# PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

February 2011

Captain's Message

In the wake of the City's recent school violence, we must look at what we can do at home to keep our children safe. Overall, schools are one of the safest places children can be. However, some schools have problems, such as bullying, thefts, and weapons on campus. These problems make students and teachers feel unsafe, and it increases the difficulty for students to learn and for teachers to teach.

Pacific Area Juvenile Detectives suggest that parents and other adults follow the below suggestions to help make sure children have a positive school experience:

- Talk to your children about their day. Sometimes children won't tell you right away if they are having problems at school. Ask your children if they have see anyone being bullied, if they are bullied, or if anything else makes them feel uncomfortable. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, loss of friends, or torn clothing.
- Teach children to resolve issues without fighting. Talk to them about other ways they can work out a problem, such as talking it out, walking away, or telling an adult.
- Keep an eye on your children's Internet use. Let them know they can talk to you about anything they see online especially things that they have questions about or they feel uncomfortable about.
- Map out a safe route for your children to walk to school, or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them and point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.
- Encourage your children to walk to school, or to the bus stop, with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.
- Teach your children not to talk to strangers. Teach them that if they see anyone suspicious hanging around, or in their school, they should tell an adult.

Although most schools are safe, a few others are susceptible to crime and violence. The National School Safety Center (NSSC) has completed several surveys with students about crime, guns and drugs that produced alarming results all the way down to middle school students. There are no easy answers to the survey results and other difficulties that youths face today, but it is clear that collaboration between parents, educators, crime prevention practitioners and Pacific Area Officers is essential. Contact your Senior Lead Officer for additional information on child and school safety.

Sincerely,

Jon F. Peters, Captain Commanding Officer

### **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, 2011 through February 31, 2011.

### **Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District**

Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3968 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	6
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	8
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Autos	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	34

• During this rating period Theft (Petty) has continued to be a major 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**

• Jogging safety tips:

Avoid jogging alone. Try to jog with someone or with a jogging group. Avoid taking shortcuts while jogging such as alleys and unfamiliar streets. Jog on familiar running paths and occupied streets.

### Reminder

### **Pacific Reserve officers Meeting**

Thursday, February 10, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.

### **Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District**

Senior Lead Officer Teresa Skinner Cell Phone # (310) 622-3970 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo – (310) 482-6334

### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	0
Grand Theft Auto	1
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	12
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	9

• During this rating period Burglaries (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. Crime has steadily decreased in most categories with a complete reduction in street robbery. Residential burglary has begun to rise in our area. Several of the suspects gained entry via unsecured windows. Lock and secure all doors/windows whenever your home is unsecured. Use sturdy doors for additional security with key locks for windows. Install ample lights around your property for additional protection. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

### **Safety Tips**

• Shrub and Hedges safety tips:

Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed never allow them to cover doors and windows. Shrubs and hedges should never be taller than four feet this will give intruders fewer places to hide.

### Reminder

# **Pacific Reserve Meeting**

Thursday, February 10, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station CRO Trailer 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

# **Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District**

Senior Lead Officer Marcy Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3973 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	5
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	15
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Auto	7
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	13

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV)) has continued to be a major problem in 14A25 area. Crime in several categories increased this period with the biggest spike in BFMV. We must stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. GPS, IPods, cell phones, etc are all items that typically left in vehicles which BFMV suspects thrive on. Place all items in your truck and at the end of the day take all items out of your vehicle. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the place a BFMV suspect looks. Join your local Neighborhood Watch program it is still our best tool against crime.

# **Safety Tip**

Hide-A-Key safety tips:

If you have a Hide-A-Key, never advertise where it is located. Do not place it in a common place such as in a mailbox, under the front door mat, or on a windowsill.

### Reminder

### MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Tuesday, February 24, 2011 @ 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 Merlo - (310) 482-6334

#### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	16
Robbery	7
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	12
Sexual Crime	0

Homicide	0
Theft	11

• During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a major problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has increased in several categories with street robberies having the largest spike. Street muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. Do not walk alone at night, if possible. Darkness gives robbers the advantage. Travel light leave extra cash, jewelry and other valuables at home. Walk with confidence, keep your head up and walk with a sure step. 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**

Home safety tips:

Never open the door to strangers. Check on strangers through a peephole or glass panel. If someone needs help, offer to call while the person waits outside. Keep the door closed.

## • Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 @ 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 Merlo - (310) 482-6334

#### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	13
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	8
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	21

During this period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our community. BFMV and Theft has spiked this period due to our carelessness. Stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle it only tempts BFMV suspects to burglarize your vehicle. Attempt to park your vehicle in well-lit areas with heavy passers-by traffic; near busy stores, restaurants, etc. Teach family members to place all items in storage area or garage for additional security. 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 Mall safety tips:

Never leave clothes, packages, purses, briefcases, etc. where passer-by pedestrian traffic can see them. Do not display your checkbook or wallet in your back pocket. You could be the victim of a pickpocket.

#### Reminder

 LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, February 22, 2011 @ 7:30 a.m.
Chase Burton Park

### Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Joe Cruz - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3972 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - Cell Phone # (310) 482-6334

### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

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

During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. In several categories crime has decreased in several categories except GTA. Never leave your vehicle unsecured when it is unattended. It only takes professional GTA suspects a small amount of time to remove your vehicle. Attempt to park in well lit areas; ample lighting helps deter GTA suspects. Your attitudes and actions are the keys to preventing theft, damage and misuse. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

### **Safety Tip**

• Vehicle safety tips:

Dusk to mid-evening are peak hours for GTA suspects. Most auto thefts occur at this time but round the clock vigilance is needed, since many GTA's do occur during day light hours.

### Reminder

### SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 @ 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 Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	28
Robbery	8
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	20
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	25

• During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. In several categories crime has increased, the largest spike petty theft. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's knowledge or permission. Theft suspects are usually opportunist; they remove small hand held items that are easily concealed. It is imperative that we stop leaving items out in plain sight. Place all items in a secure location such as your garage or storage bin for additional security. Teach children to place their toys & other items away when they are finished using them. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

### **Safety Tips**

• Baby sitting safety tips:

Keep all outside doors closed and locked at all times. Do not open any outside door to anyone unless you recognize that person. Never allow anyone to take the child you have custody of away from the house unless you received permission from your employer.

### Reminder

• Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting Thursday, February 17, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. LASO Sub-Station

### **Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District**

Senior Lead Officer Tony Ramos - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3978 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo- # (310) 482-6334

### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	7
Grand Theft Auto	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	14

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Overall crime has remained the same from last period BFMV has continued to rise. STOP leaving items of value inside your vehicle in plain sight it only tempts a BFMV suspect to target your property. Take all items and place them in the truck of your vehicle. When you return to your resident take all items out of your vehicle for added security. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. 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

Attack safety tips:

Stay away from isolated areas. Avoid little used stairways, parking lots and roads. Do not enter an empty elevator with a stranger. Trust your instincts, if you sense trouble, get away as soon as possible.

#### Reminder

# Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Reading Avenue, Los Angeles

# **Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2011**

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 2, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m. Loc. TBA SLO Garcia

#### PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja* 

### SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Madison* 

# PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING

Thursday, February 10, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific CRO Trailer 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Sgt. Merlo* 

# LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station *SLO Garcia* 

### GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia* 

### La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park *SLO Llanes* 

### READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles

### MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Thursday, February 24, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. 3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia* 

# Wisdom for the month of February

"A big shot is a little shot that kept shooting."

"DM"

### **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*