

## North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



Public safety is the Los Angeles Police Department's number one priority. When I identify a problem that has the potential of causing harm to the community, I take a very proactive role in alleviating this problem.

On July 20, 2009, a string of residential burglaries occurred in the North Hollywood Area.

The burglaries happened in the early morning hours while the residents were asleep in their homes. We refer to these types of burglaries as "hot prowls." A

unique aspect of these burglaries is that most occurred within a one block radius and all in one night. I understood the potential of a suspect coming in contact with a resident and a violent confrontation occurring.

I immediately directed the North Hollywood Area burglary detectives to formulate a plan to apprehend these suspects before a violent confrontation occurred. On a very short notice, a plan was developed and implemented, starting at 3:00 am on July 21, just 24-hours from when the first crimes occurred. I am very pleased to report that within 10 minutes of this operation, we apprehended two suspects. During the subsequent investigation we located property belonging to a victim in Van Nuys Area who had just been burglarized, and other evidence linking these two individuals to the hot prowls that occurred the day prior. Both suspects were booked for burglary and are currently awaiting trial.

I would like to thank the North Hollywood Area personnel who took part in this operation and also convey a message to the community that we strive to provide high quality police work every day in your neighborhoods. I will continue to identify those problems causing a threat to public safety and take steps quickly to alleviate them.

## Community Announcements

Los Angeles Police Department's Valley Bureau conducts a Community Police Academy twice each year. The academy is designed to give the public an inside look at the operations of the Department. This 10-week course meets once a week and includes subject matters on community policing, application of law, and specialized units. The upcoming class is full, but if you would like to be put on the waiting list

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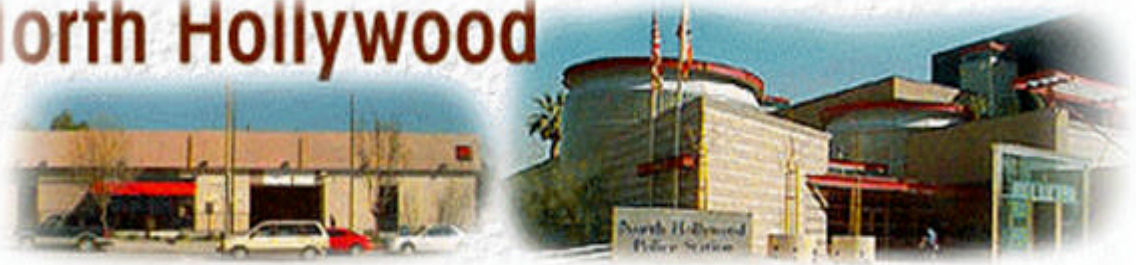
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## Basic Car 15A3

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## Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Church of San Pablo  
Valerio/Tujunga  
Monday, August 10, 2009  
7:00 pm

## Crime Tips

Don't become a victim of auto theft. Invest in an anti-theft device 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.

## Current Crime Trends

Our Part I crime overall numbers were exactly the same from the last reported period. Aggravated assaults and burglaries were down. Unfortunately, robbery, and grand theft autos increased during this last period. There was also a slight increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicle.

## Community Events

*North Hollywood Northwest Neighborhood Council*  
Saticoy Elementary School  
7850 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood  
Wednesday, August 26, 2009  
7:00 pm

The new Neighborhood Council, in the northern section of 15A21, has almost completed the certification process. Contact Council District No. 2 office at (818)755-7676 for further details.

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combination of all violent and property crimes, are down 12 percent.

Violent crimes are down 9 percent this year to date. This reduction includes an 18 percent reduction in robberies.

Property crimes are down 12 percent, which includes an 18 percent reduction in grand theft auto, and a 14 percent reduction in burglary/theft from motor vehicles.

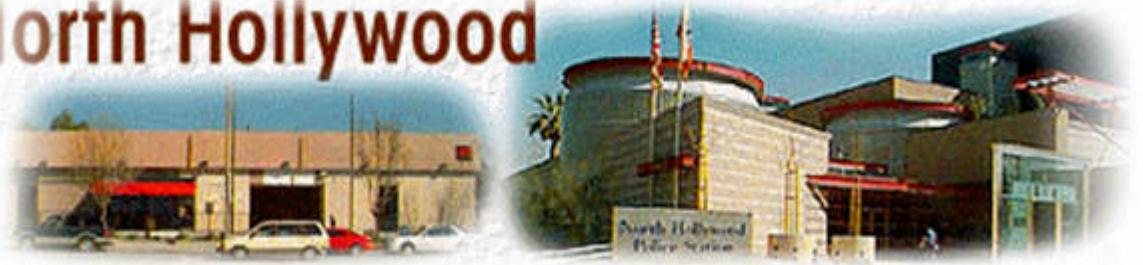
## Current Crime Trends

Based on my statistics for this period there was an increase in grand theft auto and robberies. Most of the vehicles being stolen are Toyotas and Hondas. Aggravated assaults, burglary/theft from motor vehicles, burglaries, and thefts are all down. Overall crime is down 2 percent.

## Community Events

*North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting*  
Valley Plaza Library, 12311 Vanowen Street  
Thursday, August 6, 2009  
7:00 pm

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first and last name and your personal e-mail address.

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## **Crime Tips**

As the warmer weather approaches, we all tend to leave windows and sliding doors open at night to cool down. Please remember to secure your residence (all doors and windows) when leaving your house (even for a short errand or time period).

We are still leaving personal property inside our vehicles, which remains our number one crime. Keep reminding yourself, family and friends to take valuables out of the vehicle!

## **Current Crime Trends**

Based the statistics for the last period the area had an increase in burglary/theft from vehicles. The crimes were in no specific area.

## **Community Events**

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

6733 Cleon Avenue  
Tuesday, August 11, 2009  
1:00 pm

### ***Lankershim Business Watch***

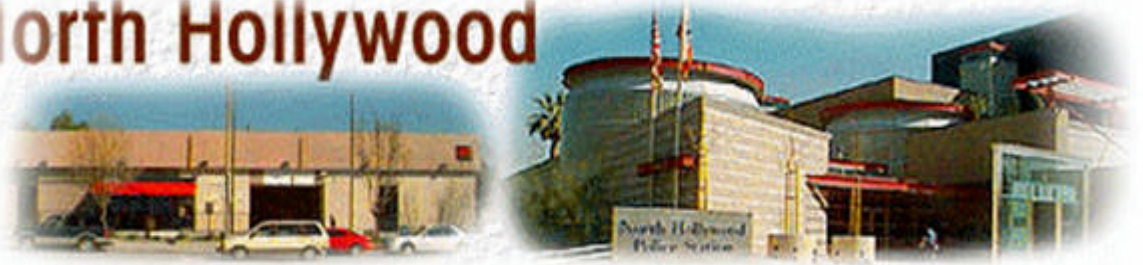
6650 Lankershim Boulevard  
Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
1:00 pm

## **Crime Tips**

You can prevent most residential burglaries. In California criminals committed over 222,000 burglaries. That's over one burglary every two minutes. In many of these burglaries, no force was used. That means the burglars got in through UNLOCKED doors and windows.

- ? Always lock your doors and windows even when leaving for "just a minute."
- ? Never leave a house key available under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of the door. These are the first places a burglar will look.
- ? Exterior doors should have "dead bolt" locks with a 1-inch strong metal bar extending into the door frame.
- ? Sliding doors and windows should all have "ventilation" locks as well as auxiliary locks to bolster security.
- ? Be sure to include good locks for garage, cellar, patio, or other doors that lead out through storage areas or a spare room.
- ? Install a wide angle lens viewer in the front door. Never open the door without knowing who is there.
- ? Consider an alarm system.

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### **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the current crime trends, property crimes are slightly up this period. There were three hot prowls in Reporting District (RD) 1523, all occurring in the early morning hours. An immediate task force was set in place the next evening and two suspects were taken into custody. Detectives are still conducting follow-ups for the crimes. All three houses were broken into via unlocked doors or windows.

Grand theft auto and burglary/theft from motor vehicles have also risen.

### **Community Events**

#### ***Valley Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Victory Elementary School  
6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood  
Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

### **Crime Tips**

Sponsor a neighborhood watch meeting in your area. Lock the doors to your residence and vehicles, not leaving anything in plain view. Report any suspicious people or vehicles in your area and report it to your Senior Lead Officer, 818-634-0809. Even with the hot summer months please lock your doors. The three hot prowls that occurred in RD 1523 should be a reminder!

Set timers on your lights if you are going out of town and advise a neighbor to keep an eye on your residence.

### **Current Crime Trends**

Based on my statistics for this period, there was an increase in property crime in the basic car area. Assaults and grand theft autos have spiked compared to the month prior. The majority of the vehicles stolen are Toyotas and Hondas. There has been a slight increase in robberies. Residential burglaries were reported in the area of Cleon and Burbank Boulevard area.

### **Community Events**

#### ***Mid Town North Hollywood Council Meeting***

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Wednesday, August 12, 2009  
7:00 pm

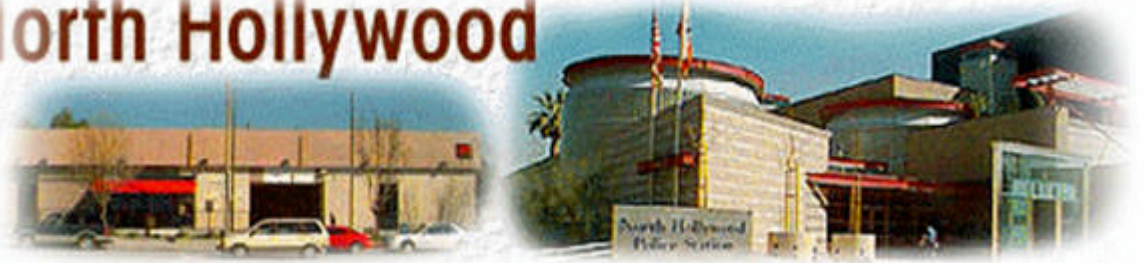
### **Crime Tips**

Don't become a victim of a theft or burglary from motor vehicle. Park your vehicle in well lit areas and never leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle.

### **Current Crime Trends**

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If you have any information regarding these thefts, you are encouraged to call the North Hollywood Area Auto Detectives at (818) 623-4045.

### Community Events

#### ***Valley Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Victory Elementary School  
6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood  
Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

#### ***Neighborhood Council Valley Village Meeting***

Colfax Elementary School  
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village  
Wednesday, August 26, 2009  
6:30 pm  
Meetings are open to the public.

### Crime Tips:

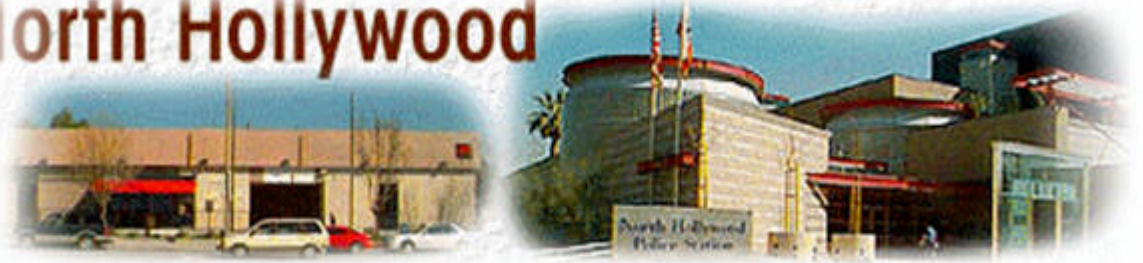
- ? Organize neighborhood clean-up days in your neighborhood, to send the message that your community is closed to thieves, vandals, and loiterers.
- ? Ask the police to increase patrols of your neighborhood.
- ? Sponsor or attend a Neighborhood Watch meeting.
- ? Be sure the outside doors of your home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

- ? 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. For example, the spaces between trees or shrubbery, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entryways.
- ? Set timers on lights when you are 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.

### Current Crime Trends

Based on the statistics for this month, my area experienced an overall decrease in the total number of crime. Although crime was slightly up in grand theft auto, burglary and robbery, there was a significant decrease in burglary from vehicles. Over the last few months there has been a noticeable decrease in overall crime in RD 1555. This area continued to see a good reduction of burglary/theft from vehicles, however, we are experiencing an increase in crime statistics in the adjacent reporting districts. There also have been occurrences of burglary/theft from vehicles in the

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4840 Cahuenga Boulevard  
Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
7:00 pm

## Crime Tips

As we are in the hot summer months, remember to close your windows and lock your doors when leaving your homes during the daytime. 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.

## Current Crime Trends

During this period we experienced a significant reduction in burglary/theft from motor vehicle and there was only one robbery during this same period.

There was a slight increase in grand theft autos and burglaries were also up from.

## Community Events

***Studio City Residence Association Meeting***  
Beverly Garland Hotel  
Tuesday, August 11, 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 and let me know. Sometimes all I need is a license plate number to crack a case. Keep an eye out on your neighbors and get to know your neighbors so you can alert them if something is suspicious. An organized neighborhood and active neighborhood watch makes you less likely of becoming a victim. If you do not have a neighborhood watch group in your area and you would like one please contact me. My City cell phone number is 818-634-2593.