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West Winnetka / South Canoga Park

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Hello again West Winnetka/Canoga Park. I would like to inform you that we had a slight increase in robberies in the Canoga Park area. Here are a few safety tips when you're out and about:

- Walk in pairs during evening hours.
- When getting gas, do it during daylight hours
- When getting in and out of your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings
- If you ever become a victim of a robbery, cooperate with the suspect and be a good witness and remember **call the police first**, not your block captains, or PCR.

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at El Proyecto del Barrio located at 20800 Sherman Way. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you, so please be safe.

West Valley Area

Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Police Station Community Room, at 19020 Vanowen Street.

Captain John Sherman, West Valley Area Commanding Officer and Jeanette Capaldi, West Valley C-PAB Co-Chair, extend a welcome to anyone who would like to come to our monthly meeting.

The West Valley C-PAB Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every month
The next West Valley Area –Police Advisory Board
Meeting will be May 10, 2006.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!!!!

Log Onto www.lapdepolicing.org today, and sign up for real time crime alerts, specific to your community! They can be sent to your computer or cell phone.

Woodland Hills

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Even though traffic enforcement by our West Valley and Valley Traffic Division officers has increased, in response to the increase in traffic accident numbers, the numbers of accidents involving injury and death seem to be unaffected. I have to admit, that even though nobody likes getting a ticket, that is the only "educative" method that appears to slow people down and make them look around while driving. Unfortunately, this is not a "cure-all" method. We need everyone's help in getting the message across that:

- 1) Speed kills.
- 2) Not stopping at stoplights and stop signs kill.
- 3) Inattention kills.

If you have driving children, let them know a car is not a toy, but a weapon. Also let them know that the speed limit is 25 mph around a school and 25-30 mph in your neighborhood.

I hope that everyone will take their driving seriously. A ticket can be a financial inconvenience, but dying or killing another in a traffic accident will ruin many lives at once.

Our next meeting is on April 11th, 2006. The meeting will be at 6:30pm, at the Woodland Hills Public Library (22200 Ventura Blvd).

Canoga Park

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While we continue to place our focus on a continued reduction in violent crimes and property crimes, it is important that we remember the laws that help keep our neighborhoods livable. These City laws maintain the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Here are a few concerning motor vehicles to keep in mind:

Home Auto Repair – Other than for minor emergencies, which must be completed within 24 hours, all auto repairs should be done within a building or in an area which is entirely enclosed from view. (LAMC 12.21A1(a), 12.21A8(a))

Inoperative Vehicles – Non-functioning vehicles must be stored in a garage or in an area not viewable from a public street, not in a driveway or on the street. (LAMC 12.21A8(b))

Parking in the Front Yard – Vehicles should not be parked in the front yard except in a designated driveway. (LAMC 80.71.3)

These Municipal Codes and others were designed to keep our neighborhoods from becoming run down. Taking pride in your neighborhood and being involved with your neighbors on community safety will make your neighborhood look cared for and less attractive to criminals.

A3's March Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at the Canoga Park/ West Hills Chamber of Commerce, at 7248 Owensmouth Ave, on Tuesday, April 11th, 2006 at 7:00 PM

Reseda

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Reseda has an increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicles and Stolen Vehicles. Every month, we get reports of cars being broken into because valuables were left in plain sight inside the vehicle. Please don't set yourself up to be the next easy target!

The Reseda Theater has been purchased and there are plans to restore it to its original appearance. The new owners plan to utilize the theater as a comedy club and special event location. As part of the renovations, they have also purchased the Canby Sweet Bar, located behind the theater. They intend to demolish this building and convert it into a parking lot for the theater patrons. This will definitely have a positive impact on our community.

A27-Officer McGee will be your new SLO as of 3-5-06, due to Ofcr. Crosby's upcoming promotion!

Our next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at West Valley Police Station Community Room, at 19020 Vanowen St.

Winnetka

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There has been a slight increase in daytime residential burglaries. Most of the burglaries have occurred during business hours when people are at work. For most thieves burglary is a crime of opportunity. Make your home a hard target, and leave no opportunity for thieves by simply taking the following precautions:

- Lock all doors and windows when you are away.
- Light the outside of your home to discourage prowling or loitering.
- Connect outside lights to a timing device, motion detector or a light sensitive switch, so that lights will switch on automatically during hours of darkness.
- Trim shrubbery that hides doors and windows so neighbors can see someone trying to break into vour home.
- Establish a Neighborhood Watch with the members of your community.

There has been an increase in the amount of graffiti in our community. As a reminder, the West Valley Alliance will respond to residential and business locations to assist with graffiti removal. All you need to do is call 818- 227-9722.

Our Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Demirjian School Auditorium located at 6844 Oakdale Ave.

Tarzana

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I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Senior Lead Officer Valadez for handling Tarzana related issues during my vacation, it's no easy task!

I will tell you that we have had a number of street robberies along Reseda Blvd., between Ventura and Roscoe Blvd. We have deployed a significant amount of resources on Reseda Blvd. There have been four major arrests in the past week. Several of them were matching robbery suspect descriptions. I was personally involved with one where our suspect was armed with a 9mm handgun, which we recovered after he ran and fought with us.

I think it's important to let you folks know what is going on with the arrests as well as the crimes! We are arresting suspects daily, but still need your help. You can reduce the number of crimes just by reporting suspicious activity, removing property from vehicles, not walking, or using ATMs at all hours of the night. (Ladies) Paying attention while shopping, and not leaving your hardbag open or unattended.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 7:30 pm 19040 Vanowen Street (Councilman Zine's Bldg.)

Encino

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Identity theft is on the rise and thieves are using other crimes as a means to victimize you a second time. First, if you've been a victim of any theft crime including items with your personal information on them, obtain a police report as soon as possible. Notify your credit card companies, banks, and affected cell phone companies immediately to cancel the associated accounts. Identity theft can result in; credit problems, unauthorized use of your accounts, committing crimes in your name and obtaining identification under your name.

If any unusual activity is going on in your accounts, you are most likely an identity theft victim. What can you do? Notify the credit reporting agencies. The fraud units of these agencies will put a fraud alert tag on your credit file. Your quick response will save you time, money, energy, and most of all, emotional anxiety.

Do not unnecessarily give out personal information. Shred documents containing personal information before discarding, beware of phone solicitors, and minimize the amount of identification you carry. Do the small things that reduce your exposure to identity theft.

We will resume our quarterly schedule for the all-Encino Neighborhood Watch meetings on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:00 PM, at the Encino Community Center (4935 Balboa Bl).

West Hills

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Lately we have had several school burglaries at elementary schools. These criminals are breaking into locked sheds that contain; lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and garden tools. If your live, work, or play in the vicinity of an elementary school in West Hills, please keep an eye open for any suspicious activity during hours of darkness. You can call either the police or the Los Angeles Unified School District Police for assistance at 1(213) 625 -6631. By getting involved you can help make a difference to our community. Become a new member of our community watch by attending our next community meeting below.

Our Neighborhood Watch meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each new month, April 10th, 2006). The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at 7633 March Avenue at (Pomelo Elementary School) see you there and be safe.