

Pacific Area Neighborhood News

October 2011

Captains Message

The new school year is now underway. Returning back to school is often an exciting time of year, but unfortunately for some it is also a time of fear from bullying. Bullying is a problem that affects all children: those who bully, those who are bullied, and those who are witnesses to bullying.

Studies indicate that one out of three children is bullied at school, in the neighborhood, or online. Because bullying has been proven to be more than “child’s play” we must take steps to help both the victim and the bully. Victims of bullying often times are quiet people who tend to keep to themselves. Bullies most often are people who have been mistreated themselves. They may bully out of anger, frustration or attempts to gain respect. Bullying makes the bully feel strong and powerful.

Bullies specialize in threats, fear and violence, but not conversation. Attempts to talk the bully down by using humor, or often times agreeing with him (yes I am short), allows the bully to “save face”. This will allow them to regain self-control in front of others. Ignoring the bully may also be a good strategy. Do not allow yourself to be lured into a physical fight by insults or the laughter of bystanders. Fighting is often what the bully wants. Remember, it takes great courage to just walk away. Every situation and every bully is different: choose your strategy carefully.

If you or someone you know is troubled by a bully, tell a parent, teacher or other adults. Many schools now have anti-violence programs. But if your school does not, turn to a teacher or counselor for help. Additional information on bullying can be obtained from your Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4515.

Have a safe and wonderful school year.

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 September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3968

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	5
Grand Theft Autos	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	19

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. We were able to reduce crime in several categories this period especially in Thefts. This period BFMV's needs our attention. STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Place items of value in the trunk of your vehicle. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place BFMV suspects look. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

If you are attacked evaluate the situation, the options available to you, and find a way to escape. Realize that every confrontation is different, but your most effective weapon is your judgment.

Reminder

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**
Thursday, October 13, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Community Station
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3970

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo – (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
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Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	5
Robbery	5
Grand Theft Auto	0
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	6
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime for the fourth consecutive period has continued to decrease, good job! Robbery is the taking of a person's goods or money through force, fear or threats. Robbers rely on surprise, force and quickness that is why it is cognizant to be aware of your surroundings. Do not walk alone at night, if possible, travel light, leave extra money and jewelry at home. Avoid shortcuts cutting through parks, alleys, schoolyards, etc., can lead to trouble. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Reporting crime safety tips:

Report crimes immediately. The sooner a crime is reported, the more likely Pacific Area Officers/ Detectives can collect important evidence and apprehend suspects.

- **PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING**

Tuesday, October 13, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
Pacific Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Marci Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	26
Grand Theft Auto	9
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	7

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area (A25). Residential Burglary has doubled from last period becoming our number one priority. Most intruders seek easy targets. They want to get in quickly, quietly, and unseen. The harder you make it for them, the lower your risk of being burglarized. Lock and secure all doors/windows whenever you leave home. Place ample lighting around your property, burglary suspects do not like to be seen committing their crimes. 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 against crime. If you observe any suspicious or criminal activities call the police right away.

Safety Tip

- Home from school safety tips:

Do not hang out in front of the school, on street corners, in fast food restaurants, or at other locations where gang members are present. Go home!

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
Wednesday, October 12, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station
12312 Culver Blvd., 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 September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	22
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	18
Grand Theft Auto	14
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	15

- During this rating period Grand theft Auto (GTA) has continued to be a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has begun to rise in several categories with a continued increase in Grand theft Auto. Stop making it easy for GTA suspects, lock and secure your vehicle whenever it is unattended. Attempt to park in well-lit areas. Avoid parking next to large vehicles (SUV's, Vans, etc.) they provide cover for GTA suspects as they commit their

crime. Please contact the Los Angeles Police Department at (877) ASK-LAPD, to report any suspicious activity or 911 to report any crimes in progress.

Safety Tips

- Home safety tips:

Never indicate you are home alone and never open the door to a stranger. If a stranger comes to your door requesting help or asking to use your telephone, offer to make the phone call yourself while the stranger waits outside.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
Wednesday, October 5, 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 Gregg Jacobus - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3971
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	5
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	13
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	17
Grand Theft Auto	6
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	1
Theft	17

During this rating period Robbery (Street Muggings) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has begun to rise across the board with the biggest spike in street muggings. Street Muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. Use street smarts because robberies can occur anywhere, on the streets, at work, in stores near your home. Do not talk to strangers, walk with a friends or family at night, there is safety in numbers. Travel light, leave extra cash and jewelry at home, only carry what you expect to use. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tip

- Burglary from Motor Vehicle safety tips:

Never leave valuables or packages in your vehicle in plain view. Leave items in the trunk or take them home immediately.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 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 Merlo - Cell Phone # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	7
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	0
Sex	1
Homicides	0
Theft	8

During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has remained low except for the spike in Aggravated Assaults. People do not always agree. When they get angry they have three choices; avoid each other, fight, or solve the problem. I am asking everyone to choose the third option "solve the problem". Listen to each other and then try to work things out. This way, both sides can win. A peaceful solution to any problem is a win. It is ok to disagree; it is the peaceful way you choose to handle the problem that counts. Anyone whom observes an attack in progress calls the police right away and helps protect a life from being destroyed.

Safety Tip

- Burglary safety tips:

Avoid walking to school alone. Walk with friends or family there is safety in numbers.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
Wednesday, October 12, 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 September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	27
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	21
Grand Theft Auto	10
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	14

- During this rating period Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime in our area remains at a steady level with a spike in residential burglary. Always keep your doors locked even when you are home. Do not give burglary suspects a window of opportunity install and use window locks at all times. Place ample lighting around your home, carefully placed lighting can help deter burglary suspects. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Vehicle safety tips:

Equip your vehicle with an audible alarm that is activated upon attempt at entry.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
Thursday, October 20, 2011 @ 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 Merlo- # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	19
Grand Theft Auto	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Careless is the main problem as it pertains to Burglary from Motor Vehicle. STOP leaving items of value in plain sight in your vehicle. Place items of value in your truck or under the seat. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

- Burglary safety tips:

Do not leave detachable stereo faceplates in your vehicle or garage door openers in your vehicle when it is unattended.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., 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) 202-4587. Events will be added or updated as new information is received.

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium

3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

SLO Ceja

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

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SLO Garcia

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Thursday, October 5, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Officer Delatori

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Officer Newson

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

SLO Garcia

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Officer Newson

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles

SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray

Sgt. Merlo

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station

SLO Garcia

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Chase Burton Park

SLO Cruz

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of October

“Reflect on your present blessing, of which we have many, not on your past misfortunes which we all have some.”

Charles Dickens

