PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

February 2010

Captain's Message

I am often approached at different events (Neighborhood/Business Watch Meetings, Block Captains Meeting, etc.) and asked "What is BFMV and what can I do about it?" BFMV stands for "burglary from motor vehicle" and it is a crime where a vehicle is broken into and something of value is taken from the vehicle, the vehicle is not normally taken.

Pacific Area Officers have discovered that BFMV's occur most often when items of value are left in plain sight in parked vehicles. Even if the item left visible is not in fact valuable, the suspects do not know this, so they will be tempted to smash your window and remove your property.

The following are crime prevention tips from Pacific Area Detectives to help combat BFMV:

- Always lock & secure your vehicle when it is unattended.
- Close all windows & vents to your vehicle when it is unattended.
- Do not leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle.
- Always arm & deploy any alarms you have for your vehicle.
- When possible park your vehicle in well-lit areas.
- *Do not leave items of value inside your vehicle in plain sight.*
- Check on your vehicle periodically also check on your neighbor's vehicle.
- If you see suspicious activity near any vehicle, call 911 immediately.

In an effort to increase awareness about BFMV we have started a new Bumper Sticker Program. We are asking the community to place our free "Leave it, Lose it" bumper sticker on their vehicle. It may remind you and save you from becoming a victim of crime. Anyone interested in more Crime Prevention Information, call LAPD Pacific Community Police Station, (310) 482-6335.

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 January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	17
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	5
Grand Theft Autos	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	12

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. We experienced a good reduction in several categories during this period but BFMV's almost doubled. Stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle, by doing so only increases your chances of becoming a victim of BFMV. Place items of value in the truck of your vehicle and at the end of your day take all items into your home with you. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tips

- Building number safety tips:

  As a homeowner or renter it is important that police, fire department or paramedics respond to your resident they must be able to see your address clearly. Always make sure that the numbers on your building or home are clearly visible from the street.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve officers Meeting

Thursday, March 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 January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	7
Robbery	4
Grand Theft Auto	3
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	9

- During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a problem in our area. Street muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. Robbery can occur anywhere, on the street, at work, in stores or near your home. Be cognizant of your surroundings and use caution as you walk around throughout the day. Darkness gives robbers the advantage, do not walk at night alone, and take someone with you. Avoid shortcuts, cutting through closed parks, schoolyards and dark alleys can lead to trouble. Travel light leave extra money and expensive jewelry at home, this helps make you less of a target. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Doors safety tips:

  No locks in the world will protect you if the doors that they are mounted on are hollow core construction. Entry doors for homes and apartments should be made of solid core construction, which provides added strength against forced entry.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve Meeting
Thursday, March 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 January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	23
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	16
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	21

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in 14A25 area. In the majority of the incidents the items of value were left in plain sight. Items of value left in plain sight inside your vehicle are a welcome mat for BFMV suspects to burglarize your property. Whenever your vehicle is unattended lock and secures all doors/windows. Also close all air vents. Do not use your glove-box to store items of value it is the first place BFMV suspects look. Place all items in the truck of your vehicle and at the end of your day take all i9tems inside your home with you. 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

- Deadbolt locks safety tips:

  All exterior doors, including the door to the garage, should have deadbolt locks installed on them. The bolts should reach inside the door frame at least one inch into the doorframe in the locked position, and should also have a hardened steel insert to prevent anyone from sawing through it.

Reminder

- **MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING**
  Thursday, March 25, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
  3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A27 Palms District</u>
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 January 1, 2010 through January 31,
  2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	21
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	17
Grand Theft Auto	12
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	9

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in the Westside Village area. This period crime has continued to decrease in several categories. When you leave home lock and secure all doors and windows. Also do not forget to secure patio and 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

Double doors safety tips:

Double doors should be secured by flush bolts at the top and at the bottom of the inactive door. The bolts should extend at least one inch into the frame. For maximum results the doors should be of solid core construction.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, March 3, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
  I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
  3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

- **<u>Basic Car 14A45 Marina District</u>**

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 January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	14

Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	17
Grand Theft Auto	9
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	14

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) become a problem in our area. In several of the incidents that took place the victim left their resident unsecured. Burglary suspects look for the easy targets, they want to get in quickly and quietly. The harder you make it for them, the lower your risk of a break-in. No lock in the world can protect you if the doors they are mounted on are not solid core doors. Install window locks on all windows for extra protection. Place sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest lights for fear of being seen committing their crime. Plant thorny bushes around windows and walkways, this will help eliminate hiding places for suspects as they attempt to break into your home. 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

- Louvered windows safety tips:

  The only sure way to protect this type of window is to either replace it or cover it with security bars. It is too easy to remove the glass from this type of window even when it is closed and locked.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
  Tuesday, March 30, 2010 @ 7:30 a.m.
  Chase Burton Park

<u>Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District</u>
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 January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	7
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	6
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Auto	11
Sex Crimes	0

Homicides	0
Theft	6

- During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has continued to decline this period except for GTA's. Often our attitudes and actions are the keys to preventing GTA's. Dusk to mid-evening are the peak hours for most GTA's but round the clock vigilance is required. Many GTA's suspects do not need to break in your vehicle they simply gain entry through unlocked doors. Lock and secure all door/windows whenever your vehicle is unattended. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Turn your vehicle wheels sharply to the left or right and set your emergency brake. This makes it harder for a GTA suspect to tow you vehicle. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tip

- Trees and shrubs safety tips:

  In order to not afford a burglar good cover for entry into your home, clear all doors and windows of trees, shrubs and bushes. A burglar will look for a concealed point of entry so they will not be seen committing there crime.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, March 10, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Pacific Community Police Station
  12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor</u>
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 January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	21
Robbery	11
Burglary (Residential/Business)	17
Grand Theft Auto	11
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	20

- During this rating period Grand Theft Auto's (GTA) has become a major problem in our area. In majority of the incidents the suspects targeted unsecured vehicles. Lock and secure all doors and windows anytime your vehicle is unattended. Also close all vents and air ducks. Park in well-lit areas where there is plenty of passer-by traffic. Avoid parking near large truck, vans and SUV's they provide cover for GTA suspects as they gain entry to your vehicle. Always carry a record of your vehicle vital statistics (License number, make, model, etc.) it makes it easy to complete a police report if necessary. 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, March 18, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.
  LASO Sub-Station
  Ladera Shopping Center

<u>Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District</u>
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 January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	18
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	27
Grand Theft Auto	6
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	14

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. Most burglary suspects seek easy targets. They want to get in quickly, quietly and unseen. The harder you make it for them, the lower your risk of break-in. Lock all doors and windows whenever your home is unattended.

Motion sensors around your home is also a good deterrent, burglary suspects detest lights for fear of being seen committing their crime. Place gravel beds below windows. Gravel can be noisy and tough to sneak across without being heard. Make sure trees and bushes do not hide or block windows, doors and walkways from public view. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against all crime.

Safety Tip

- Window Bars safety tips:

  Another alternative for home protection is steel window bars. This type of protection is good if the window bars can be released from the inside in case of an emergency. In case of a fire, the bars can release and open out for escape.

Reminder

- **Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, March 31, 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, March 3, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, March 3, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Madison

PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING
Thursday, March 11, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Sgt. Merlo

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, March 16, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (C-PAB)
Wednesday, March 17, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
6200 Playa Vista
Sgt. Merlo

LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING
Thursday, March 25, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles
SLO Wicks

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, March 30, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.
Chase Burton Park
SLO Llanes

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, March 31, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of March

"Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action."

Benjamin Disraeli

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.