PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

September 2010

Captain's Message

Property crimes (BTMV, GTA, Burglary, Personal/Other Thefts) are a major concern with Pacific Area. In the constant fight against Part-I crime, new technology is being developed at an alarming rate. There are home alarms, sensor lights, tracking devices, and video monitors to help protect our homes and property. One security measure still continues to be our best and most successful tool against crime: the *Neighborhood Watch Program*.

The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Neighborhood Watch Program unites the police with local organizations, businesses and, residents in a community-wide effort against crime. Pacific Area Senior Lead Officers (SLO) are available to assist with the initial organization of a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood. They can discuss crime trends pertinent to your neighborhood and help establish a schedule-of-watch. You can contact a Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer for assistance at 310-202-4515.

I would like to thank the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Community for joining Pacific Area in celebrating "America's Night Out Against Crime". This event was held at Penmar Park Recreation Center on August 3, 2010. I was pleased to see officers and citizens working together in a common goal: to help reduce crime. Our next event will be the Pacific Community Police Station Open House and Carnival. The Open House will be Saturday, October 30, 2010, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Carnival will be Friday, October 29, 2010, 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Saturday, October 30, 2010, 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm, and Sunday, October 31, 2010, 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm. I look forward to meeting as many community members as possible. Hope to see you there.

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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	7
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	21
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	7
Grand Theft Autos	6
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	28

• During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's consent. Usually petty theft suspects take small hand held items they locate unsecured. Lock and secure all yard items in a garage or storage box. Teach your children to place toys, bikes, etc. in their proper place to guard against theft. Install sensor lights around your property, it will help deter theft suspects. Lock all doors, windows and outside storage areas for additional security. 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 Tips

• Children buckle up safety tips:

Never use a safety seat in a seat with a front air bag. All children ages 12 and under should ride in the back seat with approved, properly installed restraint. Never allow your child to ride in someone's lap.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve officers Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station CRO Trailer 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	16
Robbery	1
Grand Theft Auto	7
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	15

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. BFMV has continued to escalate in our area and it must stop. Leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle is a habit that must stop. All items of value must be placed out of sight, either under your seat or in the truck of your vehicle. Avoid parking next to large trucks, vans, dumpsters or any object that is big enough for a BFMV suspect to hide behind as they commit there crime. Attempt to park in well-lit areas, ample lighting helps deter BFMV suspects. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tips

• Fire safety tips:

Inspect your home often for fire hazards, such as faulty electrical equipment. Replace damaged cords and do not overload out lets. Make a fire escape plan. Have two escape paths from every room, and set an outdoor meeting place. Hold fire drills safely.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station CRO Trailer 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	13
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	15
Grand Theft Auto	1
Homicide	0
Sex	0

Theft 15

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business)) has become a problem in 14A25 area. We reduced crime in several categories this period but we must regain control in residential burglaries. Effective home security need not be costly, just a bit of common sense and energy can go a long way. Install window locks on all lower level windows for extra protection. Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will not give intruders fewer places to hide while they commit their crimes. Place gravel beds below windows. Gravel can be noisy and tough to sneak across the street.

Safety Tip

• Lighting safety tips:

Locate outdoor lights carefully. Areas that benefit most from outdoor lighting are those that are most vulnerable; garage doors/shed doors, entry doors, entryways and ground level windows.

Reminder

MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Tuesday, September 28, 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	20
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	6
Grand Theft Auto	24
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	18

• During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has almost doubled in two categories this period BFMV and GTA. Your attitudes and actions are the keys to preventing BFMV and GTA. Take all items of value and place them out of sight inside your vehicle. Do not leave items of value inside

your glove-box inside your vehicle; it is not a traveling safe that can protect any property. Lock and secure your vehicle anytime it is unattended. Attempt to park in well-lit areas, criminals detest ample lighting for fear of being seen committing their crimes. Do not hide spare keys inside or outside your vehicle thieves know all the hiding places. 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

Vehicle safety tips:

Avoid leaving keys with a garage or lot attendant by choosing a place where you park your own vehicle, when possible.

• Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	6
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	26

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Theft is crime that can be contained with common sense and good habits. Most petty theft suspects are opportunist, they remove property that is not secured or put away. Do not leave small hand held tools lying around your home or yard. Place items in your garage or shed and keep them locked at all times. Teach your family to put items (Toys, Bikes, etc.) in a safe secure place. 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

Neighbors safety tips:

Neighborhood neglect sends a direct signal that no one cares and that the area is an easy target for crime. Work with others in your community to clean up vacant lots, trash piles, broken glass, graffiti, etc. Join your local Neighborhood Watch group also to help combat crime.

Reminder

• LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, September 28, 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	7
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Auto	7
Sex Crimes	2
Homicides	0
Theft	12

During this rating period Rape (Acquaintance) has become a problem in our area. The most important aspect to remember about rape "it is never the victim's fault". Rape is a sexual act committed against a person's will. All rape incidents (attempted or completed) should be reported as soon as possible. Rape is a violent crime that meds to be eradicated. Avoid isolated places especially at night alone, leave lights on when you will be returning home after darkness falls and make your limits clear before you get into a sexual situation. Avoid using drugs and drinking excessive alcohol so your judgment will not be compromised. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tip

• Date safety tips:

On any blind or new dating relationship drive yourself. Arrange your own transportation especially if you do not know your date well. Meet in public places where help will be nearby.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 8, 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	7
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	18
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	13
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	21

• During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in our area. In the majority of the incidents this period the victim and suspect knew each other socially. We have to learn it is natural not to agree all the time; the problem is what we do after we disagree. We have to learn how to settle arguments without hurting each other. When tempers heat up try to stay calm and cool down. Walk away, take some deep breaths and try to think clearly. Talk to the other person, take turns speaking and listen to the other person's point of view. Attempt to compromise, work out something that both of you can live with. Remember sometimes a third person can help two people work out a problem. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

Safety Tips

• Elder abuse safety tips:

Elder abuse is the mistreatment or neglect of an older person, usually by a relative or care giver. Elder abuse includes: physical abuse, verbal abuse, financial abuse, neglect, and threats.

Reminder

• Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 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 July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	32
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Auto	11
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	11

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Grand Theft Auto has also increased this period because both these crimes involve vehicles they usually run in tan domed. Our first step in stopping our upward swing in BFMV and GTA would be to stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. An item left in plain sight only tempts a BFMV suspect to burglarize your vehicle. Lock and secure your vehicle whenever it is unattended even for only a few minutes. Join your local neighborhood watch group it is still the best weapon against crime. Install sensor lights around your property, ample lighting helps deter burglary suspects.

Safety Tip

• Stalking safety tips:

Stalking is a crime where the suspect often tries to control a person by keeping them in a state of constant fear. Stalking usually starts with unwanted attention and escalates into more dangerous situations. Take action right away if you are being stalked contact the police right away and save all evidence of unwanted attention or advances.

Reminder

Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 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, September 1, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.

Loc. TBA *SLO Garcia*

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja*

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Madison*

PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING

Thursday, September 9, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific CRO Trailer 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Sgt. Merlo*

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (C-PAB)

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 6200 Playa Vista *Sgt. Merlo*

LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, September 16, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station *SLO Garcia*

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles *SLO Wicks*

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.Chase Burton ParkSLO Llanes

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles

Wisdom for the month of September

"Life is partly what you make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose."

Tennessee Williams

PACIFIC YOUTH PROGRAMS

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.

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 Diane Barretti at 310-529-1294, Fax 310-414-1112 or email *sbpress7@ yahoo.com*