Pacific Area Neighborhood News

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Captains Message

Typically, your vehicle is your second greatest investment after your home. Usually it is a source of pride and joy: you wash it, gas it, and take it in for regular service. All of this to keep your vehicle looking good and running properly. But more than a million people a year deal with having their vehicle stolen.

There are four main reasons why vehicles are stolen: to just drive around in (joy riding), for their parts (chop shops), to sell abroad or to commit other crimes. The automobile industry has gained ground in implementing anti-theft devices on newer models such as chipped keys, keyless ignitions, and various tracking devices; but stolen vehicles are still a profitable business.

Pacific Area Auto Detectives recommend these simple tips to help deter vehicle thefts:

- Park in well-lit areas and never leave spare keys in or around your vehicle.
- Deploy car-alarms, steering wheel locks, brake pedal locks, and theft deterrent decals.
- Lock and secure all doors, windows, and vents anytime you are away from your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended (even for just a minute).
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle.

Remember, theft-prevention does not equal theft-proof. In spite of your best efforts to prevent theft, a determined thief is still capable of taking your vehicle. If your vehicle is stolen, contact your local Police Station as soon as possible. The sooner you report your vehicle stolen, the greater the chance of your vehicle being found and returned to you.

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, 2012 through September 30, 2012.

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 September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	19
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	18
Grand Theft Autos	1
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	37

• During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Petty Theft needs our attention; it is by far our number one priority. Petty theft is the taking of property without owners consent. Petty theft is often a crime opportunity, meaning the suspect observes property he or she may desire and just takes it. Teach your family to place all items of value away (Garage, Storage-box, Basement, etc.) in their proper place. Lock and secure all doors and windows along with any storage areas. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

• Home safety tips:

Remove advertisements from your front porch or door as quickly as possible. An accumulation of fliers is a very good indicator to a burglary suspect that no one is home.

Reminder

• PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, September 13, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District

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Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

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

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. The majority of incidents were residential burglaries and one business. Although the heat is blistering we must stop leaving windows and doors open especially when we are not home. Burglary suspects gained entry to a number of residents via unsecured homes with their rear windows and doors opened. Lock and secure all doors/windows when you leave home even pet doors. Arm and deploy any home alarm that you have for your home. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

Hotel safety tips:

Never automatically open your hotel door for anyone. Prior to opening the door, verify who is on the other side. Hotel employees should have identification such as maintenance or repair employees.

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. Pacific Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District

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Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	8
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	18
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	9

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 has a problem with Burglary (Business/Residential) occurring in our area. Overall crime has continued to remain low but residential burglary has begun to rise. Never leave your home unsecured when you are not there. Leaving windows, patio doors and pet doors unsecure is a clear invitation for a burglary suspect. All doors and windows should be locked and secured, pet doors should also be locked. Do not leave upper level windows open, suspects can gain entry in unlikely places. 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

• Pickpocket safety tips:

Pickpockets usually work in teams of two or three people. Beware of staged distractions, the suspect may drop something in front of you or cause a loud commotion near you, as a distraction, the other member of the criminal team pickpockets your valuables and walks away.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 @ 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, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	8
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	14
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	15

• During this rating period Grand theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime across the board has remained constant with a spike in Grand theft Auto. Improved technology has helped relegate the number of GTA's which are lower than in

previous years but more work has to be done. Lock all doors and windows whenever your vehicle is unattended. Attempt to park in well lit-areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle, it cannot help protect your automobile if it is not used. 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

• Robbery safety tips:

Robbery can occur anywhere on the streets, at work, near your home, in stores etc. Be smart use caution; be cognizant of your surroundings. Robbery is often associated with other crimes such as rape, thefts, GTA and assaults.

Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 2012 @ 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, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	0
Burglary (Residential/Business)	18
Grand Theft Auto	2
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	32

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. Due to the unusual heat many of us tend to leave windows and patio doors open for ventilation thus creating opportunities for burglary suspects. Whenever you leave home lock and secure all doors and windows. Second story windows should also be secured; burglary suspects can often gain access via second story entry points. Install sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest ample lighting for fear of being seen committing their crime. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tip

• Vehicle safety tips:

Record the make, model, year, color and license number of your vehicle. Keep this information in a safe place. This will assist you if your vehicle is every stolen, or impounded.

Reminder

 LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, October 30, 2012 @ 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, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	5
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	4
Grand Theft Auto	1
Sex	1
Homicides	0
Theft	7

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime continued to remain low across the board but Petty Theft has begun to rise. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's consent. That is why it is often a crime associated with opportunity and desire. Never leave items of value lying around your home unsecured. Teach family members to place their items in a locked and secured location such as the garage, storage-bin, etc. Anyone whom observes a crime in progress or suspicious activity call the police right away and help protect a life or a neighbor's property.

Safety Tip

• Parking safety tips:

Always take your parking lot ticket with you, by leaving it in your vehicle allows GTA suspects to exit the parking lot without being challenged. Most GTA suspects know if they attempt to leave a parking lot without a ticket the attendant will ask for proof of ownership.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Police Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor

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Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	38
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	20
Grand Theft Auto	1
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	16

• During this rating period Grand theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has continued to increase across the board with a spike in GTA. We must STOP leaving items of value in plain sight in your vehicle. Place items of value in your truck or under the seat of your vehicle. 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. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime

Safety Tips

• Rental car safety tips:

Ensure the vehicle you rent is nondescript. The exterior of the vehicle should be free of rental agency decals, stickers, and other company logos. These visual cues alert criminals to your visitor/ tourist status.

Reminder

 Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m. LASO Sub-Station

Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District

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Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	22
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	16
Grand Theft Auto	11
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	19

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has increased slightly but BFMV has become our main problem. Lock and secure all doors/windows whenever your vehicle is unattended even if you only plan to be away for a short time. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle, no anti-theft device can help protect your vehicle if it is not used. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

• Travel safety tips:

Never leave your luggage unattended, not even for a moment, and beware of distractions. While waiting for a room reservation or departing to another destination, keep all of your property in plain view.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2012

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 3, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja*

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, October 3, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m. Loc. TBA *SLO Garcia*

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Thursday, October 4, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Officer Gropp*

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles Officer Gropp

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Garcia*

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station Roll Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Officer Gropp*

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray *Sgt. Merlo*

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station *SLO Garcia*

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, October 30, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park *SLO Cruz*

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 31, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

Wisdom for the month of October

"The problem is not that there are problems. The problem is expecting otherwise and thinking that having problems is a problem."

Theodore Rubin