



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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Log onto www.lapdonline.org today! You can view information on the crime in your neighborhood, get the monthly newsletter and sign up for e-policing, a real-time way to get information from LAPD to you!

Upcoming Events in West Valley Area!

February 11, 2010, Senior Lead Summit, West Valley Community room, 7PM, all are welcomed to attend. Help us problem solve for current community issues!

March 13, 2010 Bicycle Ride to Arrest Cancer, affiliated with the American Cancer Association. Please call Officer Saul Paredes for information at (818) 731-2554.

Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)

We are currently recruiting Community members for our Community Police Advisory Board. If you are a community member who would like to be involved in this panel which works closely with the police department and assists with community relations, please contact your Senior Lead Officer and let them know!

2010 Census to begin

Please be aware that census workers will be coming around. If they knock on your door, they will have a badge and a confidential notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. Please NEVER invite anyone that you don't know into your home (including census workers)!

The ONLY information that census workers will be asking is how many people live at your address. NEVER give out any financial information or banking/credit information.

You can look up crime activity in your neighborhood on-line at www.lapdonline.org or www.lapdcrimemaps.org .

The Community of Encino:

Senior Lead Officer Robert Trulik- Office (818) 374-7637

Cell (818) 731-2572

What is "Suspicious?"

Basically, anything that seems even slightly "out of place" or is occurring at an unusual time of day or night could be criminal activity.

Obvious Things to Watch For

- A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
- A scream heard anywhere may mean robbery or assault.
- Offers of merchandise at ridiculously low prices may mean stolen property.
- Anyone removing accessories, license plates, or gas from a car should be reported.
- Anyone peering into parked cars may be looking for a car to steal or for valuables left in the car.
- Persons entering or leaving a business place after hours.
- A sound of breaking glass or loud explosive noises could mean an accident, burglary or vandalism.
- Persons loitering around schools, parks and secluded areas could be sex offenders.
- Persons loitering in the neighborhood who do not live there.
- Anyone forcing entry to, or tampering with a residence, business, or vehicle should be reported.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle.

If you see any of the above mentioned "Suspicious" activities please call 1-877-875-5273 / 1-877-ASK-LAPD to report it.

The Lake Balboa Community:

Senior Lead Officer David Ham- Office (818) 374-7634

Cell (818) 731-2551

February 3, 2010, 7:30 pm. Lake Balboa Community Council meeting, 7412 Balboa Blvd.
David Bernardoni (818)779-9026

February 6, 2010, 9:00 am, CERT Group-7610 Woodley at the Van Nuys Fly-Away.
Linda Pruett (818)343-5828

February 9, 2010, 7:00 pm, Paso Robles Neighborhood Group will meet at 8145 Paso Robles Ave.
Joan Kelley (818) 343-9985

February 20, 2010, 9:30 am., Lee Scott Neighborhood Watch Group will meet at 7315 Lee Scott Ave.
Cindy Arnett (818) 510-1023

The Lake Balboa Community (continued):

West Valley Basic Car Area 10A39

Senior Lead Officer Saul Paredes

Cellular (Field) Telephone 818-731-2554

Remember, for City Resource assistance, call "311", or log on to www.cityofla.org.

Crime Trends/Statistics

Our residential Burglaries are down, but our auto- related crimes continue to be an issue. We are still being hit with BFMV's (Burglary from Motor Vehicle) and GTA's (Grand Theft Auto). These crimes are occurring at various hours of the day, but the majority of them are occurring between the late evening hours to the early morning hours, while most residents are asleep. There was a large cluster of BFMV's and GTA's in the area west of the 405 FWY to Woodley Avenue, and north of Victory to Vanowen Street.

Make sure to lock and secure your automobiles, and avoid parking in non-illuminated isolated spots. Please continue to remove your valuables from your automobiles, and especially don't leave anything in plain-view! For those who live in apartment complexes or have businesses, an addition of surveillance cameras can reduce crime and assist us in the apprehension of suspects.

Let's be mindful of our community, and look out for one another as neighbors, and report all suspicious activities in your neighborhood. Please call "911" if you observe anyone on your property or your neighbor's property that you do not recognize from the area.

The New LAPD Anonymous Tip Services

The LAPD has developed two new anonymous tip services in response to public demand for a secure way to submit crime tips to authorities. You can now send tips anonymously through text messaging by typing "LAPD" and your message to "CRIMES" (274637). The message is encrypted, which masks the sender's identity before opening a dialogue with the LAPD Crime Stoppers.

There is also a new Web link where you can send the LAPD tips. Go to <http://www.lapdonline.org/> and follow the link for "Anonymous Web Tips." This also uses a secure server which protects your identity and makes it impossible for detectives to track.

The LAPD wants information on any type of crime, and these resources provide a great way to help cut back the crime in our neighborhoods safely. Remember, tip services are for non-emergencies only, so if you have an emergency, always dial 911.

Upcoming Community/ Neighborhood Watch Events

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Meeting

7412 Balboa Blvd, February 3, 2010, at 700 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch News

If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain and starting a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood, please contact me at (818) 731-2554 for further details.

The Reseda Community:

Senior Lead Officer Isela Parra- Office (818) 374-7631
Cell (818) 731-2574

Senior Lead Officer Royal Barber- Office (818) 374-7629
Cell- (818) 731-2580

What is the Curfew Law in Los Angeles?

It is unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 to be present in or upon any street, highway, road, curb area, alley, park, playground, or other public ground, public place, or public building, place of amusement or eating place, vacant lot or unsupervised place between the hours of 10 p.m. on any day and sunrise of the immediately following day; provided, however, that the following sections do not apply: a) when the minor is accompanied by his or her parents or guardian; or b) when the minor is upon an errand directed by his or her parent or legal guardian; or c) when the minor is attending or going to or returning directly home from a public meeting or place of public environment such as a movie, play school dance; or d) when the presence of such minor in said place is connected to or required for a business, trade profession or occupation in which said minor is lawfully engaged; or e) when the minor is involved in an emergency such as a fire, natural disaster, automobile accident, a situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life; or f) when the minor is in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel; or g) when the minor is on a sidewalk abutting the minors residence.

A great deal of crime in West Valley is committed by or upon juveniles. We ask that you call the police for juveniles who appear to be in violation of the above offense. Dial 311 or (877) ASK LAPD [(877)275-5273].

2010 Rick Rashi Golf Classic- Second Annual

Open to the public,

In memory of LAPD Officer Rick Rashi, donations will benefit Cancer Research.

Monday, March 8, 2010, at Sunset Hills Country Club

4155 Erbes Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

11:30am-12:30pm Registration and putting contest

12:30pm Shotgun Start, scramble format

6:00pm Dinner, Raffle, awards and prizes

Golf: \$125.00 per person- includes dinner and 1 raffle ticket

Mulligan Package: \$25.00 per person- includes 3 raffle tickets, 2 closest to the pins, longest drive, putting contest and 2 Mulligan's!

Dinner only reservation \$30.00

Make checks payable to Cara Cohen, 1499 Reynolds Court, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Contact via email at: rashigolftournament@gmail.com