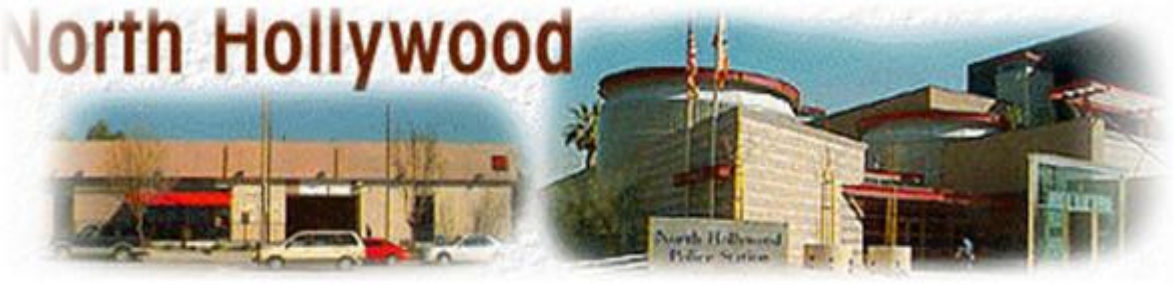

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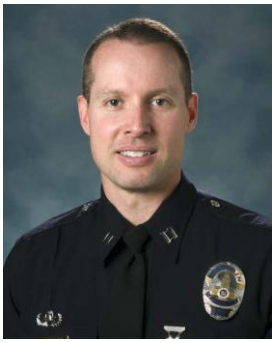

As the summer progresses, there are many positive developments in North Hollywood. First and foremost, crime in North Hollywood continues to decrease; this is a positive trend, particularly because summer is a high-crime time of year. Every single useable crime fighting entity within my command is being utilized to the utmost in our ongoing struggle with crime. Furthermore, we are constantly re-evaluating the strategies we use, how to most effectively maximize the use of our personnel, and our overall deployment on a daily basis. Our objective, as you can readily see, is to keep pushing our crime rate downward.

Burglary from Motor Vehicles (BFMVs) continue to be our area of biggest concern. In fact, it is the one statistic that is most problematic in all of North Hollywood. While many of our current strategies are working, much improvement in this area is still needed.

This is where you, the community member, come in. The officers of North Hollywood Area can't win this fight alone. Neighborhood Watches, Business Watches, Apartment Watches, and concerned citizens of every type are critical to our ongoing efforts in

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VALLEY VILLAGE: HOMICIDE VICTIM
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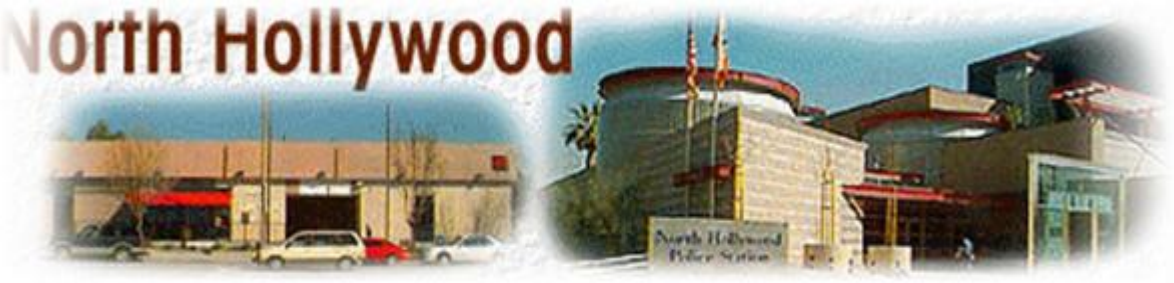
On July 24, 2010, at approximately 7:00 PM, Los Angeles Fire Department personnel responded to a residential fire in the 11500 Block of Riverside Drive in Valley Village. The Fire Department extinguished the blaze and discovered the body of 34 year old Chere Osmanhodzic, who lived at the residence.

This case is being handled as a homicide by the North Hollywood Homicide Detectives. Anyone with information is asked to contact the LAPD, North Hollywood Station at (818) 623-4016 or call Homicide Detectives at (818) 623-4705.

The suspect has been described as a male, Hispanic, in his mid-twenties, 5'8" tall, with a stocky build. He was wearing black shorts, a blue shirt and a black baseball cap turned backwards.



combating BFMVs. The ability to identify, locate, and arrest suspects involved in these crimes is utterly contingent on an alert public. Beyond this, we all need to be vigilant to remind ourselves not to leave obvious valuables of any kind in plain view in our parked cars. It is only with these efforts, that we can continue to win this battle against BFMVs in North Hollywood.

If you'd like to start a Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch or Apartment Watch program in your neighborhood, please contact the Senior Lead Office, at (818) 755-7679.

Community Announcements

National Night Out is an awareness-raising and community building annual event designed to help the public combat crime. North Hollywood's National Night Out Event is being held At 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 3rd, at West Park, on the corner of West Park Drive and Addiston Street. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nixle is a critical tool in keeping the public appraised in regard to police activity in their neighborhoods, and serves as a proven crime fighting strategy. Utilizing text messaging as its primary method in communicating with the public, Nixle is effective in distributing information to impacted communities with a very short turn-around time. We strongly encourage anyone living or working in North Hollywood to sign up for Nixle. Any interested party can sign up at LAPDonline.org.

Crime Briefing:

Overall for this year to date Part I crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, were down one percent from last year

Violent crimes are down 12 percent this year to date. Property crimes are up one percent, and total arrests are up by more than 9 percent.

Crime Prevention Tips

As always, please do not leave valuables in plain view in your car.

Also, be extra vigilant of your surroundings and continue to be extra careful when wearing very expensive necklaces and jewelry. Although the iPod and Bluetooth devices provide hands-free phone conversations and music, these accessories can be distracting when you are out in public, when you should be wary of strangers. As has been shown in a significant body of research on the subject, a sense of situational awareness and overall watchfulness often deters criminals when they are selecting possible victims.

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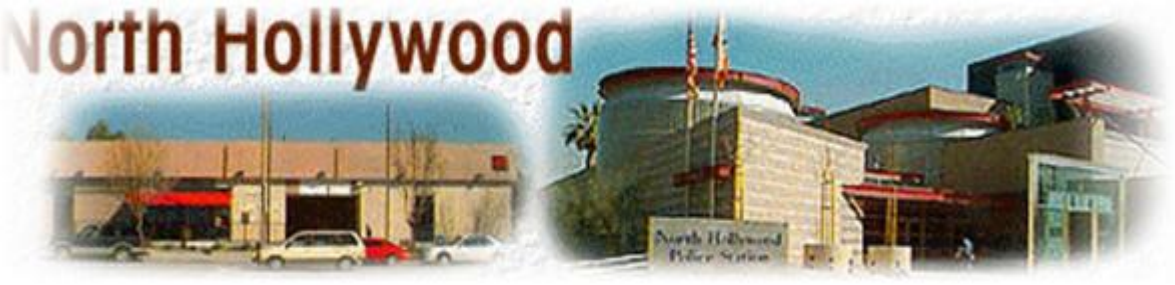
Current Crime Trends

Based on my statistics for this period there was an increase in aggravated assaults and robberies. Grand theft auto, burglary theft from motor vehicle and burglaries all had a major decrease. There was a 36% decrease in overall crime.

Community Events

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Valerio/Tujunga
Church of San Pablo



Monday, August 9, 2010, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue
Pentecostal Church
Wednesday, August 18, 2010.
7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
6929 Ben Ave
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
7:00 pm

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
Arminta Elementary Street Elementary
11530 Strathern Street
Thursday, August 19, 2010
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends
During the last period, Basic Car 15A21 experienced an increase in Robbery and Grand Theft Auto (GTA) incidents. North Hollywood Area Detectives are diligently working on identifying criminal similarities in two of the robberies, which involved guns; fortunately, none of the victims were injured. The majority of the reported GTA occurrences resulted in recovery of the vehicles within the San Fernando Valley area with the exception of one. On a positive note, Aggravated Assault incidents decreased this past period, and still year-to-date…no homicides! Your continued efforts have directly attributed to the continued decrease in Burglary Theft From Vehicle (BTFV) throughout the business and residential areas… "Lock it, Hide it, Keep it!" Lastly, with the recent heat waves, don't forget heat-sensitive family members, including your pets !!

Community Events
Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council Meeting
L.A. Valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue
Monday, August 2, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Area 15A21 Meeting
North Hollywood Area Police Station
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday, August 14, 2010
1:00 pm

North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2010
6:30 pm
[Location to be determined]

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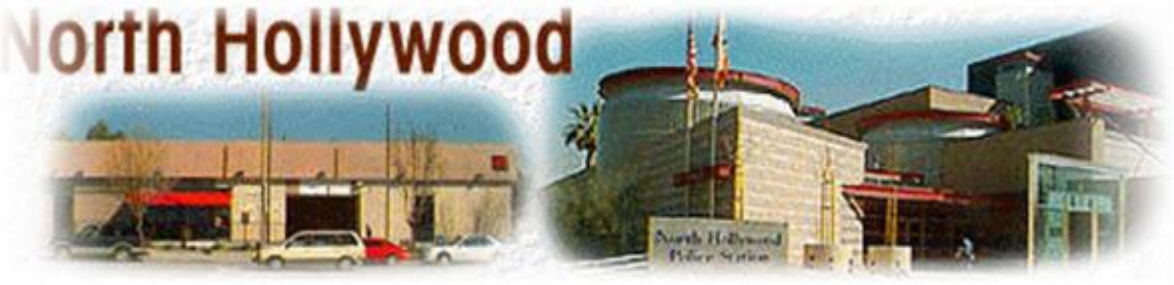
Current Crime Trends:
Based on the current crime statistics, my Area had a significant decrease in Aggravated Assault, BTFV, GTA, Burglaries, and Robberies. North Hollywood Area personnel and other planned organized task force operations have directly impacted the positive Part I crime numbers this past period.



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Current Crime Trends
The Area continues to experience a decrease in Aggravated Assault, BTFV, Burglary and Robbery occurrences. The only slight increase was Grand Theft Auto incidents. The Macys and Sears parking lots continue to experience aggressive enforcement for general and public nuisance issues, i.e., reported graffiti, trash and homelessness. Extra patrol has been initiated at the Victory Boulevard movie theatres for Part I Crime issues and the increased numbers of summer vacation patronage during the late afternoon and evening hours.

Community Events
Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue
Monday, August 2, 2010
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends
Overall, the Area experienced a decrease in the majority of Part I crime categories, with a slight increase in Aggravated Assault and Burglary. The MTA and NoHo Arts District has been a crime focus for many North Hollywood Area specialized units and task forces, to combat Part I crime. These efforts have paid off as indicated by the crime number reductions. Continued focused enforcement of property crime prevention will hopefully have a positive outcome of further decreased incidents.

Community Events
Area 35 Basic Car Meeting
North Hollywood Area Police Station
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Community Room
Sunday, August 1, 2010
2:00 p.m.

Mid Town North Hollywood Council Meeting
East Valley High School
5525 Vineland Avenue
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
6:30 pm

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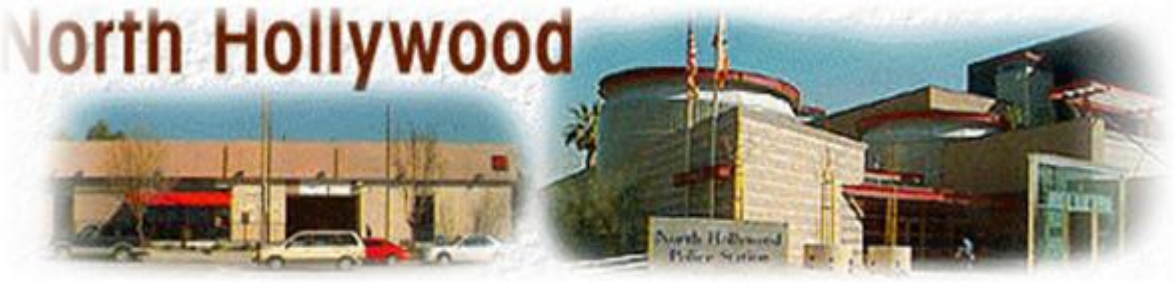
Current Crime Trends
Based on the current crime statistics, my Area had a slight increase in burglaries, and a continued reduction of BTFV and Robbery incidents. General and public nuisance complaints have been actively pursued while identifying problematic habitual homeless individuals.

Community Events
Valley Village Neighborhood Council
Colfax Elementary School
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village
Wednesday, August 18, 2010
6:30 pm



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Current Crime Trends
During the last period, there was a small increase in BTFV, with a reduction in Part I crime categories Grand Theft Auto, Burglary and Robbery. Significantly, the Area experienced no incidents of Aggravated Assault. Extra patrol has been directed to summer vacation areas of interest, Universal Citywalk and Ventura Boulevard, as heightened vehicle traffic and pedestrians congregate in these regions. Department entities have also assisted with more visible police presence, i.e., DUI check-points along Ventura Boulevard.

Community Events
Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting
Toluca Elementary
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard
Tuesday, August 17, 2010
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends
During the last crime rating period, the most significant change was the decrease in BTFV, which along with an added decrease with Aggravated Assaults, is quite a relief for citizens of Studio City. There was also no increase in Robbery occurrences during this same time frame. The only slight increase was Grand Theft Auto; however, overall the crime numbers were indicative of a percentage reduction. Focused investigative follow-ups with victims and North Hollywood Area personnel have assisted with identifying property crime suspects. Keep Up the Good Work!

Community Events
Studio City Residence Association Meeting
There are no SSRA meetings for August.