



### North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



During the first quarter of 2009, North Hollywood Area continues to experience a drop in crime. Our emphasis on decreasing crime in the NoHo area has paid off with significant reductions in burglary/theft from motor vehicles and personal theft.

This success was due to a recent task force that was organized to concentrate efforts on apprehending those preying upon this neighborhood. The task force resulted in the arrest of five individuals who

were involved in burglaries and other crimes and were either on parole or probation. These arrests may lead to additional reductions in crime for North Hollywood Area as detectives continue to investigate.

### Community Announcements

Plans concerning the Department's organized Gun Buy Back program are still being finalized. The event will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at 6020 Radford Street, North Hollywood. Community members wishing to dispose of their weapons will be able to bring them to this location and receive a gift card that can be used at local retailers. Further details will be forthcoming.

Also coming in May will be our annual Tip-A-Cop event that will take place at the new Bob's Big Boy in Sun Valley. This year's event should be the most enjoyable yet. Come join the fun as the police officers from the North Hollywood Area Community Police Station wait tables, pour coffee, and serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner to the public. As always, all tips received will go to support the North Hollywood Area Jeopardy program, a program that intervenes in the lives of at-risk youth. Tip-A-Cop is an entertaining day for the whole family, so come join the fun! Watch for details!

### Crime Briefing:

Overall, Part I crimes are down 12 percent, which is a combination of all violent and property crimes.

Violent crimes are down 20 percent this year to date. This reduction includes robberies and aggravated assaults.

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Property crimes are down 11 percent, which includes a decrease in burglary/theft from motor vehicles, thefts and grand theft auto. However, burglaries were up slightly with a 5 percent increase.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

For this period, overall crime was down 21 percent. This includes major decreases in both property crimes and assaults, and robberies by 25 percent and 42 percent and 33 percent, respectively. Grand theft auto incidents are down by 26 percent this period.

There was a slight increase in residential burglaries. There were no similar patterns and no suspect descriptions.

On March 16, 2009, there was a street robbery that occurred at 7568 Lankershim Boulevard in the 7-11 parking lot. The suspect approached the victim, removed currency from his pocket and yanked away the victim's chain. The suspect is described as a male Hispanic and drove away in a white Ford F-150 pickup truck with partial license plate of 7K437.

## **Community Events**

***North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting***  
7939 St Claire Avenue  
Strathern Street Elementary School  
Thursday, April 9, 2009  
7:00 pm

## ***Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Valerio/Tujunga  
Church of San Pablo  
Monday, April 13, 2009  
7:00 pm

## ***Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue  
Pentecostal Church  
Wednesday, April 29, 2009  
7:00 pm

## **Crime Tips**

Don't become a victim of auto theft. Invest a little in anti-theft devices such as a car alarm or a "Club." Don't forget to park your vehicle in well lit areas and never leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Overall crime was up from a total of 71 incidents this period, as compared to 61 last period.

A comparison of last month's crime statistics showed increases in assault with deadly weapons, robbery, burglary, and burglary/theft from motor vehicles.

Current crime trends indicate a recent spike in commercial burglaries on the Sherman Way Corridor. Two assaults have also been connected to the Vanowen Apartments, located at 13100-13142

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Vanowen Street. The area is experiencing a disturbing spike in burglary/theft from motor vehicles, which is disappointing after our decrease last month.

## Community Events

### ***Pancake Breakfast***

13200 Burbank Blvd. Fire Station 102

Sunday, April 26, 2009

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Hosted by Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council

### ***Public Safety Fair***

Valley College Parking Lot

April 26, 2009

10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

### ***West North Hollywood Neighborhood Council***

A new Neighborhood Council, which is in the process of being certified. Please contact Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office at (818) 755-7676 for further details.

## Crime Tips

"Out of Sight Helps Our Fight!" against burglary/theft from motor vehicles. Please remind your family, friends and neighbors that this is the number one crime in the Area.

Again, to avoid becoming a victim of theft from your vehicle, all items must be locked up and/or out of sight to prevent the temptation. With the newer electronic devices getting more compact for convenience, such as iPods and Blue Tooth devices, please get in the habit of keeping these expensive items off visors, dashboards and out of sight from perspective suspects.

To protect yourself from becoming a victim of a residential burglary, lock and secure all windows and doors before leaving. This includes doggie doors, if possible, as these can provide easy access into the

house. Make sure all electronic equipment is marked with some sort of identification number and keep a record of all serial numbers. Be aware of pedestrians and vehicles which do not belong in the area, and report suspicious information to your Senior Lead Officer. Vehicle license plate numbers prove invaluable for leads and clues!

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## Current Crime Trends

Based on the statistics for the last period, my area had a decrease in crime of over 40 percent. There were two robberies that occurred in the late afternoon near the area of Vineland Avenue and Victory Boulevard.

## Community Events

### ***Cleon Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

6733 Cleon Avenue

Monday, April 13, 2009

1:00 pm

## Crime Tips

Being a victim of a robbery is a frightening experience. It can result in injury or even death to the victim. In protecting your business from robbery, it is important to remember to take preventive measures and make it obvious that those measures have been taken.

## **How to Discourage Robbery:**

- Avoid working alone. If you must, turn on a hidden radio or TV so robbers will think there is someone with you.

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- Vary the schedule and route when making your daily bank deposits. Keep only necessary cash in the drawer. Then, if you are robbed, you'll reduce your losses.
- Make sure your cash register is clearly visible to passers-by. Arrange the counter so that the customer or robber is visible from the street.
- Avoid placing signs or displays near windows which block visibility from the street.
- Display signs at entrances and exits indicating that safes require secondary keys and which are not in the employees' possession.
- Advertise your security alarm system with signs in visible locations. Make sure your employees know how to operate a panic button.
- If you have a camera system, check it at least once a month to make sure it is operating correctly.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

The current crime trends continue to decline in Basic Car 15A33. During this period the total number Part I crimes decreased from 61 to 38. This was a significant drop and is great news for our area. One location of concern is Laurelgrove Park. There have been radio calls of younger males fighting in the park in the early evening hours. Several citizens have called regarding younger males congregating in the park. On March 17, 2009, officers detained several suspects in the park and after determining that there was no crime, released them. Report any suspicious activity before it escalates.

There is more graffiti reported from the tagger "Smurf" in the area of Goodland Avenue and Victory Boulevard. The Violent Crime Task Force recently arrested a tagger in the area of Victory/Whitsett for vandalizing City property.

On March 21, 2009, two male Hispanic suspects used a dark blue Toyota Camry 4-door vehicle, (unknown license plate) in a daytime robbery of a business. One of the suspects pointed a handgun at the victim.

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## **Crime Tips**

Vehicle break-ins continue to be a City-wide problem. Please don't leave valuables in your vehicle even if you are hiking. Make an effort to get to know your neighbors so that you can keep an eye on each other's property. Call your Senior Lead Officer to set up a Neighborhood Watch meeting. If there is a suspicious person or vehicle in your neighborhood, call 911, or if it doesn't seem to be an emergency, leave a message on my cell phone, 818-634-0809. Report any lost/stolen license plates. Car thieves steal them to put on stolen cars of similar makes/models.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based upon my statistics, there has been a slight decrease in Part I crimes for the last month. The area of Reporting Districts 1535 and 1538 continue to lead the Basic Car in these crimes. A cluster of crimes occurred along Burbank Boulevard near Bonner Avenue, which included a robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and a burglary/theft from motor vehicle. Reporting District 1538 also had a cluster of crimes north of Magnolia Boulevard between Cleon Avenue and Harmony Avenue. Three assaults occurred here last month.

## **Community Events**

***Mid Town North Hollywood Council Meeting***  
11416 Tiara  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009  
7:00 pm

## **Crime Tips**

- Advise gang enforcement officers of gang activity in the area
- Continue to encourage and create new neighborhood and business watch groups in the area.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the current crime trends burglary/theft from motor vehicles and residential burglaries are the most frequent crimes within this Basic Car Area. The majority of these crimes are occurring in the western portion of the area. The items still being taken are electronic items. The suspects involved are described as being male Hispanics, shaved heads, between the ages of 20-28 years old. The suspects were seen driving in a dark SUV, possibly a Mercedes or BMW.

## **Community Events**

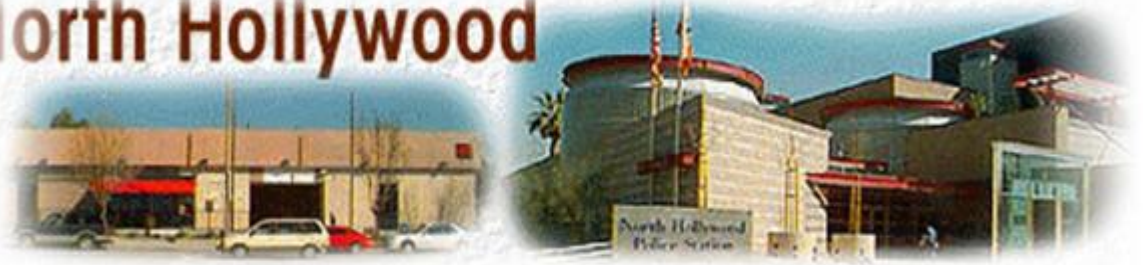
***Valley Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting***  
Victory Elementary School  
6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood  
Tuesday, April 14, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

***Neighborhood Council Valley Village Meeting***  
Colfax Elementary School  
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009  
6:30 pm  
Meetings are open to the public.

## **Crime Tips:**

- Organize neighborhood cleanup days to send the message that your community is closed to thieves, vandals, and loiterers.
- Ask the police to increase patrols of your neighborhood.
- Sponsor a Neighborhood Watch.
- Be sure the outside doors of your home or business have strong deadbolt locks.

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- Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor or nearby shopkeeper, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
- Lock gates, garage doors, and shed doors after every use.
- Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide: the spaces between trees or shrubbery, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entryways.
- Set timers on lights when you're away from home or your business is closed so it appears to be occupied.
- Keep your bike and sports equipment inside the house when they're not in use.
- Avoid confrontations with burglars.

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## Current Crime Trends

Based on the statistics for this period, my area experienced another overall decrease in the total number of crimes committed. Crime was down in almost all categories with the most significant decrease in grand theft auto. Robberies, burglaries, burglary/theft from motor vehicles and thefts were down as well. Due to the deployment of various resources and directed patrol in Reporting District 1555, this area saw a significant reduction in crime for the first three weeks of the period. During the last week of March however, the number of burglary/theft from motor vehicles was higher than it had been in two months. Transient activity has increased in the area south of the 134 Freeway on Lankershim Boulevard

and Vineland Avenue, due to numerous recently located homeless encampments along the freeways.

## Community Events

### *Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting*

Toluca Elementary, 4840 Cahuenga Boulevard  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009  
7:00 pm

## Crime Tips

Please remember to remove all valuables from your vehicles. iPods and portable GPS devices are some of the most commonly taken items from vehicles. Most are left on the visors or the dashboards of the vehicles, making it extremely easy for thieves to remove from your car. It only takes a second to remove them from your car, but it will cost you hundreds of dollars to replace.

Also remember to lock your doors and windows when leaving your home. There have been several daytime residential burglaries in which the homes were unsecured and suspects entered through open doors and windows. If you have a home alarm system, don't forget to set it.

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## Current Crime Trends

Well, there is very good news in Studio City. First, the crime numbers continue to fall and for the month of March they were the lowest I have seen since 2001. However, there was a heavy concentration of burglary/theft from motor vehicles in the southeastern portion of Studio City. Multiple crimes and victims

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have been targeted on Arch Drive, Bluffside Drive, Aqua Vista Street and Fair Avenue. Most of the crimes were committed in the middle of the night and usually the suspects broke into subterranean parking garages, usually breaking into multiple vehicles.

Photographs of suspects were obtained from three different locations in Studio City. The same suspects were involved in all three incidents. It was quickly discovered that these same suspects were also caught on surveillance tape breaking into cars in the northern part of North Hollywood Area, as well as in Devonshire Area. With the information supplied from us, Devonshire Area was able to apprehend these suspects.

## **Community Events**

### ***Studio City Residence Association Meeting***

Beverly Garland Hotel

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

7:30 pm

## **Crime Tips**

Do not leave items such as GPS and iPods in your vehicle in plain view. Thieves are walking around looking into vehicles for items to steal. If they do not see it, they will not break in. If you see something suspicious, call me. If it is a suspicious vehicle, try to get a license plate number. Sometimes all I need is the license plate number to crack a case. Keep an eye out on your neighbors and get to know them so you can alert them if something appears suspicious. An organized neighborhood and active neighborhood watch makes it less likely you will become a victim. If you do not have a neighborhood watch group in your area and you would like to organize one, please contact me at 818-634-2593.