

# **PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

October 2009

## Captains Message

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), approximately one million vehicles are stolen nationwide each year. In Southern California, eleven cities are on the “top twenty-five lists for stolen vehicles.” Modesto, California is first on the vehicle theft list with Los Angeles rounding out at 24<sup>th</sup>. Although the number of stolen vehicles is high, according to NICB, we are in the sixth consecutive year of auto theft decline in the United States.

The decline in vehicle thefts can be linked to new vehicle technology, such as Lojacks and OnStar. These features post high recovery rates with many being standard in newer vehicles. The best defense, of course, does not involve expensive recovery systems, gadgets or even a new vehicle, but just simple common sense. Keep your keys with you when you leave your vehicle unattended; 20% of all vehicles stolen have the keys left inside. Lock and secure your vehicle even if you are walking away from it for only a few minutes. Over 50% of vehicles stolen were unsecured. If you have one available, park your vehicle in the garage rather than your driveway. It provides additional protection against thieves. Always attempt to park in well lighted areas as vehicle thieves hate to be seen committing their crime. Disable your vehicle if you need to leave it sitting for a long period of time, such as while away on a trip or vacation.

Just because you do not drive a new vehicle does not mean you are safe from vehicle thefts. Older vehicles are often stolen because of their lack of anti deterrent technology making them easier to access and their parts are a hot item on the black market.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hiltner, 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 August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.**

### **Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District**

Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing - Cell Phone # 310-622-3968

### Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	5
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Autos	8
Sexual Crime	2
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Rape increased in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. During this rating period date rape occurred in our area. Most rapes are committed by people the victims know. This maybe a date, acquaintance, ex-partner or family member. On dates especially your first one; make your limits clear before you are pushed into a sexual situation, Avoid alcohol and other drugs. They can could judgment and slow responses. Do not leave your drink alone and avoid secluded places. Drive yourself or arrange for your own transportation to conceal you home address. Be a good neighbor report any suspicious activity or a crime in progress to the police right away. Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

### Safety Tips

- Burglary safety tips:

Do not stop your mail or newspaper from being delivered; it is a clear signal you are away from home. Instead have a neighbor pick up your mail and other deliveries.

### *Reminder*

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**  
Thursday, October 8, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Pacific Community Station  
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

### **Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District**

Senior Lead Officer Teresa Skinner Cell Phone # 310-622-3970

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo – 310-482-6334

### Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	0
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Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	5
Grand Theft Auto	2
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	3
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. The majority of the burglary/theft from motor vehicles incidents that occurred this period happened at various times throughout the day. Never leave your vehicle unsecured even for a few minutes. Never leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle, place items inside your truck. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

### **Safety Tips**

- Home safety tips:

If you are going to be away from home an extensive amount of time ask a friend or neighbor to park their vehicle in your driveway to give the appearance someone is home. Also place televisions and radios on timers to go on and off throughout the house, this will also help deter burglary suspects.

### ***Reminder***

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**  
Thursday, October 8, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Pacific Roll Call Room  
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

### **Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District**

Senior Lead Officer Thomas Wicks - Cell Phone # 310-622-3973  
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - 310-482-6334

### **Crime Trends**

- The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	10
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Auto	6
Homicide	0
Sex	0

During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. The majority of incidents that occurred this period were vehicles left unsecured. Lock and secure your vehicle even if you leave for only a few minutes, a professional car thief needs only a minute or less to remove your vehicle. Do not hide spare keys on inside or outside of your vehicle. Thieves know all the hiding places. Ample lighting also helps deter GTA suspects, place sensor lights around your home as well as the garage. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

### **Safety Tip**

- Keep yourself safe at home safety tips:

Lock doors and windows when you are at home alone. Forty percent of home invasions occur because a door or window was left unsecured providing easy access.

### ***Reminder***

- **A25 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEETING**  
Tuesday, October 13, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Pacific CRO Trailer  
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 August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	27
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	17
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. The majority of incidents occurred this period for two reasons; one not securing your vehicle and second leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Lock and secure your vehicle whenever it is unattended even for a few minutes. Place all items of value in the trunk of your vehicle. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Attempt to park your vehicle in a

well-lit area with heavy of pedestrian traffic. Contact the Los Angeles Police Department at (877) ASK-LAPD, to report any suspicious activity or 911 to report any crime in progress.

## Safety Tips

Home alone safety tips:

Look through your peephole viewer to see who is there before opening the door. Always request identification from salespeople or repairmen before you let them into your home. List only your first initial and last name in the phone book.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.

I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium

3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

- **Basic Car 14A45 Marina District**

Senior Lead Officer Heidi Llanes - Cell Phone # 310-622-3971

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - 310-482-6334

## Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	7
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. In the majority of incidents that occurred this period the suspects gained entry via unsecured rear windows and doors. Lock and secure your home whenever you leave even for only a few minutes. Install sturdy exterior doors with strong locks for added protection. Also consider window locks or pegs to secure your homes windows. Be sure to secure upstairs patio doors and windows, burglary suspects gain entry from places that often seems safe. Consider outdoor lighting, ample lighting also helps deter burglary suspects that fear being seen committing their crime. Join your local Neighborhood Watch it is still one of the best tools we have to combat crime. Report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible.

## Safety Tip

- New home safety tips:

Replace all locks immediately after moving into a new home purchased from someone else.  
Repair broken locks or windows and install new deadbolts on all doors leading outside.

### **Reminder**

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 @ 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 August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	6
Sex Crimes	0
Homicides	0

- During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a problem in our area. Robbery is the taking of a person's goods or money through force or threats. Robbery can occur anywhere on the streets, at work, near your home or in stores. Be smart and use caution, be cognizant of your surroundings at all times. Street muggings are the most popular way to rob a person, removing property worn or carried by the victim. Do not walk at night, if possible and never walk alone. Travel light leave extra cash and jewelry at home. Walk with confidence but never let anyone approach you from the rear. If you observe a crime in progress, call the police and report it as soon as possible. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

### **Safety Tip**

- Lighting safety tips:

Light the outside of your home to discourage prowling or loitering. Use floodlights for all entryways, pathways, stairwells and laundry, trash and parking areas. Connect outside lights to a timing device, motion detector or light sensitive switch so lights on automatically during hours of darkness.

### **Reminder**

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 @ 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 August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	27
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Several of the incidents that took place this period were due to items of value being left in plain sight inside your vehicle. Do not under any circumstances leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe it is the first place BFMV suspects look. Place items of value in the trunk of your vehicle or at least out of sight. Lock and secure your vehicle whenever it is unattended. Do not leave your keys with parking attendants whenever possible. Also never tell them how long or where you are going. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

**Safety Tips**

- Alarm system safety tips:

Alarm systems are an effective deterrent, 9 out of 10 convicted burglars agree they avoid homes protected by alarm systems. Make sure your security system includes a loud inside alarm, detectors on all windows and motion sensors in the main living areas.

**Reminder**

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**

Thursday, October 15, 2009 @ 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 August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009:

Aggravated Assaults	10
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	24
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	20
Grand Theft Auto	14
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

- During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in our area. In the majority of the incidents the victim and suspect know each other whether it be family or a dating relationship. People do not always agree, in fact they rarely agree on everything but how you handle the disagreement is the most important issue. Avoiding each other or fighting only makes the problem far worse than when you started. We have to learn how to solve the problem. Listen to each other and try to work things out. This way, both sides can win. Listen closely when the other person is speaking attempt to find common ground were both parties involved can gain some of what they want and compromise on the other. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have against crime. Contact your local police if you observe a crime in progress.

### **Safety Tip**

- Entry points safety tips:

Secure sliding glass doors by adding a bolt lock or a “charley bar” to block the door closed. The majority of home burglaries occur between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., so teach yourself to lock all doors and windows whenever you go out.

### **Reminder**

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**  
Thursday, October 8, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Pacific Station Roll Call Room  
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

## **Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2009**



**Note: All event and meeting information is subject to change. To confirm dates, times, and locations call your Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4515. Events will be added or updated as new information is received.**

**HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

Loc. TBA

*SLO Garcia*

**PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

Tuesday, October 7, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.

I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium

3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

*SLO Ceja*

**PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**

Thursday, October 8, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

*Officer Newsom*

**A25 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific CRO Trailer

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

*SLO Wicks*

**SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

*SLO Madison*

**LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Thursday, October 15, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.

Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station

*SLO Garcia*

**GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles

*SLO Garcia*

**COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 20, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

6200 Playa Vista, Playa Vista, CA.

*Sgt. Merlo*

***La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING***

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.

Chase Burton Park

*SLO Llanes*

***CARDIFF GROUP NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING***

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

3724 Cardiff Av., Los Angeles

*SLO Llanes*

***READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING***

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles

*SLO Garcia*

***Wisdom for the month of October***

***“Knowledge rest not upon truth alone, but upon error also.”***

*Carl G. Jung*

***Come out participate and enjoy  
Pacific Area Annual  
Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show  
Saturday, November 14, 2009  
9:00 am till 3:00 pm  
Rain or Shine***

***Check out our flyer!***

# Los Angeles Police Department

## Pacific Area Annual CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Saturday, November 14, 2009

9am till 3:00pm

Rain or Shine



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*5651 W. Manchester Ave, Los Angeles, California 90066*

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