

Pacific Area Neighborhood News

November 2011

Captains Message

With the holidays rapidly approaching, most of us turn our attention to visiting friends and family, planning culinary delights, buying, giving and receiving gifts. However, there are those who look at this time of year far differently, their thoughts are occupied with noticing distracted shoppers with extra cash in a purse or wallet; vehicles filled with gifts (electronics, clothing, etc.) and in the name of holiday charity the next “con job”.

Criminals often times look for easy opportunities when deciding to commit a crime. Using some common safety tips will often stop criminals desire to spoil your holiday celebration. Pacific Community Police Station urges everyone to;

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, carry only what you intend to spend or use a debit card.
- Try not to carry numerous large packages. You will not be able to keep track of your purse or wallet effectively.
- Attempt to park your vehicle in well-lit parking lots and walk with your keys in your hand to your car.
- Items of value are very tempting to criminals; use your vehicle trunk to store purchases.
- Use caution when approached to donate to holiday charities. Research the charity before you give them your hard earned money.
- Be extremely cautious of charities that take “cash only” donations.
- Always lock your home anytime you leave, and do not tempt burglary suspects by placing your holiday gifts in the window for them to see.
- Lock your vehicle whenever it is unattended and remove all valuables when you park for the night.

Although the holidays are filled with love and goodwill, we must be cognizant of those who will look for opportunities to strike easy unsuspecting targets. Do not give a thief any changes this year; make it as difficult as possible for them to remove your property. Practice safe crime prevention measures not only during the holidays but make them a habit for life.

Pacific Community Police Station wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

JON F. PETERS, Captain
Commanding Officer
Pacific Community Police Station

District News

Note: The crime statistics quoted are taken from a report published weekly by the City Of Los Angeles' Information Resources Division. These statistics are the most current available and represent the period of October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3968

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	8
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Autos	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle was a major concern last period and we responded by cutting our BFMV half, good job. This period Street Robberies has become our number one priority. Street muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. During this time of year avoid walking or shopping alone whenever possible. Leave extra cash, jewelry and other valuables at home. Be cognizant of your surroundings; avoid loiterers in parking lots and dark places. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

Safety Tips

Online Shopping Safety Tip

- Shop with companies online that you know and trust. Check a company's background if you are not familiar with it. Be sure you or someone from your family or a trusted friend is home when a purchase is being delivered.

Reminder

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**
Thursday, November 10, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Community Station
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3970

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo – (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	1
Robbery	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	10

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime for several periods has continued to decrease, great job! Petty theft is usually a crime associated with opportunity afforded to the suspect by the victim. Teach family members to place all items of value back in a safe place after they finish with them (Tools, Toys, Etc.). Lock and secure all garages/storage areas whenever they are unoccupied. Leaving these areas open when you are not in them is a personal invitation to theft suspects. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Shopping Safety Tips:

Be sure to lock your vehicle, close windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic for added security against BFMV suspects.

- **PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING**

Tuesday, November 10, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pacific Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Marci Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	11
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	24
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	17

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in our area (A25). We reduced residential burglary slightly but we still have work to do in reducing this crime. Lock and secure all doors/windows whenever you leave home. Place ample lighting around your property, burglary suspects do not like to be seen committing there crimes. Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will give intruders fewer places to hide. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool against crime. If you observe any suspicious or criminal activities call the police right away.

Safety Tip

- Cash safety tips:

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible. Call to cancel missing and stolen credit and debit cards immediately.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A27 Palms District

Senior Lead Officer Juan Ceja - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3975

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	17
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	15
Grand Theft Auto	9
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	16

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has continued to rise in several categories with the largest spike in residential burglaries. Effective home security need not be costly just a bit of common sense and a bit of time and energy can go a long way in reducing your risk of a break-in. Install sturdy doors with strong locks. Use window locks for added protection; be sure to close all windows when you leave home. Install sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest being seen committing their crime. Please contact the Los Angeles Police Department at (877) ASK-LAPD, to report any suspicious activity or 911 to report any crimes in progress.

Safety Tips

- Warranty safety tips:

Make sure to complete warranty and/or product registration forms and mail them out as soon as possible since they may provide some kind of protection or replacement value if your property is stolen.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
 Wednesday, November 2, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
 I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A45 Marina District

Senior Lead Officer Gregg Jacobus - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3971

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	5
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	1
Theft	9

During this rating period Rape (Acquaintance) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has decreased across the board but even one rape case is one to many. Rape is a sexual act committed against a person's will that needs to be stopped at all cost. Victim and suspect

met at a club and began to get to know each other. Victim agreed to go to suspect's home; upon entering victim's home several suspects raped her. Make your limits clear from the start before you get into a sexual situation. Avoid alcohol and drugs they can cloud your judgment. As a rape victim your main goal is survival. Do not blame yourself for doing whatever you had to do, or not do, to survive. Remember rape is never the victim's fault. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tip

- Pickpockets safety tips:

Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body in front of you. If you are carrying a wallet, place it in your front pants pocket or inside your coat pocket.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
Tuesday, November 29, 2011 @ 7:30 a.m.
Chase Burton Park

Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3972

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - Cell Phone # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	9
Robbery	0
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	6
Sex	0
Homicides	0
Theft	9

During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has remained low for the second consecutive rating period. GTA has become our main focus this period; several vehicles were stolen simply because they were not locked. Lock all doors and windows when your vehicle is unattended. Attempt to park in well-lit area with heavy pedestrian traffic, near busy stores, restaurants, etc. Turn wheels sharply left or right and set the emergency brake. This makes it harder for a GTA suspect to tow your vehicle. Anyone whom observes an attack in progress calls the police right away and helps protect a life from being destroyed.

Safety Tip

- Shopping receipts safety tips:

Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly scratch it out.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Community Police Station

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor

Senior Lead Officer Ruben Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3976

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	33
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	11
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Residential burglary has remained at a level of concern for the second period in a row. Most intruders seek easy targets. They want to get in quickly, quietly and unseen. The harder you make it for them, the lower your risk of a break-in. Keep your doors locked even when you are home. Install and use window locks at all times. Place ample lighting around your home, carefully placed lighting can help deter burglary suspects. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Kids safety tips:

If shopping with kids, have a plan in case you get separated. For the older children, have a central meeting spot designated. For the younger children teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
Thursday, November 17, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.
LASO Sub-Station
Ladera Shopping Center

Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District

Senior Lead Officer Tony Ramos - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3978
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo- # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	14
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	7
Grand Theft Auto	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Petty theft is the taking of victim's property without his or her consent. Petty theft is a crime often associated with opportunity and carelessness by the victim. Do not leave items of value lying around your home (Tools, Toys, etc.). Lock and secure garage doors and storage areas whenever they are unattended. Install sensor lights around your property, ample lighting helps deter suspects. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

- Shopping safety tips:

Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings, avoid overburdening yourself with packages while attempting to keep up with children. Never use your glove-box to store packages; it is the first place BFMV suspects look.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2011

Note: All event and meeting information is subject to change. To confirm dates, times, and locations call your Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4587. Events will be added or updated as new information is received.

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium

3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

SLO Ceja

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

Loc. TBA

SLO Garcia

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Officer Delatori

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

SLO Garcia

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Officer Newson

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Officer Newson

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles

SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray
Sgt. Merlo

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.
Chase Burton Park
SLO Cruz

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, November 30, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of November

“Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong attempt to fix it if you can. Train yourself not to worry. Worrying never fixes anything but it does waste precious time.”

Mary Hemmingway

