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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS



COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

As many of you may have already heard, I will be officially retiring from the *Los Angeles Police Department* on December 31, 2010. I have had 32-wonderful years with the LAPD, and have forged many precious partnerships, friendships and professional relationships. I've said to many of my colleagues, I've been one of the luckiest guys alive to have fulfilled my Childhood dream of being a police officer and serving the community. I've worked every assignment imaginable through the rank of Lieutenant, and as a commanding officer over the last four years, I have formed community friendships and partnerships that I cherish.

The last two years at Southwest Area has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. Each and every one of you, my community partners, have allowed me to bring the community component of "community partnerships" to another level. All of you commit your precious time to make a difference in your community. I am truly grateful for your partnerships over the last few years. I could not have done it without you.

In the meantime, I am not quite ready to "retire." My passion for public safety, community partnerships and focusing on our future leaders of tomorrow (our community kids) has directed me to another public safety challenge. I will become the Chief of Police for the Los Angeles Unified School District's police department. I am looking forward to this new assignment. I have no doubt I will be reaching out to many of you for your support and continued partnership.

Again, thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for the Southwest Community.

Best regards and I wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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CRIME PREVENTION

Community awareness is the key to crime prevention. If you are interested in establishing a Block Club in your area, please contact your Senior Lead Officer for assistance.

CRIME AND ARREST INFORMATION



Officers in Southwest Division have been working extremely hard to reduce crime, provide a safe environment and a better quality of life for the residents and business owners of the Southwest Area.

3SLO15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Tracy Hauter reports that last month (November) was very busy for Southwest Officers. Even though property crime was down, there was an increase in gang activity from the Rollin' 20's Street gang. In response, Southwest Patrol Officers have made significant arrests of these gang members for crimes such as carrying loaded firearms, and robbery. Additionally, Southwest Division will conduct extra patrol in this area and continue to monitor any criminal activity.

If you have information related to crime in the West Adams Neighborhood area, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter at (323) 387-9617.

3SLO19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK

Crime Trends

The North University Park area experienced a high number of auto related crimes. According to SLO Salazar, these Grand Theft Auto (GTA) crimes were highly concentrated in the areas between Exposition Boulevard on the north to 39th Street on the south, and also between Normandie and Vermont. North University Park also had a slight increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) in the area from Washington on the north to Adams on the south, between Hoover and Figueroa Street.

Residents are reminded to be sure to lock and secure their vehicles in an effort to prevent from becoming a victim of the aforementioned crimes.

Crime Tips-Holiday Shopping

Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.



Dress casually and comfortably.

Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.

Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.

Always carry your California Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.

Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.



Keep cash in your front pocket.

Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.

Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.

Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.

Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

3A31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

As the New Year approaches, now is a great time to renew or begin membership in a LAPD Community partnership organization. These partnerships allow direct input and information sharing among community members and the LAPD as well as other city entities which are responsible for public service and safety. Organizations such as the Community Police Advisory Board, The Neighborhood Councils, The Neighborhood Empowerment Congress and most importantly, Block Clubs are a vitally important part of the police/community partnership. So, make a New Year's Resolution and join or re-join one of these fine organizations. For information how, contact the Southwest Community Relations Office at (213) 847-5800.



The holiday season is traditionally time of year where property crimes, (including thefts, burglaries,

burglaries from motor vehicles and grand theft auto), spike. To that end, residents are again reminded to be aware of their surroundings and secure their valuables, vehicles and residences at all times.

If you see graffiti or bulky items discarded, especially in alleys, contact 3-1-1 for removal. You'll be given a reference number. Keep this number handy as if the request is not completed in a timely manner, you can forward the location and reference number to SLO Biondo and he will follow-up with the appropriate city department.

Crime Tips-New Years Eve Gun Fire Reduction

As New Year's Eve approaches, the LAPD is on high alert for incidents of indiscriminate gunfire that have become a deadly New Year's tradition in our city. The LAPD reminds the community that ringing in the New Year with gunfire will not be tolerated in the City of Los Angeles. Discharging a firearm into the air is a felony punishable by one year in state prison. Anyone arrested for discharging a firearm will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Many times individuals involved in celebrating New Year's Eve with gunfire do not realize the dangers posed by their actions. Researchers report that a bullet fired into the air can climb two miles into the air and remain in flight for more than a minute. As it falls, the bullet reaches a velocity of 300 to 700 feet per second. A velocity of only 200 feet per second is sufficient to penetrate the human skull.

Over the last several years, the Los Angeles Police Department has made great strides in reducing the amount of gunfire that occurs celebrating the New Year. During New Year's Eve 2005, the LAPD received 145 "shots-fired" radio calls, down 61% from the previous year. There were 9 arrests for Negligent Discharge of a Firearm in the Air, 21 other gun related arrests and 13 guns were seized. Again this year, the LAPD will deploy task force officers to respond to gunfire calls throughout the city.

In 1998, Los Angeles Police Officer, Steven Gajda was killed in the line of duty during gunfire reduction efforts. Officer Gajda had volunteered to work the Gunfire Reduction Task Force in Hollenbeck Division and was shot and killed as he investigated

gang activity at a New Year's Eve party. The last death in the City of Los Angeles attributed to celebratory gunfire was nine-year old Brian Perez who died in 1999.



While law enforcement, in partnership with the community, local businesses and the media, has made an impact on reducing indiscriminate gunfire, the problem persists. The men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department are once again asking the community to celebrate the New Year safely and responsibly. Don't fire guns in the air. Remember what goes up, will come down, and when a bullet comes down it is traveling at a fatal velocity.

The following tips may help to save a life:

Shooting a gun into the air is a felony. You will spend up to one year in prison if you are caught.

If you're arrested for shooting a gun into the air, you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

If a stray bullet from your gun should kill someone, you will be arrested and charged with murder.

People involved in celebrating the holidays by shooting their guns do not realize the danger posed by their actions.

A bullet fired into the air can climb up to two miles. When it falls back to earth, it can reach a speed of 300 to 700 feet per second.

If you ever see someone fire a gun into the air, call the police.

Celebrate the holidays safely and responsibly. Don't fire guns into the air.

REMEMBER, WHAT GOES UP WILL COME DOWN.

(Spanish Language-Gunfire Reduction Tips)

Disparar un arma hacia al cielo es delito mayor que se condena hasta un año de cárcel.

Al ser arrestado por disparar un arma hacia al aire, se le aplicará en total las sanciones de la ley.

Si la bala que usted dispara, llega a causar la muerte a una persona, usted será arrestado y consignado por homicidio.

Toda persona que celebre los días festivos disparando el arma hacia al aire, no mide el peligro que resulta por parte de sus acciones.

Una bala disparada hacia al aire, puede llegar hasta dos millas de altura. En su caída a la tierra, puede acelerarse desde trescientos a setecientos pies por segundo.

Si usted observa a cualquier persona disparar un arma de fuego hacia al aire, llame a la policía.

Celebre los días festivos con toda seguridad y responsabilidad. No dispare su arma hacia al aire.

RECUERDE QUE LO QUE SUBE HACIA ARRIBA TENDRA QUE CAER PARA ABAJO.

**LAPD
SOUTHWEST DIVISION
Remembers
Police Officer Steven G. Gajda
E.O.W.
January 1, 1998**



3SLO41-BALDWIN HILLS VISTA/ VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Beard is happy to report that overall crime is down the Baldwin Hills Vista and Village Green communities, however they did experience an increase in graffiti. The city of Los Angeles has a website that allows citizens to report and obtain information regarding graffiti removal in their neighborhood. The website is <http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org>. Residents should be prepared to provide an address or cross streets of the vandalized location.



Crime Tips

It's that time of year again where many of us are spending more time with family and loved ones. During this time we are more likely to put our guard down while we are shopping or doing other activities with them. Just remember to stay alert, be aware of your surroundings, and if possible, shop with your family or friends. Shop with safety in mind.



3SLO55-JEFFERSON PARK/WESTERN CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Olega reports an increase of daytime burglaries in the Jefferson Park/Western Corridor area. It's been reported that a trend of very young juveniles have been prowling around properties during daytime hours. Residents are encouraged to become familiar with their neighbors and report any suspicious activity to 911.

Also, the holidays are officially here. It is important to secure all windows and garages. Please be sure all ladders and tools such as pliers and hammers are secured to prevent burglars from having access to these tools during a commission of a crime.

Crime Tips-Helpful Phone Numbers

Graffiti Removal:

(311)

Abandoned Vehicles:

(800/222-6366)

Bulky Item Trash Pick Up (Illegally Dumped Trash):

(800/773-2489)

Department of Health:

(213/351-5110)

Citywide information:

(311)



3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Thomsen reports that the Gloria Homes and Crenshaw Village apartments have experienced burglaries that are occurring during daytime hours. Please remember to secure your apartments and vehicles. It is important to be on neighborhood watch and report any suspicious activity. Let's continue to work together as a community and make Baldwin Village a safe neighborhood. Please feel free to call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen via cell phone at 323/387-9614, if you have any information that can help the police.

Crime Tips-Healthy New Year's Resolutions For Children.

The following New Year resolutions are suggestions from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Preschoolers

Clean up my toys.

I will brush my teeth twice a day, and wash my hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.

I won't tease dogs – even friendly ones. I will avoid being bitten by keeping my fingers and face away from their mouths.

Kids, 5- to 12-years-old

I will drink milk and water, and limit soda and fruit drinks.

I will apply sunscreen before I go outdoors. I will try to stay in the shade whenever possible and wear a hat and sunglasses, especially when I'm playing sports.



I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!



I will always wear a helmet when bicycling.



I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.

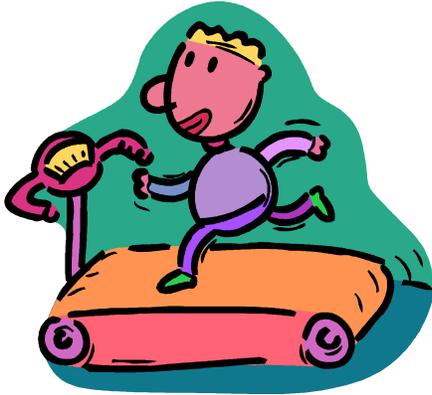
I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be friendly to kids who need friends – like someone who is shy, or is new to my school.

I'll never give out personal information such as my name, home address, school name or telephone number on the Internet. Also, I'll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without my parent's permission.

Kids, 13-years-old and up

I will eat at least one fruit and one vegetable every day, and I will limit the amount of soda I drink.

I will take care of my body through physical activity and nutrition.



I will choose non-violent television shows and video games, and I will spend only one to two hours each day – at the most – on these activities.

I will help out in my community through volunteering, working with community groups or by joining a group that helps people in need.

I will wipe negative “self talk” (i.e. “I can’t do it” or “I’m so dumb”) out of my vocabulary.

When I feel angry or stressed out, I will take a break and find constructive ways to deal with the stress, such as exercising, reading, writing in a journal or discussing my problem with a parent or friend.

When faced with a difficult decision, I will talk with an adult about my choices.

When I notice my friends are struggling or engaging in risky behaviors, I will talk with a trusted adult and attempt to find a way that I can help them.

I will be careful about whom I choose to date, and always treat the other person with respect and without coercion or violence.

I will resist peer pressure to try drugs and alcohol. I agree not to use a cell phone or text message while driving and to always use a seat belt.

For additional information, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/jankidstips.cfm>

3SLO73- LEIMERT PARK/ CRENSHAW CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

Leimert Park has had a slight increase in property crimes (residential burglaries and theft from vehicles). Senior Lead Officer Sasajima reports that suspects have been breaking into houses during the late morning to early afternoon hours. Also, Burglary/ Thefts from Motor Vehicles (BFMV/TFMV) have typically been occurring during the late evening to early morning hours. Extra patrol has been requested of Southwest Patrol Officers and residents are encouraged to call police immediately if they believe crime, or suspicious activity is taking place.

As we enter into the holiday season, many of us will be leaving home to visit loved ones. While we may be looking forward to time spent away from home, burglars are also looking forward to this time as a chance to commit their crimes. Residential burglaries, which typically have been occurring during the daytime, tend to occur at all hours during the holidays. If you are planning to leave your house for extended periods of time, please be sure to:

-Lock up ALL doors and windows (this includes the small bathroom windows)



-Let a trusted neighbor know your plans, and have them keep an eye out for suspicious activity while you’re gone.

-Utilize light timers on lights and TV/Radios to give the impression that somebody is home.

Crime Tips-Holiday Greetings and Socials

Strangers at Your Door

Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.



It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.

Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.

Donate to a recognized charitable organization.

Hosting a Party

Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.

Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests. Call a taxi if necessary.



Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

Attending a Party

Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.



Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.

Remember only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.



Never Drink and Drive.



3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Trends

According to SLO Anderson, there has been an increase in vehicles stolen in the Vermont Square community. Most of the vehicles stolen have been 80's and 90's, Toyotas and Hondas. These vehicles have been stolen during late night hours.



Please remember to park and secure your vehicles in as well lighted area as possible. Do not leave any visible items of value inside of your vehicle and report any suspicious activity such as people looking into vehicles to 1-877-ASK-LAPD.

Crime Tips-Reporting a Crime by Text

If you have a crime you would like to report anonymously you can now text the letters LAPD plus your tip to #274637. You can also call 877-LAPD-24-7.



The Southwest Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) usually meets the first Monday of every month at the Child Guidance Center, 3787 S. Vermont Avenue. If you are interested in attending, please contact Toni Rodgers @ 213/847-5800.

The 26th Place Block Club is looking to expand their block club. If you live in the area of 26th Place and Cimarron Street you are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter.



The Crenshaw Plaza proudly welcomes the Crenshaw Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market will be held in the parking lot near Stocker and Santa Rosalia every Saturday from 10pm to 3pm. The Crenshaw Farmers Market (formerly the Leimert Park Farmers Market) is one of seven markets sponsored by Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles embodying the commitment to make healthy food available in a wide spectrum of the Los Angeles area. Do you live in the community of Harvard Street, between Adams and Jefferson? Senior Lead Officer Hauter is looking to start another block club in that particular area. If you are interested, please email Officer Hauter at 35896@LAPD.LACITY.ORG.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS



Are your kids struggling to complete their home work assignments? If so, then join St. Agatha's Catholic Church every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. They have a Life Skills Academy that will teach your children the skills they need to succeed in life. They will also provide tutors to help your children with their homework. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Sanchez.



Have a Safe New Year!

Jim Gilliam Park located at 4000 S. La Brea Ave offers free afterschool activities for children of all ages. If you are interested and would like to find out more information regarding these activities, please contact Denise Stansell (Director) at 323/291-5928.

A new mentoring program will also be offered at Jim Gilliam Park. If you would like to find out more information regarding the new mentoring program, please call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

If you reside in the area of Cloverdale Avenue, south of Coliseum Street and would like to get involved with a community block club, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard at 323/387-9621.

The solution starts with you. Get involved! The 3800 block of Cloverdale has officially started a block club. There was a rather small turn out at the first meeting. If you live in this area and would like to get more involved please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard for additional information.

The St. James Area Block Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Wisconsin Street Block Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Estrella Block Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. For boundaries of these block clubs please call Senior Lead Officer Salazar 323/387-9616.

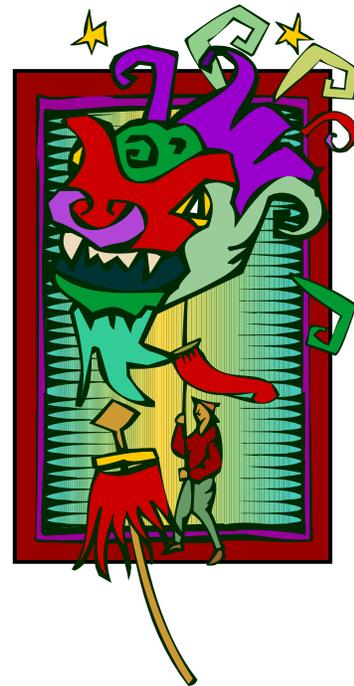
Renovations are complete at Martin Luther King Park. Go check out the new baseball field, playground, basketball and tennis courts.

Also, join the new University Little League at Martin Luther King Park. Sign-Up Now! For additional information, contact Raul Claros at 310/ 844-5591.

Come join the Community Village Project. Be the change in your neighborhood. Create a safe park for our children to play. Clean up and take pride in our neighborhood. Make our community healthier and safer by working to remove harmful and irresponsible businesses. For more information call Karume at 323/750-9087 x263.

The area of Burnside Avenue south of Coliseum and the 5700 block of Bowcroft Street are starting block clubs. If you reside in either of these areas and would like to get more involved in your community, please contact SLO Beard for more information.

**Dates and times are subject to change. Please consult with your Senior Lead Officer prior to attending any listed event.*



***HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR !!!***