#### PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

February 2010

Captain's Message

Pacific Area Community Police Station has a new Commanding Officer Captain Jon F. Peters.

Captain Peters was born in Santa Monica, and raised in Fresno, California. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Loyola Marymount University, and a Masters of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University.

Captain Peters joined the Department in 1987, was promoted to Detective in 1994, to Sergeant in 1996, and to Lieutenant in 2005. Peters has worked a variety of assignments including, Patrol, Gangs, Narcotics, Training, Internal Affairs and Metropolitan Division.

As a Sergeant, Peters planned and coordinated the Department's hosting of the 2004 International Associate of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference. For his efforts, Peters was awarded the Los Angeles Police Commission's Distinguished Service Medal and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Distinguished Service Medal.

As a Lieutenant assigned to Metropolitan Division, Peters was the Officer-in-Charge of the Mounted Platoon, and as the Assistant Officer-in-Charge of SWAT.

Peters promoted to Captain I in July of 2008, and was assigned as the Commanding Officer of North Hollywood Patrol Division. On January 3, 2010, Peters was upgraded to a Captain III and was assigned as the Commanding Officer for Pacific Area.

Captain Peters has been married for over 20 years and is the proud father of six children.

Captain Hiltner has been transferred to Foothill Division; we thank him for all of his hard work and dedication here at Pacific Station and wish him well at his new assignment.

Sincerely,

Jon F. Peters, 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 December 1, 2009 through December 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

| Aggravated Assaults             | 4  |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Burglary / Theft from Vehicle   | 7  |
| Robbery                         | 2  |
| Burglary (Residential/Business) | 10 |
| Grand Theft Autos               | 3  |
| Sexual Crime                    | 1  |
| Homicide                        | 0  |

• During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. People do not always agree; when they don't they usually have three choices. They can avoid each other (avoid a problem that does not go away), fight (not healthy) or solve the problem. By solving the problem both parties listen to each other, find a solution that both parties can live with. It is ok to disagree but how you handle the problem that counts. Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

#### **Safety Tips**

• Inventory safety tips:

Make an inventory of your valued possessions. Include the make, model, serial number and value of each item. This procedure can help simplify insurance claims during a difficult time.

#### Reminder

# **Pacific Reserve officers Meeting**

Thursday, February 11, 2010 @ 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

| Aggravated Assaults               | 3 |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Burglary / Theft from Vehicle     | 7 |
| Robbery                           | 1 |
| Grand Theft Auto                  | 1 |
| Burglaries (Residential/Business) | 3 |
| Sexual Crime                      | 0 |
| Homicide                          | 1 |

• During this rating period Homicide (Street) has continued to be a problem in our area. In our community a life was brutally taken in a rape/homicide incident. On the 1600 block of Electric Av. a unknown suspect approaches victim, rapes her, then uses a sharp object stabbing her several times causing victim to die. Anyone with information about this incident contact Pacific Area Homicide at (310) 482-6369. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

# **Safety Tips**

• Home safety tips:

Be cognizant of your home when you return, if you notice signs of entry, do not go in. Go to a neighbor's or a place of safety and call the law enforcement officials. If you are already inside do not confront the intruder. Give the intruder plenty of space to flee while obtaining a good mental picture for a description.

#### Reminder

#### **Pacific Reserve Meeting**

Thursday, February 11, 2010 @ 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

| Aggravated Assaults             | 0  |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Burglary / Theft from vehicle   | 19 |
| Robbery                         | 2  |
| Burglary (Residential/Business) | 11 |
| Grand Theft Auto                | 6  |
| Homicide                        | 0  |
| Sex                             | 0  |

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in 14A25 area. In the majority of the incidents the victims continue to leave their home unsecured. Whenever you leave home lock and secure all doors/windows. Also lock all upper level patio doors as well as pet doors. Install window locks or pegs on all windows for extra security. Install sensor lights around your property, ample lighting helps deter burglary suspects. Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will give intruders fewer places to hide. 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**

• Telephone safety tips:

Do not let callers you are home alone, or the times of day when your home is empty. Retrieve answering machine messages often. Never give out credit card numbers or personal information over an open line.

#### Reminder

#### A25 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 @ 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults 2 Burglary / Theft from Vehicle 25

| Robbery                         | 7  |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Burglary (Residential/Business) | 14 |
| Grand Theft Auto                | 14 |
| Sexual Crime                    | 0  |
| Homicide                        | 0  |

• During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in the Westside Village area. This period crime has decreased in several categories across the board. Lock and secure all doors and windows whenever you leave home especially patio doors/ pet doors. Ample lighting helps deter burglary suspects, sensor lights around your property is very a good solution. Consider having a pet, dogs are a good deterrent for burglary suspects. 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**

Party safety tips:

Watch your drink at all times when sitting at the table. Do not drink something you did not open or get yourself. There are many "date rape drugs" that can be put in drinks. These drugs can cause intense drunkenness, difficulty moving and in some cases memory loss.

 Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2010 @ 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

| Aggravated Assaults             | 2  |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Burglary / Theft from vehicle   | 14 |
| Robbery                         | 3  |
| Burglary (Residential/Business) | 17 |
| Grand Theft Auto                | 9  |
| Homicide                        | 0  |
| Sex Crime                       | 0  |

During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. In several of the incidents that took place the victim left their vehicle unsecured. Anytime your vehicle is unattended it should be secured even the vents. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic, GTA suspects do not like to be seen committing there crime. Turn wheels sharply left or right and set the emergency brake. This makes it harder for GTA suspects to tow your vehicle. 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**

• Strangers at the door safety tips:

Never open the door to strangers. If possible, check on callers through a peephole or glass panel. Consider installing a peephole if you do not have one. If someone needs help, offer to call while they wait outside. Keep your door closed at all times.

#### Reminder

 LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, February 23, 2010 @ 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

| Aggravated Assaults             | 2 |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Burglary / Theft from vehicle   | 5 |
| Robbery                         | 4 |
| Burglary (Residential/Business) | 5 |
| Grand Theft Auto                | 4 |
| Sex Crimes                      | 0 |
| Homicides                       | 0 |

• During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime was reduced this period except for street robberies. Robbers rely on surprise, force and quickness, that is why it pays to be aware of what is going on around you. Robbery can occur anywhere on the streets, at work, near your home in stores, etc. Do not walk alone at night if possible. Avoid shortcuts do not walk through closed parks, schools and dark alleys. Walk in the middle of the sidewalk, this is especially important at night. It can foil robbers hiding in storefronts, doorways, alleys, and

between or under parked vehicles. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

## **Safety Tip**

• Motorist safety tips:

Do not pull over for flashing headlights (emergency vehicles have red or blue flashing lights) or if a motorist says something is wrong with your vehicle. To check your vehicle, drive to the nearest service station.

#### Reminder

## • SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 @ 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

| Aggravated Assaults             | 2  |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Burglary / Theft from vehicle   | 21 |
| Robbery                         | 3  |
| Burglary (Residential/Business) | 19 |
| Grand Theft Auto                | 5  |
| Sexual Crime                    | 0  |
| Homicide                        | 0  |

• During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a major problem in our area. In majority of the incidents the suspects targeted unsecured residential homes. Lock and secure all doors/windows anytime your home is unattended. Another easy entry point for burglary suspects are poorly protected patio and glass sliding doors. Consider pets, dogs are a good deterrent for burglary suspects; they often try to find homes that do not have dogs. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

## **Safety Tips**

• Service calls safety tips:

Ask service personnel for company identification and driver's license. Call the person's home office to verify any unexpected calls. Have the service person to pass the information under the door.

#### Reminder

# • Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010 @ 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 December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009:

| Aggravated Assaults             | 0  |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Burglary / Theft from vehicle   | 19 |
| Robbery                         | 5  |
| Burglary (Residential/Business) | 10 |
| Grand Theft Auto                | 2  |
| Sexual Crime                    | 0  |
| Homicide                        | 0  |

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Remember your attitudes and actions are the keys to preventing auto theft, damage and misuse. BFMV suspects targeted vehicles that were left unsecured with property of value left in plain sight. Stop leaving items of value in plain sight place them 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. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against all crime.

# **Safety Tip**

• Bank machine safety tips:

Use only well-lit machines at night. Be cognizant of your surroundings and do not turn your back completely, stand sideways so you can see the street. Do your business quickly. Conceal your cash at once. Be your to remove your transaction receipt.

#### Reminder

## • Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Reading Avenue, Los Angeles

# **Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2010**

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, February 3, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. Loc. TBA SLO Garcia

#### PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja* 

#### A25 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ADVISOR Y BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific CRO Trailer 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles SLO Wicks

## SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Madison* 

## PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING

Thursday, February 11, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Sgt. Merlo* 

#### GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles

## COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (C-PAB)

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 6200 Playa Vista *Sgt. Merlo* 

#### LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, February 18, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station SLO Garcia

# La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park *SLO Llanes* 

## READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia* 

## Wisdom for the month of February

"A person is the sum of their actions, of what they have done, of what they will do, nothing else."

Mahatma Gandhi

# **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 <a href="mailto:mrichert@mednet.ucla.edu">mrichert@mednet.ucla.edu</a>, 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.