PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

December 2009

Captain's Message

During the year-end holidays, people are often busy, excited and sometimes a little bit careless. Through their carelessness, people become vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. The Pacific Community Police Station wants everyone to have a secure and happy holiday season by taking a few minutes from the rush to apply some simple holiday crime prevention measures.

Party

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests. Serve something to eat before guest start consuming alcoholic beverages. Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system. Remember, only time will eliminate alcohol from your body. The best rule to follow is "never drink and drive" – always designate a driver.

Home

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when leaving your house or apartment, even for a few minutes. Do not store holiday gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway, as doing so only tempts burglary suspects. Also, place holiday gifts in a safe place before leaving for any holiday festivities.

Shopping

- Shop before dark if possible. Try to coordinate shopping trips with a friend or family member. Always park in well-lighted areas. Lock all packages and gifts in the vehicle's trunk. Keep all doors locked and windows closed. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check, credit card, or debit card whenever possible.

Children

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter so you do not have to divide your attention from shopping to watching your child. Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you while shopping. Have your child stay close to you and never allow them to go to the restroom alone in public places. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

I would like to say thank you for all the hard work done this year via Community Based Policing. I am proud to say we have met and exceeded our crime reduction goals in many categories, which is a direct result of our relationship with you, the community. The Los Angeles Police Department and we at Pacific Community Police Station wish you a safe, responsible, happy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hiltner, Captain
Commanding Officer
Pacific Community Police Station

District News

Note: The crime statistics quoted are taken from a report published weekly by the City Of Los Angeles' Information Resources Division. These statistics are the most current available and represent the period of October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District
Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing - Cell Phone # 310-622-3968
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

· The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	18
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Autos	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft form Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. During this period BFMV suspects targeted vehicles that were left unsecured. During the holiday season it is common knowledge that people often hide gifts inside their vehicle. We must lock and secure our vehicles whenever it is unattended. Do not leave items of value in your vehicle in plain sight or concealed. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with high pedestrian traffic, BFMV suspects hate being seen committing their crime. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle. Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tips

- Shopping safety tips:

  If you must shop at night, do it with family or friends, also park in a well-lighted area. Do not park next to vans, large trucks or SUV's because they provide cover for BFMV suspects as they commit there crime.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve officers Meeting
Thursday, December 10, 2009 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District
Senior Lead Officer Teresa Skinner Cell Phone # 310-622-3970
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano – 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

· The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	4
Grand Theft Auto	7
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Robbery (Street muggings) has become a problem in our area. During this period you continued to lower crime in several category but robbery. During this time of year robbers really rely on surprise, force and quickness to carry out their crime. Street mugging, smash/grab, and stickups are on the rise during the holiday season. Avoid carrying extra cash, jewelry and other valuables at home while out shopping. Carry only what you need or intend to spend. Do not walk or shop alone at night if possible. Be alert at shopping malls when carrying packages to your vehicle, be alert for anyone following you or approaching you from the rear. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Shopping safety tips:

  Do not leave packages on the seat of your vehicle. This creates an unnecessary temptation for thieves. Never leave your vehicle running unattended while picking up a package; it is an invitation to have your vehicle stolen.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve Meeting
Thursday, December 10, 2009 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District
Senior Lead Officer Tom Wicks - Cell Phone # 310-622-3973
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	12
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex	0

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in 14A25 area. During this period suspects targeted vehicles that had items of value left in plain sight. During the holiday season BFMV suspects really concentrate on vehicles that are unsecured or have items of value in plain sight. While you are shopping lock all bags and other items of value in the trunk of your vehicle. Never leave or hide items in your glove-box it is the first place BFMV suspects look after they gain entry to your vehicle. At the end of the day remove all items from your vehicle and place them in the safe place inside your home. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have against crime. Contact your local police if you observe a crime in progress.

Safety Tip

- Shopping safety tips:

  When approaching and leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings. Do not approach your vehicle alone if there are suspicious people standing by. Ask mall or store security to escort you to your vehicle.

Reminder

- **A25 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEETING**
  Tuesday, December 8, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Pacific CRO Trailer
  12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A27 Palms District
Senior Lead Officer Juan Ceja - Cell Phone # 310-622-3975
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	20
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	19
Grand Theft Auto	10
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. During this period crime has increased in several areas but residential burglary has the largest growth. Lock and secure all doors and windows whenever you leave home. Be sure patio doors and pet doors are also secure. Also use proper lighting around your property, ample lighting helps deter burglary suspects. During this time of year be careful not to block windows and doors with lavish holiday day decorations that provide suspects with cover as they attempt to gain entry to your home. If you observe any suspicious activity be a good neighborhood and call the police right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

Shopping safety tips:

Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishap or take some type.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, December 2, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.
  I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
  3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

- **Basic Car 14A45 Marina District**

Senior Lead Officer Heidi Llanes - Cell Phone # 310-622-3971
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8

Grand Theft Auto	9
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. In several of the incidents that took place the victim left his/her vehicle unsecured. During the holiday season BFMV suspects look for unsecured vehicles with items of value in plain sight. While shopping place all items in the trunk of your vehicle. At the end of the day take all items of value out of your vehicle and place them inside your house or apartment. Avoid parking next to large vans, trucks and SUV's because they provide cover for BFMV suspects as they commit their crime. Join your local Neighborhood Watch it is still one of the best tools we have to combat crime. Report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible.

Safety Tip

- Shopping safety tips:

  Be extra careful if you carry a wallet or purse. They are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transits.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
  Tuesday, December 29, 2009 @ 7:30 a.m.
  Chase Burton Park

Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District
Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison - Cell Phone # 310-622-3972
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - Cell Phone # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

· The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	7
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	7
Grand Theft Auto	4
Sex Crimes	0
Homicides	0

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. Residential burglary suspects gained entry to several of the residents via unsecured rear doors

and windows. Lock and secure your home anytime it is unattended. Use sturdy door and window locks to help secure your home. Use timing devices to turn on inside lights and radios to give the appearance that your home is occupied. Setting timers to go on and off at different hours in the rooms is also a good safety precaution. Do not place gifts in the window of your home for all to see, it only attracts unwanted attention. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tip

- Shopping safety tips:

  Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home so you can report stolen or lost cards by their number. Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, December 9, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Pacific Community Police Station
  12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor
Senior Lead Officer Ruben Garcia - Cell Phone # 310-622-3976
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

· The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	6
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	42
Robbery	12
Burglary (Residential/Business)	20
Grand Theft Auto	9
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Vehicle (BFMV) has become a major problem in our area. In majority of the incidents the suspects targeted vehicles that were unsecured. Over half of the BFMV that occurred this period could have been prevented just by the victims securing their vehicle. Place all items of value in the truck or out of sight. During the holiday season do not leave gifts inside your vehicle especially inside the glove-box. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Shopping safety tips:

  Even through you are rushed and thinking of a million things you have to do, stay alert to your surroundings. Minimize shopping after dark or alone. Attempt to take a family member or friend with you to shop.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
  Thursday, December 17, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.
  LASO Sub-Station
  Ladera Shopping Center

Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District
Senior Lead Officer Tony Ramos - Cell Phone # 310-622-3978
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano- # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	23
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	9
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. During this period the suspects targeted vehicles with items of value in plain sight. At all cost we must STOP leaving items in plain sight inside your vehicle. Place items of value in the truck of your vehicle. Do not use your glove box as a traveling safe; it is the first place BFMV suspects look. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Also avoid parking next to SUV's, vans and large trucks, they provide cover BFMV suspects as they commit there crime. Install sensor lights around your property, ample lighting helps deter all types of burglary suspects.

Safety Tip

- Shopping safety tips:

  Dress casually and comfortably, avoid wearing expensive jewelry. Carry your wallet in your front pocket and your purse securely around your shoulder. Always carry your California Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, debit card, checks and credit card you expect to use.

Reminder

- **Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, December 30, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Reading Avenue, Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2009

Note: All event and meeting information is subject to change. To confirm dates, times, and locations call your Senior Lead Officer at 310-202-4515. Events will be added or updated as new information is received.

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, December 2, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, December 2, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

A25 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 8, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
SLO Wicks

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, December 9, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Madison

PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING
Thursday, December 10, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Sgt. Merlo

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (C-PAB)
NO MEETING in Decmber
6200 Playa Vista
Sgt. Merlo

LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, December 17, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, December 29, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.Chase Burton Park*SLO Llanes*

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, December 30, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of December

"Not what we give, but what we share. For the gift without giver is bare"

James R. Lowell

PACIFIC YOUTH PROGRAMS

Our youth programs are growing by leaps and bounds all over the city and especially here in Pacific Station. Pacific Area Boosters annual supports our efforts with the youth programs by providing the funds needed for trips, material and food. The majority of our kids are under privileged and the assistance they receive through our youth programs is invaluable to them. Pacific Area Boosters also supports our youth programs by funding our shoe program for kids, tutoring, swimming lessons, educational scholarships, Christmas toy drive for the needy children and much more.

Pacific Area Boosters Association needs your help in the form of a tax free donation. Please send all donations to Pacific Area Boosters Association, Inc. Los Angeles Police Department, Pacific Area P.O. Box 1529 Venice, and CA. 90294. For additional information on Pacific Area Boosters Association contact president Mary Ballot Richert at 310-664-7920, Fax 310-664- 7938 or email mrichert@mednet.ucla.edu, www.venicefamilyclinic.org.

The Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Area Station has two thriving youth programs DAP's (Deputy Auxiliary Police) and Explorers. The DAP's program covers ages 9-13 helping boys and girls to develop a positive relationship with the police as well as installing integrity,

leadership skills, positive communication and community involvement. We achieve these goals through participation in sports, field trips, craft activities and personal tutoring.

Our Explorers program develops leadership and discipline in young people between the ages of 14-21. These young men are interested in serving the community by assisting the police and learning basic police skills and procedures. The young men and women of the Explorers program are also assisted with becoming police officers, attending college and becoming valued members of our community.