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We would like to personally thank each and every one of you who came out to have your cars washed and enjoyed a hamburger or hot dog with us on Saturday April 5th. The car wash to benefit Sgt Rachel Raigoza and Cory Ryan, the son of Sgt Kathy Ryan, who are both battling cancer was a wonderful success. We again thank you for your wonderful outpouring of support for our sister officers and their families.

We are so grateful for the incredibly supportive community in which we serve! The words Thank You just do not do justice to our gratitude!

Crime and Arrest Information

Below is a snapshot of just a few of the investigations and arrests that officers made in West Valley in the past couple of weeks:

- Victory Blvd. at White Oak Ave. – An adult male (stepfather) took his two stepsons, ages 9 and 12, into the LA River wash in the rain to practice their bicycle jumps. They ignored the posted No Trespassing signs. He and the juveniles were practicing bicycle jumps next to the swift water flow when the officers confronted them. The adult was placed under arrest for Child Endangering. (10A47)
- Two officers in Sunland stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. When officers approached the vehicle, they smelled the odor of marijuana. The driver got out of the car and admitted to smoking marijuana. An officer began to search the car for the marijuana. He saw a handgun under the rear seat. He also located an X box device and games, a credit card in a woman's name, and a laptop computer with the user name of Jake on the screen. The suspects agreed to speak to the officers, and one suspect admitted that he keeps the gun for protection. The second suspect admitted he was helping sell the stolen property. The property was taken from a burglary in a home in Woodland Hills. The suspects were re-arrested for Receiving Stolen Property. (10A73-original burglary)
- 221XX Ventura Blvd. – Officers observed two individuals at a closed car dealer business attempting to cut open a lock on a security gate in front of the location. If the lock had been removed, the suspects would have access to up to sixty motorcycles. The officers stopped the suspects and located a third suspect in a van nearby. The van contained more bolt cutters and hammers. The pad lock on the gate did indeed show a mark consistent with the bolt cutter that the suspect had been using. The suspects were arrested for Attempt Burglary. (10A73)
- 232XX Ventura Blvd - After a Vice investigation, two females were arrested, one for Solicitation of Prostitution, and one for Keeping a House of Ill Fame. (10A73)
- 167XX McCormick Street - A male fired a handgun into the ground as a scare tactic when two male Hispanics were attempting to remove two discarded refrigerators. The man was arrested for discharging a weapon within the city limits. (10A87)
- 48XX Reseda Blvd. - During an illegal street race of non-motorized go carts, one individual racer hit a parked car and was trapped underneath. He was transported to Tarzana Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The victim belonged to a "soap box" racing club and met at this location on a monthly basis. (10A67)
- 195XX Ventura Blvd.- A fight erupted inside a local restaurant, involving several males. Several other males joined the fight at which time multiple suspects produced handguns. As people fled the location, multiple gunshots were fired, and three victims were hit. West Valley Detectives are investigating. No one was killed due to this incident.
- 54XX Lindley - Victim is the owner of a local marijuana clinic. Suspects forced their way into victim's residence, tied up and beat the victim and took his property. Victim was able to free himself and chase down the suspects and stab one suspect in the upper torso. Officers responded and located the stabbed suspect, with the knife still stuck in his body. Officers arrested the second suspect without incident. The stabbed suspect was in ICU at a local hospital.

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

Changes in Senior Leads and Stations

Stations

As most of you know, the LAPD is building a new police station at Schoenborn Street and Canoga Avenue. The new station has been named the "Topanga Area Community Police Station". This will be the LAPD's 21st station, and will help cut the response time for the west-end of the San Fernando Valley. The building is nearing completion, with only interior wiring and decorating to be completed. The Topanga Area Community Police Station will take geographic boundaries from both Devonshire and West Valley Areas, from approximately Corbin Avenue west (the finalized borders have not been released yet). This station should open towards the latter part of 2008, or early in 2009.

Senior Lead Officers

In preparation for the Topanga Area Community Police Station opening, and upcoming promotions within the Senior Lead Office, there will be several changes in assignments beginning March 30, 2008. The Captains have chosen to make these changes effective now, so the officers are familiar with their new communities, as well as to spread experience, training and expertise evenly throughout both divisions. They have also factored in upcoming promotions and the related loss of officers that we now possess in these positions.

These changes are as follows:

SLO Maldonado will be moving from Reseda (A27) next door to Winnetka (A33).

SLO Raigoza will be moving from Winnetka (A33) to west Woodland Hills (A73).

SLO Rygh will be leaving Reseda (A47) and going to represent the Woodland Hills community (A75).

SLO Barber will be moving from west Woodland Hills (A73) to north Reseda (A27).

SLO McGee will be switching back from east Woodland Hills (A75) back to south Reseda (A47).

Please see the front page of this newsletter for updated phone numbers!

Your Neighborhood Watch dates and times will not change.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Schedule:

Canoga Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The second Tuesday of the month
7248 Owensmouth Ave
7pm.

Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Every other month
Call for details.
374-7637

Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The second Thursday of the month
West Valley Police Station
7pm.

Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The third Tuesday of the month
West Valley Police Station
7pm.

**South Canoga Park/ West Winnetka
Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
The third Tuesday of the month
20830 Sherman Way, Canoga Park
7pm.

Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The second Thursday of the month
6844 Oakdale Ave.
7pm.

West Hills Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The second Monday of the month
7633 March Ave, West Hills
7pm.

Woodland Hills Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The second Tuesday of the month
22200 Ventura Blvd (Woodland Hills Library)
6:30pm.

All times and dates are subject to change. Please call the Senior Lead Officer to verify prior to attending, or get on the mailing list for a monthly updated mailing on the meeting!

Things that you should know:

The phone number for the West Valley Alliance has changed. Please update your telephone list. The new contact number for the West Valley Alliance (to clean up graffiti) is (818) 885-8885.

Phone solicitors are again calling, stating that they are raising money for police related charity. Most of these organizations are NOT real charities. They are simply telemarketing companies who donate from one-half of a percent to five percent of their collections to an actual police charity. Please do not donate your hard-earned money to telemarketing charities. If you call the Senior Lead Office, Officer Carnahan will be happy to tell you which ones hold Police Commission permits and how much they donate to an actual charity. She can direct you to actual charities that are police/fire related as well, where your money is used entirely by the charity to benefit the police or fire department personnel. Our office phone number is (818) 374-7630.