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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

*Have A  
Safe and Happy  
Holiday Season!*



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**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.**

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# 2011



## TOY GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm and 6:00pm

VERMONT AVE AND EXPOSITION BLVD

\*\*\*Parking provided at Exposition Park\*\*\*

# 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.**

## 3SLO1-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

### *Crime Trends*

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Sanchez reports that last month, the West Adams Boulevard Neighborhood reported a considerably low number of criminal incidents and there were no crime clusters (5 or more crimes in one reporting district). Unfortunately, this community is being challenged by a spike in robberies on Hauser Boulevard, between Jefferson Boulevard and Adams Avenue. The suspects are taking victims wallets and gold chains. SLO Sanchez reminds community members to continue to remain alert and aware of your surroundings. You are the eyes and ears of the neighbor and all suspicious activity should be immediately reported to the police.

### *Crime Tips-Christmas Tree Safety*

When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doorways and passageways are clear inside your home. You should also consider the following safety tips:



*Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.*

*If you use lights on your Christmas tree, ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.*

*Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.*

*Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.*

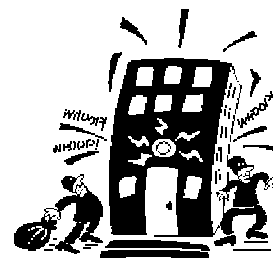
## 3SLO15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

### *Crime Trends*

According to Acting Senior Lead Officer Ryan Lee, the West Adams Neighborhood experienced a decrease in property crimes thanks to the Department's Lock it, Hide it, Keep it" initiative. Officer Lee worked very closely with the West Adams Home Owners Association to remind community members to lock away their valuables in order to reduce the incidents of crime.

Regrettably, the area surrounding Loren Miller Park had seen an increase in burglaries. The good news is that two suspects were arrested in connection with those burglaries on October 27, 2011.

As reminder, burglary is a crime of opportunity. In order to reduce the burglaries within our communities, citizens are encouraged to make a burglars work risky and difficult by increasing lighting, investing in alarms, and fortifying doors, locks, and windows. For more information on burglary prevention, please go to [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org).

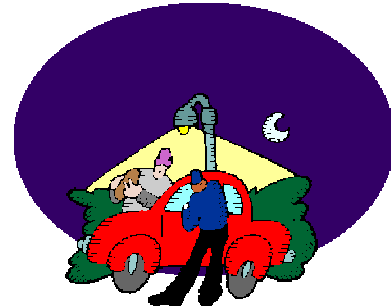




### 3A31-JEFFERSON PARK

#### Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Biondo reports that due to the hard work of Officers, Detectives and the community, Burglary Theft From Motor Vehicles numbers show a significant decrease from last year. However, it is still a one of the top property crimes and a major concern for police and community stakeholders alike.



Also for your information, the early release of prisoners for jail overcrowding has begun and the Southwest community expects to see number of offenders released into the community. The early release program places non-violent/non-serious offenders on parole or probation depending on their last offense. The Los Angeles Police Department is actively working with the Department of Corrections to monitor the release of these citizens to ensure offenders are abiding by their court ordered conditions.

#### Crime Tips-Holiday Safety

The Holidays are a wonderful time for families and giving. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other Holiday crime. The Los Angeles Police Department wants everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season by taking following general precautions:

*Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.*

*At parties have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.*

*Avoid wearing expensive jewelry in public.*

*Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.*

*Keep cash in your front pocket.*

*Do not park next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.*

Fortunately, armed with solutions you can empower yourself and directly affect the safety and security of your community. If possible park your car in a locked garage or on your property behind a locked gate. If this is not possible, make sure your vehicle is in a well-lit area. And above all else, **“Lock It”**. That is, make sure your vehicle is locked. Also, be sure to remove your keys from the vehicle. Next, **“Hide It”**. Remove all valuables from your vehicle, such as removable radios, electronics, money purses and wallets etc. If you must leave valuables of any kind in an unattended vehicle, hide them from sight. Burglary/Theft From Motor Vehicle is a crime of opportunity. If the suspect doesn't see any potential benefit from breaking into a vehicle and exposing themselves to apprehension, they won't. If these simple steps are followed, you will **“Keep It”**. The chances of being victimized in this way are significantly reduced.

Additionally, the holiday season is traditionally a time of year where property crimes, (including thefts, burglaries, burglaries from motor vehicles and grand theft auto), spike. To that end, residents are 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-Shopping & Driving Safety**

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. The Los Angeles Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season and we encourage you to share the following information with family, friends and neighbors.

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



*Do not carry a purse or wallet. But if you must, remember to keep a secure hold on it as they are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping*

*areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.*

*Always carry your California Driver License or Identification Card.*

*Even though you are rushed, stay alert to your surroundings.*

*Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Any cash you do carry place it in your front pockets*

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

*When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.*

*Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.*

*Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.*



*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.*

*Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows. Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you have parked.*

*Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must*

leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.

### 3SLO41-BALDWIN HILLS VISTA/ VILLAGE GREEN

#### Crime Trends

Good News! Crime is still down in the Baldwin Hills Vista Village Green community. Also, Southwest Division is still promoting the 'Lock it, Hide it, Keep it' campaign and Senior Lead Officer Beard is encouraging all community members to continue to lock their valuables either inside the trunk of their vehicle or remove them all together. Let's keep up the good work!

SLO Beard also reports that he has received a few complaints regarding transients drinking in public and loitering at the bus stop located at La Brea and Rodeo. Should you have any further information about this complaint, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard at 323-387-9621.



If you are interested in knowing of other crimes occurring in this community, please visit [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com).

#### Crime Tips-Holiday SafetyAt Home

SLO Beard wishes you a safe and joyful holiday season and please follow these safety tips:

*Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a minute.*

*Don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.*

*When going on trips or out for evenings, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.*

*Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with your California Driver's License or ID number.*

*Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day. Break the boxes down or take them to the dump yourself.*

*Lock packages in the trunk.*



*Don't overload yourself with packages.*

*If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend.*



*Park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances.*

*Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.*

*Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.*

*Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry or flash large sums of cash.*

Carry your purse next to your body with the purse flap against you. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.



Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages.

Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.

Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.

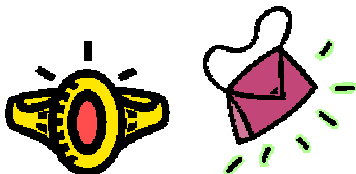
If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lighted place.

If you are a victim of a crime, report it to police immediately.

### 3SLO55-JEFFERSON PARK/WESTERN CORRIDOR

#### Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Olega encourages all community members to stay alert and aware of their surroundings as the Western Corridor has experienced a spike Street Robberies. Victims coming from bus stops and Automated Teller Machines (ATM) are being targeted. Items taken are usually gold jewelry and purses.



#### Crime Tips-Burglary Prevention Tips

Do not allow strangers into your home, even if they are hurt or say they need help. Keep the door locked and call the police for them.

Do not advertise that you live alone.

Don't be afraid to call the police to investigate suspicious circumstances, unusual people or strange noises. It is better to be safe than sorry.

When you move into a new home, change the locks. Keep your curtains or shades closed at night.

Don't leave notes on your door announcing when you will be home.

Keep outdoor lights on at night.

Never give information to an unknown caller. Report nuisance calls to the police and the telephone company.

Keep your doors and windows locked. If it is warm and you leave your door open for circulation, keep the screen door locked.

If you arrive home and your door is open or things appear to be out of place - don't go in your home. Leave and call the police.



Write down license numbers of suspicious vehicles to give to the police, if necessary.

Graffiti Removal:  
(311)

Abandoned Vehicles:  
(800/222-6366)

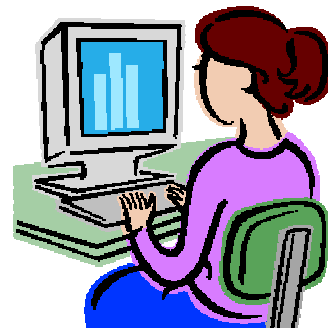
Bulky Item Trash Pick Up (Illegally  
Dumped Trash):  
(800/773-2489)

Department of Health:  
(213/351-5110)

Citywide information:  
(311)

### Crime Tips-E-Policing

The L.A.P.D. is continuing to bring community policing to the internet. The E-Policing program enables Senior Lead Officers, Area Captains, and Detectives to e-mail Newsletters, crime trends, and other important information to you. It is easy, sign up now. Get LAPD crime maps, join/start a Neighborhood Watch. Log on to our website at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) and click on E-policing.



### 3SLO59-USC CAMPUS

#### Crime Trends



Theft has been on the rise in the USC area over the past few months. Senior Lead Officer Nichol Garner reminds USC students to lock their residential, office, and car doors and also to keep personal property out of plain sight. Students that study in the Leavey Library should not leave property unattended. The 4<sup>th</sup> floor in particular has experienced higher thefts. If you see anyone suspicious in the Leavey Library notify the student worker or contact USC Department of Public Safety and be ready to provide a description of the possible “suspect”. In doing so, you may be preventing a crime.

### 3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

#### Crime Trends

The Baldwin Village and Crenshaw Manor area has been experiencing a spike in burglaries. Senior Lead Officer Saldana encourages community members to report any type of suspicious activity. Although SLO Saldana will continue to conduct extra patrol in the area, it is important that community members play an active role in their communities and get involved in their neighborhood watch.

Members of this community should be aware that SLO Saldana is also monitoring the arrests made in Baldwin Village and working with the city attorney’s office to evict tenants that are involved in any type of illegal activity.

On a final note, Southwest Officers assigned to Baldwin Village area have been working hard to decrease overall crime, which is down almost twenty five percent this year. SLO Saldana thanks the Officers and community members who played an active part in sending crime into a downward spiral.



### **Crime Tips-Burglary From Motor Vehicle(BFMV)**

The Holiday Season is here, it is important to follow these easy steps in order to have a safe shopping experience.

#### **Lock It:**

Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended and always lock your valuables in the trunk.

#### **Hide It:**

If you don't have a trunk, hide valuables under the seats, in the glove box, or other compartments within the vehicle.

#### **Keep It:**

Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.

### **3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK/ CRENSHAW CORRIDOR**

#### **Crime Trends**

While residential burglaries exist in the Leimert Park community, unfortunately these incidents seem to increase during the holiday season. This is a crime of opportunity, but everyone can and should take precautions in order to protect themselves and their property. Residents are encouraged to continue their efforts in reporting any suspicious vehicles or persons in their area.



Additionally, Acting Senior Lead Officer Lopez advises that while Leimert Park Plaza has historically been a place for the Leimert Park community to gather and peacefully conduct demonstrations, it is also starting to become a common place for vendors to conduct business. This location is not zoned for such activity. With the assistance of Southwest officers, Officer Lopez is monitoring the area for respective vendors so it does not become a nuisance

to the community and the business owners who are attempting to maintain successful establishments.

There are also locations in the area that occasionally conduct illegal parties and or night clubs without the proper legal permits and documents. When Officer Lopez is made aware of activity that has become a nuisance(i.e.- extremely loud music, and the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages), she will be sure to follow up with an investigation. One such location that is in the process of being warned to cease illegal night club activity is in the 4700 block of South Crenshaw Boulevard. Officer Lopez, along with the City Attorney from the City-wide Nuisance Abatement Unit, City wide Nuisance Detectives and Officers from Southwest Vice Unit met with the tenant and property owner of the aforementioned location to address their issues. As a result of this meeting, the tenant advised that the illegal parties would no longer take place and all scheduled events would be cancelled. Additionally, the property owner was advised of the legal liability in the event that the nuisance is resumed. The property owner agreed to monitor his current and future tenants to avoid any similar problems. Residents are encouraged to contact Acting SLO Lopez with any information regarding locations that become a nuisance.

#### **Crime Tips-Precautions to Prevent A Robbery**

*Do not display your property while in public.*

*Robberies are often crimes of opportunities. Many robbers look for those who are not paying attention while talking on the phone or listening to their IPOD's. Be sure when and if you are walking in the street you are not vagrantly displaying the personal property that you have on your person.*

*Be aware of your surroundings.*

*Be aware of your surroundings as you walk in the streets or parking lots of stores and malls you frequent. Additionally, be cautious when you arrive at your residence, especially during the hours of darkness; have your merchandise ready to take out of your vehicle so that you are not giving someone the time to commit a crime against you, especially if you do not have a garage. If you do have a garage, make*

*sure the garage door closes before you step out of your vehicle in the unfortunate event that a criminal gets inside the garage door; you will at least give yourself some time to react and call 9-1-1.*

*Stay on the line with 9-1-1.*

*If you do need to contact 9-1-1 and they do not answer before you can talk to them, do not hang up! Stay on the line and do your best to give the 9-1-1 dispatcher you address if it is safe for you.*

*Do not be a hero.*

*In the event you do get robbed, do not be a hero and fight back, losing your life to protect property is not worth it any amount of money. Do as the robbery suspect demands.*

*Pay attention to details.*

*Robberies are traumatizing incidents, but the best that you can do is look for distinct features of the robber if possible. Pay attention to the way the speak, the statements they make, the tattoos they have, if any, moles, scars, clothing, light, medium or dark complexions and any deformities you they may have, however minimal they are.*

**Remember, the main goal is to stay  
ALIVE!**

### **3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE**

#### **Crime Trends**

Senior Lead Officer Anderson reports that there has been an increase in Burglaries From Motor Vehicles in the Vermont Square community. These crimes have occurred predominately during night hours in the area of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/Vernon Avenue and Normandie Avenue/Hoover Street. Suspects have taken items of value such as cell phones, computers, Ipods and work tools.

Residents are reminded to park your vehicle in an illuminated area. Do not leave items of value in plain

view. Do not leave your work tools in your vehicle even if they are hidden. There is a likelihood that someone in your neighborhood knows that you keep tools in your vehicle. Also, lock your vehicle and secure your windows and remember: “**Lock it, Hide it, Keep it.**”

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

### **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.**



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU!**

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS



### Southwest Community Carnival

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm

**The location is to be announced. Call the Southwest Community Relations Office for further details at 213/847-5800.**

**\*Also, pre-sale tickets are now available in the Southwest Community Relations Office.**

The Southwest Community Police Station in conjunction with the Los Angeles Metro Rail will be hosting a Holiday Train to promote Train Safety give away toys for children on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, from 4 pm – 6pm, at Vermont Ave and Exposition Boulevard.



The Southwest monthly C-PAB meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2011, 6:30 pm at the Los Angeles Child Guidance Center, 3787 S. Vermont Avenue.

The Voices of 90037 neighborhood council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 6:30 pm at Normandie Avenue Elementary School.

The Central Area Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 26, 6:30 pm at 6050 S. Western Avenue

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



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