PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

April 2010

Captain's Message

In an effort to keep our community informed of public safety issues and community information, Pacific Community Police Station and I invite you to join Nixle. Nixle is a service that is free to the public and allows Pacific Station and other authorized public safety agencies to send critical information to registered users en masse.

Nixle is similar to Twitter with some distinct and unique differences. To send 100,000 e-mails or texts via Twitter it would take hours, which is unacceptable in an emergency situation. By using nixle, emergency information can be sent to 100,000 people in one minute with 99.9% accuracy.

Nixle's infrastructure has made it possible for people to receive information directly from the police department. The user can decide the level of information they receive so they do not feel overwhelmed. Those who like to be connected and like to be "*in the know*" can choose to receive all messages. Those who only want to know about serious issues can de-select everything except "Alerts." You choose the information you want, for the addresses you want, all delivered at no cost, by text message, email or over the web.

I encourage everyone to try out the service by registering today. To register go to www.nixle.com.

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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010.

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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	22
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Autos	5
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Sexual Crime has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Rape is a sexual act committed against a person's will; usually violence is associated with this act. Vary your daily routine, if possible, so it is not predictable. Avoid isolated places, such as laundry rooms and garages when you are alone. Make your limits clear before you get into a sexual situation. Meet new dates at your destination and avoid secluded places such as closed parks or beaches. Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tips

- Apartment building safety tips:

  Light the outside of your building to discourage prowling or loitering. Use outside floodlights for all entryways, pathways, stairwells and laundry, trash and parking areas. Also use motion detector or light sensitive switch so lights switch on automatically during hours of darkness.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve officers Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District</u>
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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	10
Robbery	2
Grand Theft Auto	2
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	8
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	8

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. In several categories we reduced crime but burglaries increased. Most intruders seek easy targets. They want to get in quick, remove items and get away unseen. Lock and secure all doors/windows whenever you leave home. Install motion sensors around your home, ample lighting helps deter burglary suspects. Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will give intruders fewer places to hide. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Window safety tips:

  Install quality locks on all windows and use them. When a window is left open for ventilation, keep the opening small enough to prevent entry from intruders.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District</u>
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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	5
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	4
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	12

During this rating period Theft has become a problem in 14A25 area. In the majority of the incidents the items of value were left unprotected. Theft is defined as the unlawful taking of others property. To avoid thefts we must protect our property by securing them. All bikes left outside should be secured with a lock and sturdy chain. Avoid leaving items of value in plain sight. Lock and secure all garages and storage bins as you would 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

- Driving safety tips:

  Travel on busy, well-lighted streets. Keep your vehicle in good running order and avoid being strained in remote places. Drive with all vehicle doors locked and keep your windows rolled up as much as possible.

Reminder

- **MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING**
  Thursday, April 22, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
  3838 Centinela Av., 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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	22
Robbery	8
Burglary (Residential/Business)	6
Grand Theft Auto	7
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. This period crime has continued to decrease in several categories but street muggings has increased. Robbers rely on surprise, force and quickness that is why it pays to be aware of what is going on around you. Do not walk at night alone if possible, avoid shortcuts and travel light. If you think you are being followed or targeted walk to an open business police

or fire station. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

Home burglary safety tips:

If a door or window has been forced open or broken while you were out, do not enter your home, because a burglar maybe still inside and dangerous. Use a neighbor's telephone or your cell phone to call the police. Advise the police were you will be waiting for them.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, April 7, 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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	8
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Auto	2
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	34

During this rating period Theft (Residential) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has declined in all categories except for theft. In the majority of incidents items were taken that were not secured. All garage and storage bins should be locked and secured as you would secure your home. Install motion sensors around your garage as well as your home. Do not leave items of value lying around in plain sight. 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

- Parking safety tips:

Choose well-lit parking areas, look for loiters before exiting your vehicle. Always turn off the ignition, remove the key and lock your vehicle doors, no matter how soon you on returning.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
  Tuesday, April 27, 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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	6
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	1
Grand Theft Auto	5
Sex Crimes	0
Homicides	0
Theft	3

- During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in our area. In the majority of the incidents that took place the victim and suspect knew each other. It is normal to disagree, how we handle the disagreement is what counts. When you lose your temper try to cool down. Walk away, take some deep breaths and attempt to think clearly. Talk to the other person, take turns speaking, listen to what is being said and be willing to compromise to find command ground. If you cannot work out a solution between yourselves sometimes a third person can help two people work out a problem. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tip

- If followed while driving safety tips:

  Drive to the nearest police or fire station for assistance if you feel you are being followed. Also you can drive to an open gasoline station, grocery store or other open business where you can safely call the police. Bring attention to yourself for immediate help.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

Wednesday, April 14, 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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	7
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	16
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	15

- During this rating period Grand Theft Auto's (GTA) has continued a major problem in our area. In majority of the incidents this period the suspects continued to 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

- Public transportation safety tips:

  Use only well-lighted, frequently used bus stops, train stations and taxi stands. Check public transportation schedules in advance, especially if traveling at odd hours. Be alert to who gets off the bus or train with you and most important trust your instincts.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
  Thursday, April 15, 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 February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	5
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	11

- During this rating period Rape (Acquaintance) has become a problem in our area. Date rape, sometimes called acquaintance rape, is a sexual act committed against your will by someone you know. Victims of date rapes often experience side effects well past the physical abuse they often fell depressed, guilt, have problems trusting again and sexual problems. Professional counseling can help victims recover. Rape is never the victims fault but there are things you can do to help prevent this from happening to you. Express what you want clearly from the beginning, Avoid secluded places, stay alcohol and drug free. Be direct. Say "don't touch me! Demand respect. Act right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against all crime.

Safety Tip

- Outdoor safety tips:

  When biking, jogging, roller-skating or participating in any other outdoor activities remember to choose a route in advance that is safe and populated. Always carry proper identification and cell phone. Avoid pursuing outdoor activities after dark.

Reminder

- **Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, April 28, 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, April 7, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, April 7, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Madison

LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, April 15, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING
Thursday, April 15, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Sgt. Merlo

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (C-PAB)
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
6200 Playa Vista
Sgt. Merlo

MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING
Thursday, April 22, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles
SLO Wicks

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, April 27, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.Chase Burton Park*SLO Llanes*

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, April 28, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles

SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of April

"If we do not change, we do not grow. If we do not grow, we are not really living."

Gail Shee

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.