





### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

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### <u>Please join us for the following</u> West Valley Area Events:

CPAB Meetings: May 10 & June 14, 2006 7:00 PM, West Valley Station, Community Room

## Tarzana, 10A67, Senior Lead Officer Kip Jackson 31733@lapd.lacity.org / (818) 374-7638

<u>Earthquake Tips</u>: If you're in a High-rise building, and you are not near a desk or table, move against an interior wall, and protect your head with your arms. Do not use the elevators. Do not be surprised if the alarm or sprinkler systems come on. Stay indoors, glass windows can dislodge during the quake and sail for hundreds of feet.

If you're outdoors, move to a clear area, away from trees, signs, buildings, or electrical wires and poles.

If you're driving, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over.

If you're in a crowded store or other public place, do not rush for the exits. Move away from display shelves containing objects that could fall.

If you're in a stadium or theater, stay in your seat and protect your head with your arms. Do not try to leave until the shaking is over. Then leave in a calm, orderly manner. Avoid rushing towards the exits.

Make sure your family has a plan; know where the shut-off valves are located. Know all possible exits at home and work. Make special provisions for Elderly, Disabled, or persons under medication. Have a pre-designated location near your home where your family knows to meet after a quake.

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be May 16th, 2006 7:30pm, Portola Middle School, 18720 Linnet Street. **This is a special meeting to educate parents/ guardians on "Internet Crimes Against Children".** (Please don't bring children). Our June Meeting will be at the Police Station on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

## Woodland Hills, 10A73/75, Senior Lead Officer Chris Crosby 32835@lapd.lacity.org/(818) 374-7636

ICE- is acronym for In Case of Emergency. We recommend that you program one of your call numbers with ICE- and a name, attached to a phone number for your next of kin, or someone you would like notified if you are unable to speak after an accident or health emergency. Fire personnel will look through your cell phone for emergency contact information. This may just save your family unnecessary grief in attempting to locate you if you are disabled.

Our Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the Woodland Hills Library, 22200 Ventura Blvd.

### Reseda, 10A27/10A47, Senior Lead Officer Jodie McGee 31677@lapd.lacity.org/ (818) 374-7635 Graffiti

As you are probably aware, Graffiti is a major nuisance problem in Reseda. I receive telephone calls daily regarding new graffiti in the area. The suspects that tag our property are mostly juveniles either in a tagging crew or trying to get into an established gang in the surrounding area.

What is the LAPD doing about this problem? LAPD, West Valley Division has the Gang Impact Team, Community Tagger Task Force, VST (volunteer surveillance team), and the Senior Lead Officers to assist in reducing the amount of Vandalism (Graffiti) that occurs in West Valley. All of the specialized units have and will continue to work on the graffiti problem in Reseda but we need your help! You know your area and who belongs in it. If you see any one that is tagging graffiti or possibly involved in any crime please contact the police department by calling 311, or 1 877-275-5273 as soon as possible. Thank you, and with your help we will make a difference!

#### **Contact Information:**

West Valley Police Station	(818) 374-7611
Senior Lead Office	(818) 374-7630
Gang Impact Team	(818) 374-7880
Community Tagger Task Force	(818) 374-7875
VST	(818) 374-7724
West Valley Alliance (Graffiti Removal)	(818) 227-9722

The next all-Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held at the Police Station on June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, I hope to see you all there!

### Encino, 10A87, Senior Lead Officer Rob Trulik 32325 @lapd.lacity.org (818) 374-7637

#### Hello again Encino,

While reviewing this pasts month's crime reports I'm seeing a rise in thefts from motor vehicles. The thieves are not being too picky, and are getting into both locked and unlocked vehicles. I am once again reminding our residents that you should not use your vehicle as a storage place for your valuables, especially if you leave the items in clear view. Whether your vehicle is parked in your driveway or on a well-lit street please take the extra few seconds to remove your purse or briefcase. This may keep you from becoming a victim. As always please call me if you have questions, concerns or are interested in starting or attending a neighborhood watch meeting in your area. Our Next All- Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held in August. I do have smaller groups meeting more frequently, contact me to find out where!

# Canoga Park, 10A3, Senior Lead Officer Royal Barber 33970 @lapd.lacity.org (818) 374-7629

The appearance of a neighborhood says a lot about what is acceptable in that neighborhood. An unkempt neighborhood sends a message that there are no stakeholders or people who care about a neighborhood. Even more importantly it welcomes criminal activity. The Los Angeles Municipal Code adopted the following ordinances to help maintain the appearance of our neighborhood.

**Trash/Debris or Excessive Vegetation** – Properties must be free of trash, debris, and overgrown vegetation. (LAMC 91.8104)

Outside Storage – Items, such as indoor furniture, plumbing fixtures, construction or automotive parts, are not to be stored in the yard. (LAMC 12.21A(a), 12.08A, 12.21C1(g))

**Basic Maintenance/Repair of Buildings or Fences** – For the safety of residents and visitors, houses must be painted, maintained and in good repair. This includes wood siding, porch flooring, steps and railings, windows, screens, roofs and exteriors. (LAMC 91.8104.1 – 91.8104.13)

If these Municipal Codes are not being followed in your neighborhood, you can anonymously call LA City Department of Building and Safety Code Enforcement at (818) 374-9802, or through 311.

Canoga Park's next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Canoga Park Community Center (also known as the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce) at 7248 Owensmouth Ave, Canoga Park.

# Winnetka, 10A33 Senior Lead Officer Rachel Raigoza 33626 @lapd.lacity.org (818) 374-7629 or (818) 731-2568

There are many legitimate companies including charities that advertise and/or sell their products and services through telemarketing by calling consumers, advertising a number for consumers to call or sending letters. Unfortunately, there are many fraudulent telemarketers who use these same techniques to rob people every day. The following are tips to help protect you from telemarketing fraud:

- Know whom you are dealing with. If a company or charity is unfamiliar, check with your state or local consumer protection agency and the Better Business Bureau. If the charity involves law enforcement call the LAPD Police Commission at 800-339-6868.
- Before you agree to support a charity that calls seeking money ask for written information about its finances and programs.
- Use common sense and ask for names, addresses and call back numbers.
- Resist Pressure. Do not be afraid to say "No".
- Guard your personal information. Do not give out your personal information to anyone especially your social security number.

The next Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at 6844 Oakdale Ave., (The Demirjian School).

# West Winnetka & Canoga Park, 10A57 Senior Lead Officer Jerry Velasquez 31026 @lapd.lacity.org (818) 374-7628 or 731-2570

Hello again West Winnetka/Canoga Park. I would like to inform you that Burglary from motor vehicles and Stolen vehicles is still our big problem in the neighborhood. Crime prevention is our solution. With your help, we can put an impact on these crimes. Here are tips on how to secure your vehicle when parking in and around your neighborhoods or at the Mall:

Park you vehicles in illuminated areas during evening hours.

If you have a club, install it.

If you have an alarm system, make sure you turn it on.

Secure your vehicle. Close all your windows and make sure all the doors are locked.

When parking in the mall, in an open area when possible. Car thieves don't like being noticed.

And lastly, know your surroundings when parking your vehicle. Don't park in a dark alley or dark area. This attracts car thieves to your vehicle.

**Note:** In the near future, I will be changing our meeting dates and location. I would like to facilitate everyone being able to attend more of our meetings. If you have any suggestions or comments, feel free to call me at above phone numbers.

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on June 20, 2006 at El Proyecto del Barrio located at 20800 Sherman Way, at 7:00 pm. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you, so please be safe.

## West Hills, 10A51, Senior Lead Officer Royal Barber 33970 @lapd.lacity.org (818) 374-7629

West Hills experienced an increase last month in Burglary from Motor Vehicles. In order to turn this increase around we need your help. Be on the look out in your neighborhood for any suspicious activity. The tell tale signs include individuals discreetly checking for unlocked car doors, individuals peering into cars in the neighborhood, individuals that appear to check their surroundings as they stop along side parked vehicles. If you observe someone demonstrate this type of suspicious activity, watch the suspect and get the best description you can (physical description, clothing description, if on foot / bicycle / or car, and direction of travel). Then phone 1 (877) ASK-LAPD. However, if you are witnessing a vehicle being burglarized call 911. With your help we can reduce crime in your neighborhood.

West Hills next Neighborhood Watch meeting is on June 12th at 7:00 PM at Pomelo Elementary School located at 7633 March Ave, West Hills

#### **Editors note:**

We hope you enjoy our new format, we believe that it is easier to read! Your crime maps are available on-line at www.lapdonline.org, or you may pick them up at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting in your area. If you are not able to get the maps through one of these two options, you may also call us at (818) 374-7630. We will print you a copy of the map and leave it for you to pick-up at the West Valley Station Front Desk! I would also ask that you read several or all of the articles in the newsletters, as we have lots of information that is applicable to residents in all areas in every article.

