, a slight increase in street robberies were reported during the second half of February.

Community Events
Government At Your Door Forum
Saticoy Elementary School
7850 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood
Thursday, March 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m

Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Los Angeles Police Department & the following agencies:
• The Office of the City Attorney
• The Bureau of Sanitation
• The Bureau of Street Services
• Building & Safety
• Los Angeles County Health Department
To discuss illegal vending, illegal dumping, yard sales and a number of other issues related to your quality of life. Spanish and Armenian translators will be available.

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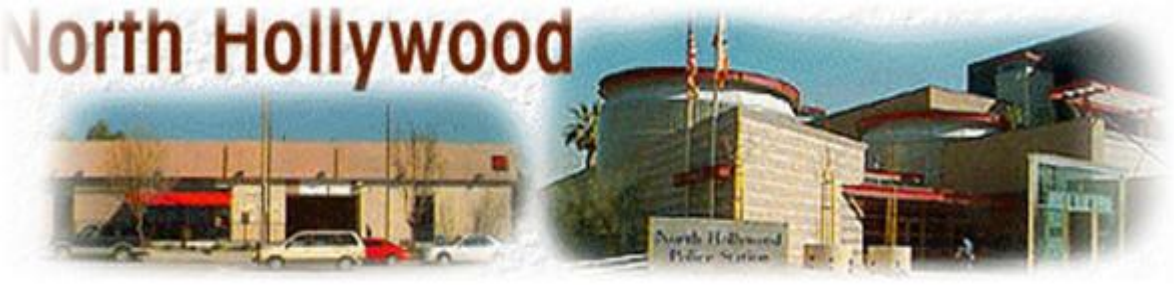
Current Crime Trends:
Based on the current crime statistics, my area had a slight increase in crime. The largest problem the area is experiencing is burglary/theft from motor vehicles. Also we had a slight increase in the amount of residential burglaries. The areas affected were Calvert Street and Tujunga Avenue.

Please remember to lock and secure your doors and windows when leaving your home and also please remember not to leave any valuables inside your car.

Community Events
Cleon Neighborhood Watch Meeting
6633 Cleon Avenue
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
1:00 pm



Lankershim Business Watch Meeting
6644 Lankershim Boulevard
Tueasday, March 16, 2010
1:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends
There has been an increase in vehicle thefts and vehicle break-ins along the Victory Boulevard corridor.

Community Events
Valley Village Neighborhood Watch
Victory Elementary
6315 Radford Street
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends
Based on my statistics for this period, there was an increase in property crime in my Basic Car area specifically surrounding the subway and bus line located at Lankershim Boulevard and Chandler Boulvevard. The crimes included grand theft auto and burglary/theft from motor vehicles. A special month long detail working with the Los Angeles Sheriffs will take place during March to focus on these problems.

Community Events
Mid Town North Hollywood Council Meeting
East Valley High School
5525 Vineland Avenue
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
6:30 pm

Burbank/Bonner Neighborhood Watch
11026 Burbank Boulevard
Wednesday March 3, 2010
7:00 pm

RD 1535 Neighborhood Watch
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Sunday, March 7, 2010
2:00 pm

Cahuenga/Chandle Neighborhood Watch
Hallenbecks Main Street Café
5335 Cahuenga Boulevard
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
7:00 pm

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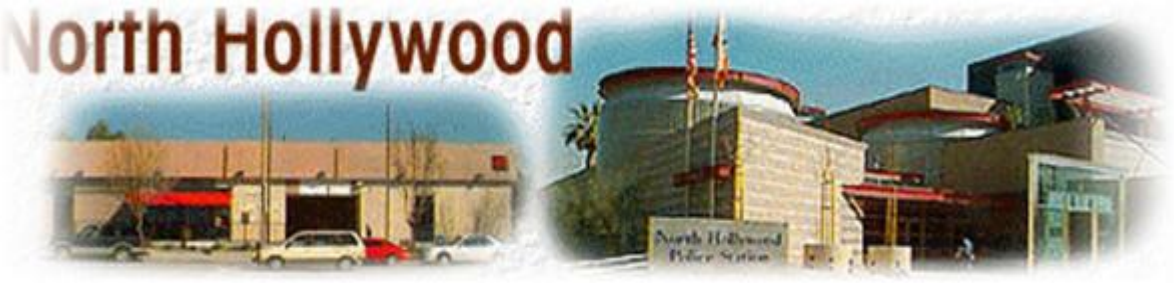
Current Crime Trends
Based on the current crime statistics, my area experienced an increase in the total number of crimes committed. The largest significant increase was in burglary/theft from motor vehicles and residential burglaries. The areas affected were in the southern and western portion of Valley Village. On some of the burglaries, residents left doors and windows



unsecured making easy for the suspects to enter. On the burglary/theft from vehicles, the owners left valuables in plain view making it inviting for the thieves. Please help us reduce these types of crimes in the Valley Village area.

Community Events

Valley Village Neighborhood Council
Colfax Elementary School
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village
Wednesday, March 17, 2010
6:30 pm

Valley Village Neighborhood Watch
Victory Elementary
6315 Radford Street
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends

Based on the statistics for this period, my area experienced an overall decrease in the total number of crimes committed. The largest significant decrease was in burglary/theft from motor vehicles in the NOHO Arts area. The area south of Magnolia, which has historically been high in car break-ins, only had one car broken into during this last month. This was the reason for the large overall reduction in crime. Crime was also down in grand theft auto, robberies and thefts. The only increase was in residential burglaries. There were several homes broken into south of Riverside Drive during the first week of January. Due to the deployment of various resources and directed patrol in RD 1555, this area has seen a significant reduction in crime for the month.

Community Events

Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting
Toluca Elementary
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends

The crime in the Studio City area is slightly up from the last month. The major problem continues to be burglary/theft from motor vehicles. There is still a heavy concentration of crimes in Reporting District 1586. This is south of Moorpark Street to Ventura Boulevard and east of Tujunga Avenue to the 170 freeway. There has also been heavy concentration of crime on Bluffside Drive. On a positive, note I have seen a decrease of vehicle break-ins in the Fryman Park area.

Community Events

Studio City Residence Association Meeting
Beverly Garland Hotel
4222 Vineland Avenue
Thursday, March 11, 2010
7:30 pm