# Pacific Area Neighborhood News

April 2013

Captains Message

Sexual assault negatively impacts the lives of millions of people in the United States. To increase awareness about this issue, prevent future crimes, and aid victims, April has been marked nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sexual assaults are prevalent in Los Angeles. Studies have shown that this crime impacts people of all ages and backgrounds. One recent study found that 18 percent of women in this country have been raped in their life time. In addition, rates of sexual assault remain startlingly high for students from high school to college.

Sexual assault victims suffer from both the physical and emotional consequences of attacks. Sexual assault can lead to long-term health problems including sexually transmitted diseases, as well as severe emotional harm that may be more painful than the physical assault itself. It has been documented that the effects of the sexual assault go well beyond the direct victim; sexual assault also has a profound impact on a victim's family, friends, neighbors, and workplace.

An array of services are available to help victims recover from the trauma of sexual assault, including crisis intervention, 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, medical and criminal justice accompaniment, and counseling. Victim services counselors work tirelessly to help victims of sexual assault transform into survivors.

The most important fact about rape is that it is never the victim's fault. Do not blame yourself for anything you did or did not do. LAPD Detective personnel are committed to working side-by-side with victims during these difficult circumstances, to facilitate a successful prosecution of all perpetrators.

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 March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013.

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

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

# **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	5
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	10
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	5
Grand Theft Autos	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	15

- During this rating period Robbery (Street Muggings) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Street Muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. Robbers rely on surprise, force and quickness that is why it pays to be aware of your surroundings. Do not walk alone at night, avoid traveling down dark allies and closed parks. Travel light leave extra money and expensive jewelry at home. Avoid people loitering on the street, cross the street or take a different route if possible. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.
- Home lighting safety tips:

Position outdoor home lighting carefully, this will add extra security to your property. Place lights out of reach so bulbs cannot be easily broken or unscrewed. Aim lights at garage and shed doors, entryways and ground-level windows.

### Reminder

#### PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2013 @ 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 March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	4

Robbery	0
Grand Theft Auto	4
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	2
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	3

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime is down in our area but BFMV's has become a concern. We do not have a suspect description at this time and the suspects are committing their crimes at various times throughout the day. Most BFMV suspects seek easy targets, unlocked vehicles, windows down and property in plain sight. Lock and secure your vehicle any time it is not occupied. Never leave property in plain sight, place items of value in the trunk of your vehicle or under your vehicle seat. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

# **Safety Tips**

• Burglary safety tips:

Keep plants trimmed. Overgrown bushes can cover windows and doorways, giving burglars a hiding place. Prune trees with limbs that could provide easy access to upper levels.

#### PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 @ 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 March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	10
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Auto	1
Homicide	0
Sex	1
Theft	9

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 has experience an increase in Theft (Petty). Overall crime has decreased in our area across the board but we still have some work to do.

Petty Theft is the taking of property without the owner's consent. Teach family members to place items of value out of sight such as toys and tools. Lock and secure all storage bins, tool sheds and garages. Most petty thefts are crimes of opportunity, locking up items of value helps deter that opportunity. 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 plant safety tips:

By planting thorny bushes under your home windows and trimming the trees in the yard. This will help deter burglary suspects from using your landscaping as cover to commit there crimes.

#### Reminder

#### THE WOODS N/W MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. 3492 Redwood Av., Los Angeles

# **Basic Car 14A27 Palms District**

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#### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	17
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	4
Grand Theft Auto	12
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	6

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Park under a street light or near a busy corner where the suspect will be more likely to be seen committing their crime. Do not leave valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle; place items of value inside the truck of your vehicle. Deploy and arm any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle. 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 security safety tips:

Put away machinery, ladders and tools. Do not leave them where they could be stolen or used to gain entry into your home.

# • Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

# **Basic Car 14A45 Marina District**

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# **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	14

During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in our area. A moment of uncontrolled anger can change the course of your life and your family life's forever. It is almost impossible to resolve problems when you are upset stop and think, take a moment to calm down and relax before you act. Any argument that you feel may result in a physical altercation contact the police. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

#### Safety Tip

Windows security safety tips:

Install key locks on the window sashes. Make sure standard window locks close properly and firmly attached to the window frame. Make sure everyone can get to the keys in case of an emergency.

#### Reminder

LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 @ 7:30 a.m. Chase Burton Park

# **Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District**

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# **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	4
Grand Theft Auto	6
Sex	1
Homicides	0
Theft	3

During this rating period Sexual crime (Rape) has become a problem in our area. Rape is a sexual act committed against a person's will. In sexual attacks every confrontation is different. The most effective weapon during a confrontation is your own judgement. Stay as calm as possible try to think rationally, without panic. Try to observe as much as you can about your assailant, evaluate the situation and attempt to find a way to escape. If you observe an attack in progress call the police right away and help protect a life from being destroyed.

# **Safety Tip**

• Traffic safety tips:

Drive carefully. This is especially important near intersections, schools, and parking lots. Be prepared to stop at all times, look ahead for children, and expect the unexpected. Do not assume children see you or know your intentions while you are driving.

#### Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 @ 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 March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	10
Robbery	0
Burglary (Residential/Business)	6
Grand Theft Auto	6
Sexual Crime	2
Homicide	0
Theft	14

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) and Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. A number of automobiles stolen in Pacific had the keys left in the ignition and over half had been unlocked at the time of theft. Never leave your vehicle unsecured if it is not occupied. Secure items of value in the truck of your vehicle or at least out of plan sight. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle, no alarm in the world can help protect your property if you do not use it. If you observe any suspicious activity or people loitering in the neighborhood looking into vehicles call the police right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

# **Safety Tips**

Drug facts safety tips:

Cocaine can kill any form is dangerous and highly additive. The use of cocaine can result in a coma or death. Marijuana smoke is extremely toxic. The cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke are also found in marijuana smoke, often in greater amounts. For example, marijuana smoke contains two times as much tar as tobacco smoke.

#### Reminder

• Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m. LASO Sub-Station Ladera Shopping Center

# **Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District**

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#### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	14
Grand Theft Auto	7
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	12

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has decreased but the summer is approaching so we must prepare ourselves with extra precautions. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle in plain sight. Lock all items of value in the truck or tuck them under the seat. Do not transfer valuables to the trunk in a public place, this is a form of advertising to watchful eyes of a burglary suspects. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still your best tool against crime. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

# **Safety Tip**

• Drug use safety tips:

Drugs even in small amounts can create big problems. It is not always possible to predict how a drug will affect the user or the user's life. Drugs can cause financial hardship, social difficulties, and trouble with the law. The best protection against any of these problems is not to use illegal drugs.

#### Reminder

# PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

# **Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2013**

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.

#### HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

Loc. TBA SLO Garcia

# PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja* 

#### PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Thursday, April 43, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Officer Gropp* 

# SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 10, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Garcia* 

#### PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Officer Matthews* 

# GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia* 

#### COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray Sgt. Merlo

#### LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station SLO Garcia

# La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park SLO Jacobus

# READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia* 

# Wisdom for the month of April

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."