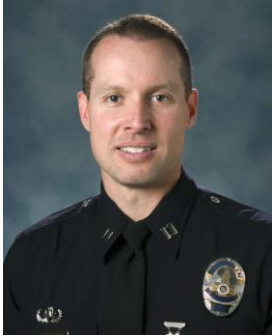




Captain Justin Eisenberg's Captain's Corner:



I hope this March Newsletter catches you in good health. As we continue through the first quarter of the year, we again are faced with some important challenges. One of the challenges that I'm asking for help is for everyone to protect your property that you leave in your vehicles.

I want to discuss the crime trends for the past month of February and what plans we have in place to reverse these trends.

For the month of February, we saw a decrease of **10%** in overall crime. However, our Burglary from Motor Vehicle, (BFMV) and Theft from Motor Vehicle, (TFMV) crimes increased substantially in the south end of the division. Grand Theft Auto (GTA) crimes were up 3.45%. The biggest increase of these crimes occurred around Fryman Park and the Ventura Boulevard corridor. That is Ventura Boulevard, between Coldwater Canyon to Laurel Canyon Boulevard. I urge the community to, ***"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It."***

I want to remind you of the example that I gave in last month's newsletter. It deserves repeating. Let's look at the bigger picture. The thieves in these crimes are looking into vehicles and spotting items worth stealing. Your purse, house keys, clothing, shoes, iPhones and GPS devices are all prime choices. These suspects break the window or force open the locks and enter your vehicle. From there, your valuable property is removed. By the time you have your vehicle window replaced, (\$300.00), take time off from work (half a day), and replace your laptop or iPhone (\$500.00) you are now out over \$800.00 plus your time. Please don't leave valuable items in your

car. Thieves will only break into your car if YOU leave something behind. You have to, ***"Lock It, Hide It Keep It."***

Be reminded that starting March 8th, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be starting to work on replacing the old broken water pipes around the area of Laurel Canyon and Ventura Boulevard. This project is expected to take about 6-weeks pending no major interruptions. I urge everyone in that area to drive carefully and have patience. Please show your respects to our City workers. If you have any questions regarding the closure or any questions in general please feel free to call Sergeant Dave Cueto, Officer-in-Charge, Community Relations Office, at (818) 623-4001.

If you'd like to start a Neighborhood, Business or Apartment 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 crime problems and forming these groups is a simple safety measure that will impact your community.

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Current Crime Trends

During this crime extraction period, there was a decrease in Robberies, Burglaries, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary Theft From Vehicle, and Aggravated Assaults. Notably, a Homicide occurred on February 3, 2013 at the El Merengue Bar, located at 12126 Vanowen Street. North Hollywood patrol officers responded to the bar for an "Ambulance

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Cutting” radio call at approximately 10:30 p.m. When officers arrived, they discovered a male victim in his 20’s with a stab wound; unfortunately, the victim succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The investigation is being handled by the North Hollywood Area Homicide Detectives. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please call (818) 623-4016.

Community Events

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Church of San Pablo
Valerio Street/Tujunga Avenue
Monday, March 11, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Pentecostal Church
Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
7:00 p.m.

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting

Los Angeles City Fire Station #89
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard
Thursday, March 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.

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Current Crime Trends

The challenge of keeping crime numbers low in the categories of Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and

Burglary Theft From Vehicle continues this crime period. Although the majority of Theft occurrences are retail-related (shoplift), the highest numbers for A21 Area continue to be valuables taken from vehicles. Notably, on February 28th, a gang-related shooting incident occurred at the 6900 Block of Fulton Avenue. The male victim sustained gunshot wounds; currently the case is under investigation by the North Hollywood Area Gang Detectives.

Community Events

15A21 Area Meeting

North Hollywood Area Police Station
Community Room
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday, March 16, 2013
1:00 p.m.

North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting

** To Be Determined ** Please go to their website for any update(s) regarding future meeting(s).

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Current Crime Trends

Based on the statistics from the last extraction period, there was an overall decrease in all Part I crime categories; however, Robbery and Burglary occurrences are still higher year-to-date from last year. Fortunately, Burglary and Burglary Theft From Vehicle incidents have decreased in the Area.

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Community Events

Cleon Neighborhood Watch

6633 Cleon Avenue
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
1:00 p.m.

Lankershim Business Watch Meeting

6620 Lankershim Boulevard
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
1:00 p.m.

Basic Car 15A33

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Current Crime Trends

Overall, crime numbers remain consistently low year-to-date; however, the greatest concern for the Area is Grand Theft Auto and Burglary Theft From Vehicle occurrences which are showing increases year-to-date from last year. The greatest crime prevention issue for the Area continues to be locking and securing valuables inside vehicles, which have been targeted by opportunists in congested parking areas. Please remember to “**Lock It, Hide It and Keep It**” to prevent your property from being stolen from your car.

Community Events

Basic Car 15A33 Basic Car Meeting

North Hollywood Community Room
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday, March 16, 2013
1:00 p.m.

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Current Crime Trends

The majority of the Area has been patrolled by North Hollywood Area Patrol, Detectives, Metro Transit Authority and Sheriff Department personnel, which has resulted in a reduction in overall Part I crime numbers in, and around, the NoHo Arts District. Of concern are the continuous commercial development and future openings of large businesses which would draw more pedestrians and vehicles to the immediate area; consequently, more victims could be targeted for property crimes. SLO is working in partnership with many of the existing businesses for installation of added electronic security devices and educating the community and businesses regarding property crime prevention methods.

Community Events

Mid Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Counsel

North Hollywood Park – Senior Center
Chandler Boulevard and Tujunga Avenue
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
6:30 p.m.

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Watch outreach was conducted with Commanding Officers and SLOs in attendance, which could potentially reach out to hundreds of community and business members. The success of decreasing crime activity is directly correlated with a partnership between the community and the police department.

Current Crime Trends

Fortunately, during this period, all categories of Part I crime remained at almost “record low” numbers for the Area. Significant arrests and continued visible police presence, as well as educational preventive efforts are all contributing factors for the recent reduction in property crimes. However, the community and businesses must continue to be vigilant for suspicious activity/persons to keep theft and property crime numbers low.

Community Events

Valley Village Homeowner’s Association Meeting

Colfax Elementary School

11724 Addison Street, Valley Village

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Community Events

Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting

Toluca Elementary

4840 Cahuenga Boulevard

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Basic Car 15A85

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Current Crime Trends

This reporting period there has been a continued significant crime issue with Burglary Theft From Vehicle in the Colfax Meadows, Woodbridge Park, and area of Ventura Boulevard and Vineland Avenue corridor. North Hollywood Area Detectives and SLO has reviewed numerous video surveillance of several “crews” and suspects targeting subterranean parking garages, vehicles parked on the streets, and/or driveways. Although three arrests for car burglars were made, vehicle break-ins continue.

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Current Crime Trends

During this crime extraction period, overall Part I crime numbers decreased including Grand Theft Auto, which had been the priority crime category last reporting period. The Area overall is low in crime numbers, and the recent successful resolution of the closure of a problematic nightclub has definitely kept Part I crime numbers low. Recent Neighborhood

Please don’t leave property inside your vehicle and always lock your car. Oftentimes, the cars are being targeted as they are parked on the street, which unlocked make an easy target. The majority of car burglars are between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00

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a.m. and vehicles parked on driveways, parking structures and/or street are being victimized.

Additionally, SLO received two more telephone calls from realtors who have advised their clients' jewelry was stolen during an open house event; consequently, all realtors and home owners hosting an open house need to safely secure their valuables whenever possible.

Community Events

Studio City Resident Association Meeting

Beverly Garland Hotel
4222 Vineland Avenue
Tuesday, March 12, 2013
7:00 p.m.