#### PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

August 2010

Captain's Message

Grand Theft Auto (GTA) is a widespread problem. You must actively protect your vehicle and the valuables in it, from being stolen. A professional GTA suspect can defeat most security measures and quickly break in to, or steal, a locked vehicle. But most vehicle break-ins or GTAs are committed by opportunist who take advantage of the mistakes we make by leaving vehicles unsecured and valuables in plain sight.

Your actions are key to preventing GTA and thefts from your vehicle. The following tips help prevent GTAs and vehicle break-ins:

- Park in open, well-lighted, and populated areas near you destination, preferably in view of a security camera. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters, and other objects that obstruct visibility and provide places to hide.
- Avoid parking near people loitering or sitting in vehicles.
- Park in parking lots or garages where you do not have to leave your keys.
- Turn off your engine, roll up your windows, lock all your doors, and take your keys with you even if you are making a quick stop, or parking in your own driveway.
- Install an alarm system that will sound when someone attempts to break-in, move, tilt, or start your vehicle. Always activate the alarm whenever you leave your vehicle unattended.
- Always check on your vehicle if you hear the alarm. If someone is attempting to break in, do not make contact. Obtain a good description of the person and call 911 as soon as possible.

Take action to prevent GTAs before you become a victim. Contact your Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4515 for additional safety measures.

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 June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

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

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#### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	9	
Burglary / Theft from vehicle		17
Robbery		3
Burglary (Residential/Business)		11
Grand Theft Autos		6
Sexual Crime		0
Homicide		0
Theft		34

• During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. People do not always agree. When people get angry they have three choices; avoid each other, fight or solve the problem. Problem solving can work; people settle arguments without hurting each other. When tempers heat up, try to cool down. Walk away, take some deep breaths. Calm down. Once you can think clearly: talk to each other, tell each other what you need. Sometimes a third person can help two people work out a problem. Remember violence never solves anything. Give peace a chance! Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

## **Safety Tips**

• Vehicle theft safety tips:

Park your vehicle in the garage, if you have one. Do not leave your vehicle on the street, in an ally, or on your driveway. If you are forced to park on the street, avoid dark or isolated areas.

#### Reminder

# **Pacific Reserve officers Meeting**

Thursday, August 12, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

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

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#### **Crime Trends**

• The following are the crime statistics representing June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	12
Robbery	2
Grand Theft Auto	4
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	6
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	7

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. BFMV has doubled from the last rating period partly due to bad habits by us. STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle, place items 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**

• Spare keys safety tips:

Do not leave spare keys in your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Conceal spare vehicle keys in your wallet, at home, and with a trusted friend or family.

#### Reminder

#### **Pacific Reserve Meeting**

Thursday, August 12, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station 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 June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Auto	8
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	19

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in 14A25 area. 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 Tip**

Motorcycles safety tips:

Park your motorcycle in the garage when at home. Attempt to park in well-lit area when out, preferably in view of a security camera. Also install an alarm and a hidden kill switch.

#### Reminder

#### MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 2009 @ 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 June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	12
Robbery	8
Burglary (Residential/Business)	5
Grand Theft Auto	11
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	16

• During this rating period Robbery (Street Muggings) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime this period has continued to decrease in several categories across the board but street robberies are still too high. Street muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. Do not walk at night alone, avoid shortcuts, walk with confidence and avoid loiterers. Walk in the middle of the sidewalk, especially at night. It helps foil robbers hiding in storefronts, doorways, alley sand between or under parked vehicles. 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**

Vandalism safety tips:

Park your vehicle in open, well lighted, and populated areas near your destination. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters, and other objects that obstruct visibility and provide hiding places. Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.

• Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 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 June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	6
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	13
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	15
Grand Theft Auto	10
Homicide	1
Sex Crime	0

Theft

During this rating period Homicide (Murder) has become a problem in our area. In the 2000 block of Louella Av. we had a homicide in our area. An unknown suspect fired multiple rounds from a moving vehicle and hit victim several times. Unknown drove away southbound away from crime location. Any information on this crime contact Pacific Area Homicide Unit at (310)482-6369. 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.

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## **Safety Tip**

• License plate safety tips:

Make several slices through your license plate registration sticker after it has been placed on the plate. If the plate or sticker is stolen, call the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicle) immediately to report the loss and get replacements.

#### Reminder

• LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, August 31, 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 June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	5
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	7
Grand Theft Auto	11
Sex Crimes	0
Homicides	0
Theft	4

During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. This period crime has decreased in all categories except GTA. GTA can happen anywhere, the majority occurs in cities and residential areas but some other danger zones are sporting events, shopping plaza and transportation terminals. Attempt to park in well-lit areas where there are plenty of passers-by traffic. Lock and secure

your vehicle whenever it is unattended. Turn wheels sharply left or right and set the emergency brake. This makes it harder for a GTA suspect to tow your vehicle. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

## **Safety Tip**

• Used vehicle safety tips:

Be suspicious of a ridiculously low price or a fresh paint job on a late model vehicle, especially a luxury car or SUV. Make sure the seller is the owner named on the vehicle title. Do not be afraid to ask to see some photo identification.

#### Reminder

#### SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, August 11, 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 June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	27
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	27
Grand Theft Auto	14
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	32

• During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a major problem in our area. Most petty theft suspects are opportunist they remove property that we leave lying around unsecured. Usually any hand held items are the most desirable objects to be taken. Lock all yard items and tool in a storage bind or garage. Be sure all kid toys are put away in a safe and secure place. Install sensor lights around your property, ample lighting helps deter theft suspects. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

## **Safety Tips**

• Vehicle safety tips:

Check your vehicle if you hear the alarm sound. Under no circumstances try to stop the person from attempting to break-in. Instead obtain a good description of the suspect and call 911 ASAP.

#### Reminder

Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting

Thursday, August 19, 2010 @ 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 June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	22
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	10

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Crime decreased in several categories but we are still too high in Part-1 crimes. In most cases, a little extra care and thought are all that is needed to help secure your home. Install windows locks on all windows for extra security. Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will give intruders fewer places to hide. Place gravel beds below windows. Gravel can be noisy and tough to sneak across without being heard. Install ample lighting around your home, burglary suspects detest lights for fear of being seen committing there crime. 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**

• Keyless remote safety tips:

When you lock your vehicle with a remote keyless entry (RKE) make sure that all the doors are locked before leaving your vehicle, especially in public parking lots.

Professional vehicle BFMV suspects are using jammers to prevent your RKE signal from activating the door locks.

#### Reminder

## **Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

Wednesday, August 31, 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, August 3, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. Loc. TBA SLO Garcia

# PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, August 3, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja* 

## SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Madison* 

## PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING

Thursday, August 12, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Sgt. Merlo* 

## GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia* 

# COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (C-PAB)

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

6200 Playa Vista *Sgt. Merlo* 

#### LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, August 19, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station *SLO Garcia* 

#### MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles *SLO Wicks* 

# La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, August 31, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park *SLO Llanes* 

#### READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, August 31, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia* 

## Wisdom for the month of August

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

Dale Carnegie

#### **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 sbpress 7@ yahoo.com