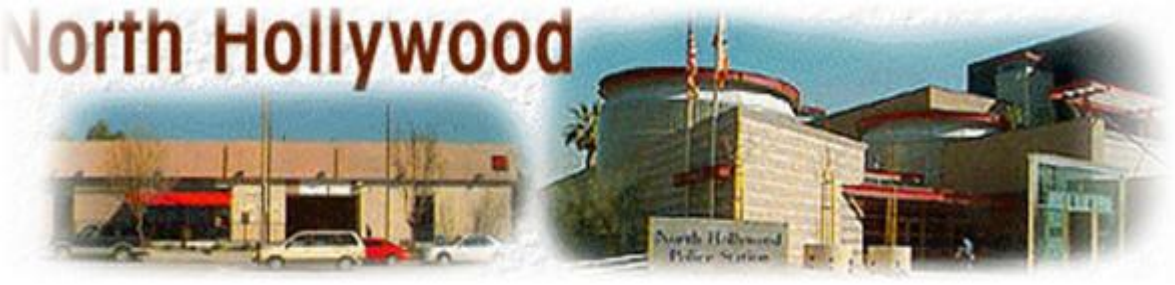

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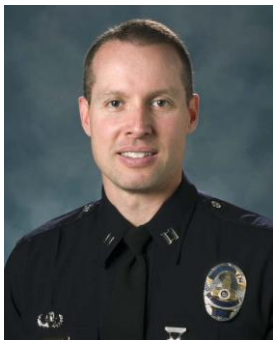


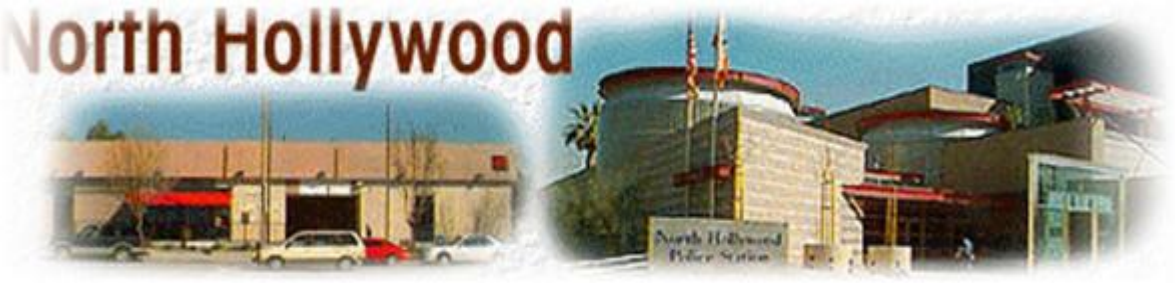
The holidays are now drawing near, and I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of the security of yourselves and your loved ones. Bicycle theft is a growing problem in our community, and with some simple steps, this problem can be combated. First, a high quality steel U-lock from a reputable manufacturer is one of the best defenses against bicycle theft. If such a lock is used properly – securing the bicycle tightly to a bike rack, or similarly mounted solid object bolted to the ground – it makes your bicycle a "hardened target," and bike thieves are likely to move on to easier pickings. Also, registering your bike at NationalBikeRegistry.com is a great way to ensure that if your bicycle is ever lost or stolen, it can be returned to you.

In addition, shopping bags and holiday gift packages left in cars are among the prime targets for suspects engaged in burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles – and this is an excellent opportunity to remind our neighbors about the principles of our "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It" campaign of recent months. Equally heartbreaking are stories of homes burglarized for their holiday gifts. When shopping during the holidays, please take a few extra moments to secure any packages in your vehicle out of sight, and also to improve upon or ensure the security of your home. A neighborhood watch is a great way to start.

If you'd like to start a Neighborhood, Apartment, or Business Watch program in your neighborhood, please contact the Senior Lead Office, at (818) 755-7679. All of these various Watch programs are helpful in combating these kinds of crimes. We are hopeful that with the help of neighborhood watch groups, and ongoing involvement by community members, we will be successful in our struggle against these property crimes.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to discuss North Hollywood Station's annual holiday events. Our primary focus will be on gift giving to the community. As we have in previous years, North Hollywood Station will be collecting toys to distribute to underprivileged children in local neighborhoods. These gifts will then be wrapped and redistributed throughout December. In particular, gifts will be distributed on Friday, December 16th at various Head Start schools in the community, and on Saturday, December 17th, additional gifts will be given at local senior living centers. Additional give aways will take place at the Activities for Retarded Children facility, and by patrol officers on the patrol caravan on Monday, December 19th.

If you'd like to participate by donating a gift in support of these events, please drop your unwrapped gift off at North Hollywood Station during the month of December, and make an underprivileged child happy this holiday season.



Community Announcements

Hats Off To Fight Crime

North Hollywood recently unveiled a new pilot program called, "Hats Off to Fight Crime." The purpose of the program is to reduce robbery and violence in retail establishments.

Many commercial robberies in the City of Los Angeles occur with suspects concealing their faces with hats, hoodies, or helmets. The 8" x 10" full-color "Hats Off to Fight Crime" sticker is available to any North Hollywood-based business. It is placed near the entrance of the business as a reminder to customers to remove their head apparel before entering.

Refusing to remove head apparel does not constitute a crime in of itself, but business owners do have the right to refuse service to persons so dressed. California law makes the obstruction or intimidation of businesses or its employees a misdemeanor (See §602.1 California Penal Code). Therefore, business owners have discretion in who they choose to serve based on apparel and the threat of criminal activity.

Businesses interested in the *Hats Off to Fight Crime* program can contact the LAPD, North Hollywood Community Police Station, Robbery Detectives Mahoney or Hammer at (818) 623-4061.

Nixle

Nixle is a valuable tool in updating the public as to police activity in their neighborhoods, as well as a tool to combat crime. Nixle utilizes text messaging as its primary method in communicating with the public, and has already shown itself to be extremely effective in distributing information, in real time, to impacted communities. 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

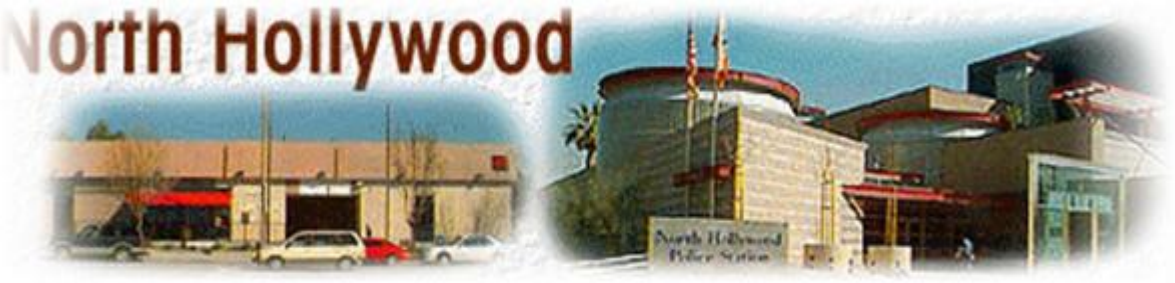
Part I Crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, are down 10 percent year to date.

Violent crimes are down 10 percent for 2011. This includes a 25 percent reduction in robberies. Aggravated assaults did rise nine percent.

Property crimes are down 10 percent, which includes a 20 percent reduction in Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles and a nine percent reduction in burglary.

Crime Prevention Tips

The holiday season is always accompanied by an increase in thefts. Please be vigilant concerning the securing of your property. When shopping in stores, do not leave your purse, cellphone or other property unattended. Be sure to watch your credit card when the clerk is scanning it. Sometimes seasonal workers may not be as trustworthy. Do not leave purchased



gifts in your vehicle in plain sight. They may be stolen. Lock them away in the trunk or take them home. It's nice to showcase the tree and interior decorations to the neighbors by leaving the windows uncovered, but remember, thieves can look in and see what you have and it could make your home a target. After the holidays, be careful how you dispose of your empty boxes. That empty carton at the curb that contained your brand new, big screen television is an advertisement to thieves that you have something they want.

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Current Crime Trends
During this period there was an increase in aggravated assaults and grand theft auto. There was a decrease in robberies, burglaries and petty thefts.

With the holiday season fast approaching, it's a good time to remember not to leave any valuables in plain sight when you go shopping.

Community Events
Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Church of San Pablo
Valerio Street/Tujunga Avenue
Monday, December 12, 2011
7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Pentecostal Church
Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue
Wednesday, December 21, 2011 7:00 pm

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
Arminta Elementary Street Elementary
11530 Strathern Street
Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:00 pm

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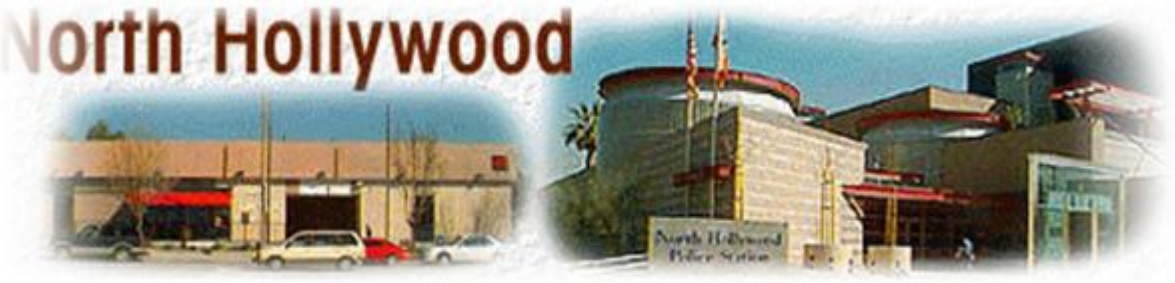
Current Crime Trends
Part I crime numbers continue to remain low in number, with the highest increase in GTA and/or BTFV incidents. Gang-related crimes continue to be the focal point of proactive enforcement by North Hollywood Area Patrol, Gang and specialized units. Remember during the holiday season to be extra vigilant keeping your residence and vehicle(s) locked and secured, as well as keeping all valuables hidden from view.

Community Events
15A21 Area Meeting
North Hollywood Area Police Station
Community Room
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday, January 7, 2012
1:00 p.m.



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Current Crime Trends
Based on the current crime statistics, my area had a slight decrease in Part 1 crimes. Please continue to remember to lock and secure your home and your vehicles.

Community Events
Lankershim Business Watch Meeting
6620 Lankershim Boulevard
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
1:00 pm

Cleon Neighborhood Watch
6633 Cleon Avenue
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
1:00 pm

Basic Car 15A33
Officer Jennifer DuVally
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Current Crime Trends
Based on the current crime trends, crime is slightly down this period. GTA (auto thefts) are slightly higher. I will be changing my basic car meeting from the Third Tuesday of the month to the first Saturday of every other month, starting January 7, 2012. This meeting will merge with the basic car meeting for 15SLO21.

With the Holidays upon us Please continue to Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It!

Community Events
Basic Car 15A33 Neighborhood Watch
North Hollywood Police Station Community Room
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday January 7, 2012
1:00 pm

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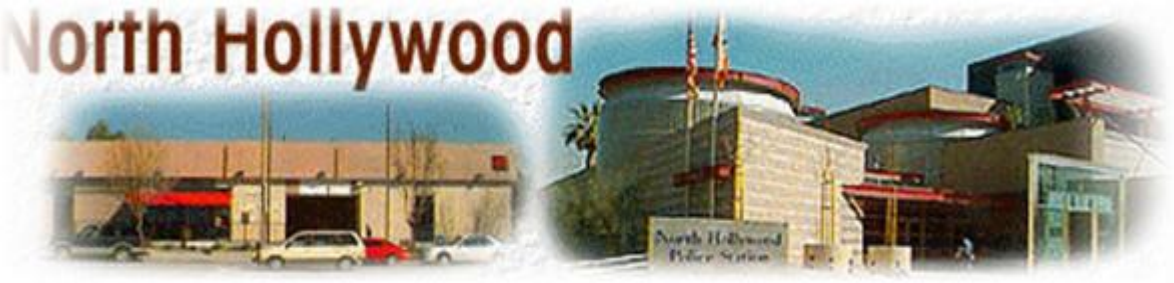
Current Crime Trends
Property crime continues to be reported in my Basic Car Area, specifically between Burbank Boulevard and Magnolia Boulevard (between Lankershim Boulevard and Vineland Avenue).

Numerous Burglary from Motor Vehicles (BFMV) incidents occurred from the street and secured parking structures. Clusters of residential burglaries were also reported, including a large number from multi-family apartments. Some suspects have been observed and one pattern included all suspects in possession of backpacks.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police. As always, video and photos are encouraged to be sent to my e-mail address at *32740@lapd.lacity.org*

Community Events
Mid Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Counsel
North Hollywood Park – Senior Center
Chandler Boulevard and Tujunga Avenue
Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 6:30 pm



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Current Crime Trends
Overall crime is down in our area. The only crime that is still a problem though is Burglary/theft from motor vehicles. Please be mindful during the upcoming holidays!

If you have any information that will help us apprehend the suspects involved in these crime please contact me or the North Hollywood Auto Detectives at (818) 623-4045.

Community Events
Valley Village Neighborhood Council
Colfax Elementary School
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village
Wednesday, December 21, 2011
6:30 pm

Basic Car 15A67
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Current Crime Trends
Based on the statistics for this period, we have had a good start this year. Year to date, crime in my Basic Car Area is down. We had a good reduction of crime in the NOHO Arts area. Burglary/theft from motor vehicles was down approximately 30 percent from January. We did continue to have a regular occurrence of car break-ins at workout facilities, particularly at L.A. Fitness, located at 3400 Cahuenga West. However, two suspects were arrested who were involved in the break-ins. Overall, auto thefts, robberies and other thefts remained about the same as last month.

Community Events
Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting
Toluca Elementary
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard
Tuesday, December 20, 2011
7:00 pm

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Current Crime Trends
Last week we had another burglary from motor vehicle at Fryman park. However, in this incident the victim did not lock her car and she left her purse in plain view. No matter where you are, please lock your cars and hide or remove your personal belongings. It makes your life easier as well as ours. Overall crime in Studio City is low, but I have also seen an increase of car break-ins in subterranean garages along Moorpark and Bluffside Drive. Be safe and keep an eye out on your neighbors.