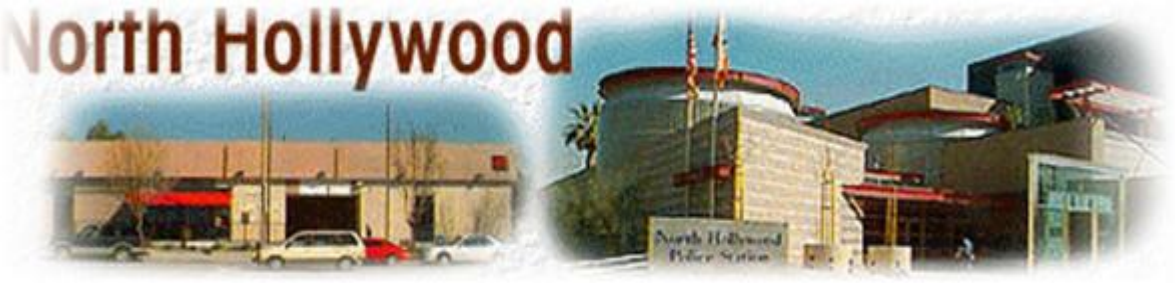

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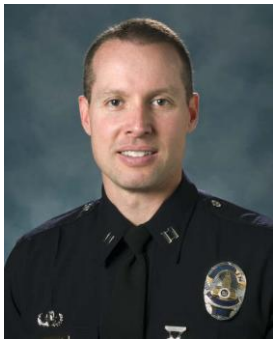

As we come to the end of the year we are coming into my favorite month and holiday. As we look forward to spending the holidays with family and friends we have to remind ourselves the importance of family safety. Every year we hear of tragedies about the effects of alcohol and driving. I encourage anyone who is having a holiday party to stress the importance of serving adult beverages responsibly. If you are going to a holiday party where alcohol will be served, make sure you've assigned a designated driver. As a rule of thumb, if you consume over two eight ounce mixed drinks in one hour, you could be over the legal limit of .08 Blood Alcohol Content. Remember, most drunk drivers are on our highways between the hours of 1:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. Please drive carefully and don't drink and drive.

Please be reminded that during the holidays, and as the temperatures cool, to have your smoke detectors and heaters checked by an authorized service repairman. Don't overload your electrical circuits with the use of holiday lights and electric heaters, we want to avoid any potential fires.

Before I end this newsletter, I remind you the importance of "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It." Please lock your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle and make sure when you leave your home that you lock and secure your windows and doors. From my family to yours; from my officers to our community, I want to wish all a safe and happy holiday season.

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Crime Briefing

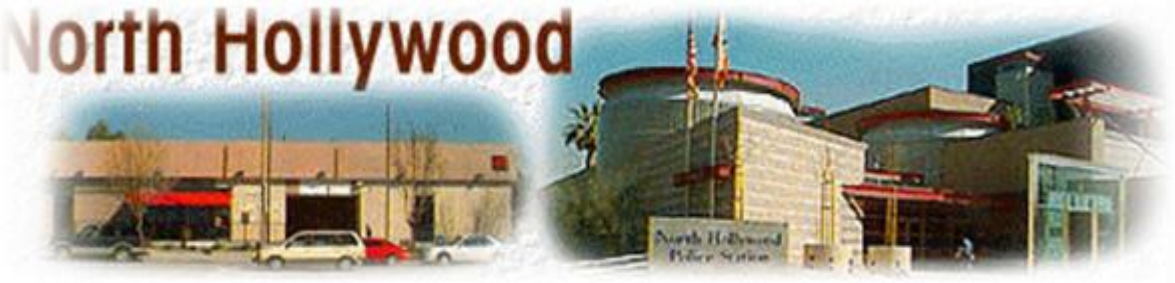
Part I Crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, are up .4 percent year to date.

Violent crimes are down 12 percent for 2012. This includes a 19 percent reduction in robberies and 5 percent reduction in aggravated assaults.

Property crimes are up 2 percent, which includes a 9 percent reduction in burglaries. We are currently up 8 percent in Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles.

Crime Prevention Tips

This holiday season, we are asking everyone to do their part in not becoming a victim of crime. The holiday season is almost always accompanied by an increase in thefts and other property crimes. Please take every precaution to secure your property and



prevent theft. When shopping in stores, dining at a restaurant, or out in public, please do not leave your purse, cell phone or any other personal property unattended. When parking your vehicle, please do not keep any items visible to pedestrians that may be passing by. Lock all items away in the trunk or leave items at home, when possible.

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 of 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.

Below are some crime prevention tips for those leaving on vacation.

- Make sure all the locks on the doors and windows function properly and use them.
- Ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your residence while you are away. Leave your vacation address and telephone number with your neighbors so that you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Make sure your smoke and burglar alarms are functioning properly and armed.
- Arrange for someone to maintain your yard so your home appears occupied.
- Have someone place your garbage cans at the curb for normal pickup and put them away after the pickup has been made.
- Suspend mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Turn the ringer on the telephone down low or off. A possible intruder will not be alerted to your absence by a ringing telephone. If you can, forward your calls to your cellular phone or a trusted individual.
- Leave a regular message on your answering machine; do not announce your absence on the answering machine.
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway while you are gone, so it will appear that someone is home. If you leave your car at home, park as you normally would.
- Consider taking valuables that you cannot live without to a safety deposit box.

We remind everyone to be cautious when using social media sites to announce vacations. Posting photos or advertising that you're out of town can be an invitation for a potential burglar.

Enjoy this holiday season and please remember to **"LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!"**

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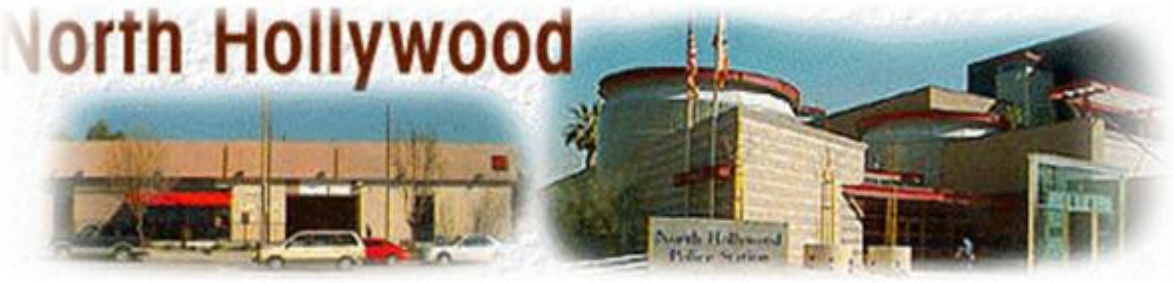
Current Crime Trends

During this period, there was an increase in Aggravated Assaults and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle occurrences; however, there was a decrease in Robbery and residential Burglaries. Grand Theft Auto numbers remained consistent with the last reporting period. With the holidays fast approaching please remember to "**LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!"** when you are going shopping at the malls. Don't become a victim of property crime!

Community Events

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Church of San Pablo



Valerio Street/Tujunga Avenue
Monday, December 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Pentecostal Church
Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue
Wednesday, December 19, 2012
7:00 p.m.

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
Los Angeles City Fire Station #89
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard
Thursday, December 20, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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Current Crime Trends
Part I crime numbers remained consistent overall; Grand Theft Auto occurrences continued to be the top crime in the Area. There was no discernable pattern to the stolen vehicles; however, the majority of them were parked on the street along major streets, i.e., Coldwater Canyon, Vanowen Street and Whitsett Avenue.

One Assault with Deadly Weapon shooting occurred at Ethel Avenue and Gault Street; there were no victims injured during this incident and Gang Detectives are handling the ongoing investigation. Gang enforcement remains a focus for Gang Enforcement Detail, who made a significant probation violation arrest in the 7100 Block of Fulton Avenue.

During the holiday season, be extra careful of your vehicle, purses, cell phones and other attainable valuables, which can be quickly taken in crowded situations, i.e., parking lots and retail stores.

Community Events
15A21 Area Meeting
North Hollywood Area Police Station
Community Room
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday, January 12, 2013
1:00 p.m.

Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council Meeting
L.A. Valley College Faculty Lounge
5800 Fulton Avenue
Monday, January 7, 2013
7:00 p.m.

North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting
** To Be Determined ** Please go to their website for any updates regarding future meeting(s).

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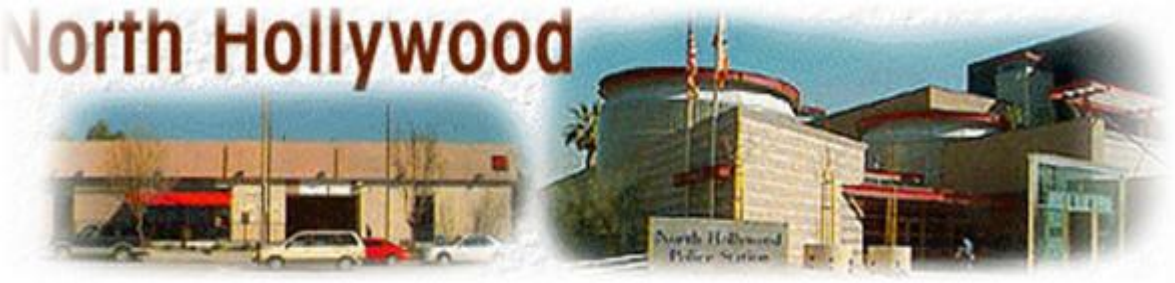
Current Crime Trends
Overall crime numbers decreased in all Part I Categories, except for Theft occurrences, which remained consistent. The Theft numbers can be attributed to retail stores, i.e., Target, due to shoplift



reports and/or arrests. Although the crime numbers are down, please remember to be vigilant and keep all valuables out of sight from vehicles and during your shopping trips. **"LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!"**

Community Events
Cleon Neighborhood Watch
6633 Cleon Avenue
Wednesday, December 12, 2012
1:00 p.m.

Basic Car 15A33
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Current Crime Trends
Based on the current crime trends, crime is slightly down this period; however, property crimes remain a priority focus. With the holidays upon us, please be more diligent in your efforts to not leave items/gifts in your vehicle in plain view. If anyone is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch, please contact me at the above-reference phone number. Please continue to **"LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!"**

Community Events
Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Valley College Faculty Lounge
5800 Fulton Avenue
Monday, January 7, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Basic Car 15A33 Basic Car Meeting
North Hollywood Police Station
Community Room
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday, January 7, 2013
1:00 p.m.

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Current Crime Trends
My Area continues to experience an increase in Property Crime, notably in secured multi-unit dwellings. As a result, vehicle parking garages have been subject to visible police enforcement, i.e., foot-beats and bicycle patrols. Many of the businesses and resident building owners and/or managers have been contacted regarding tightening up security in their parking structures. Innovative methods of social media have also been utilized to remind potential victims to "harden the target." If anyone in the community has any ideas of educating citizens to remove all valuables from their parked vehicles (street or secured parking structure), please contact me. **"LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!"**

Community Events
Mid Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Counsel
North Hollywood Park – Senior Center
Chandler Boulevard and Tujunga Avenue
Wednesday, December 12, 2012
6:30 pm

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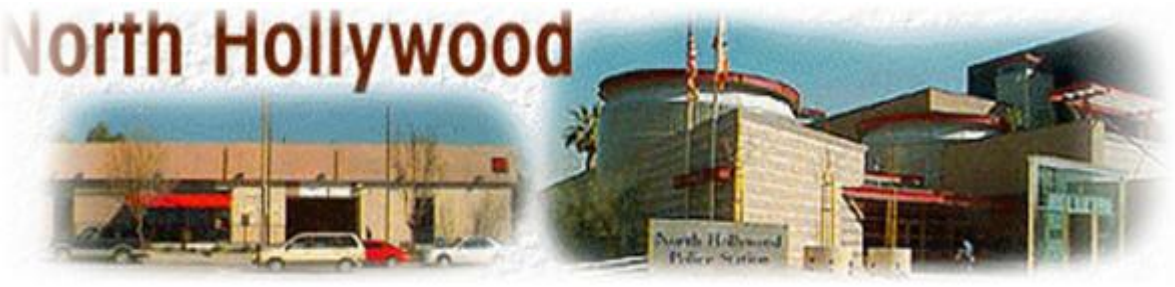

Current Crime Trends

Based on the current crime trends, Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles is the most frequent crime in the Basic Car Area. The majority of these crimes are occurring on the Chandler Boulevard corridor between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue. As technology becomes more advanced and expensive, their portable nature and convenience lends itself to the items being taken from vehicles, i.e., iPODS, iPADS and other social media devices. Please remember to remove these expensive items from your vehicles to prevent becoming a victim.

"LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!"

Community Events

Valley Village Homeowner's Association Meeting

Colfax Elementary School
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village
Wednesday, December 12, 2012
6:30 p.m.

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Current Crime Trends

Crime statistics in the NOHO Arts District area decreased significantly, especially in the area of Magnolia Boulevard and Lankershim Boulevard, and the immediate vicinity of these two intersections. North Hollywood Area police personnel continues to deploy visible and extra patrol resources in this area; however, "hardening the target" remains the best preventive measure. Lock your cars and bicycles, don't leave valuables in plain view, and continue to report suspicious activity and individuals. Taking a proactive stance towards crime prevention has proven very effective to reduce theft from vehicles.

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Community Events

Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting

Toluca Elementary
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard
Tuesday, December 18, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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Current Crime Trends

Studio City has experienced a continued decrease in Property Crime this reporting period; notably Fryman Park experienced an almost record low number of vehicle break-ins. This can be attributed to a united effort by park staff, extra patrol, and educating community members to take care of their valuable personal property.

The Basic Car Area is hoping for an overall decrease in crime for 2012; please continue to work in partnership with North Hollywood Area police personnel to end the year in decreased crime numbers.

Community Events

Studio City Resident Association Meeting

Beverly Garland Hotel
4222 Vineland Avenue
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.