



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

This month the Los Angeles Police Department celebrated National Night Out, a national event that encourages community members to come together in partnership with the police and local officials in the fight against crime. As such, Southwest Community Stakeholders were invited to partake and attend the festivities scheduled for the day.

On August 3, 2010, Southwest Division held two very successful National Night Out events. Residents and business owners alike, turned out at both events in record numbers. There was music, delicious food, great entertainment and plenty of fun activities. More importantly, it was a powerful reminder of the impact individuals can have on their community when they come together in solidarity.

Crime is still down in Southwest Division. Officers have worked hard to make this area a safer place to work and live. Your involvement has also been instrumental because we could not have been successful without your support.

For those that are interested in making a difference in our neighborhoods, but aren't sure where to start, I encourage you to contact the Southwest Community Relations Office for information on joining a community policing program.

In closing, as we move forward in the fight against crime, I could not be prouder to serve and be associated with the people of the Southwest Area.

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CRIME PREVENTION

Community awareness is the key to crime prevention. If you are interested in establishing a Block Club in your area, please contact your Senior Lead Officer for assistance.

CRIME AND ARREST INFORMATION

3SLO1-ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Sanchez reports that during the first 7 months of the year, the Adams Boulevard Neighborhood experienced a considerably low number of reported crimes. Although this area experienced an up – tic in stolen vehicles (between the hours of 8:00P.M. and 7:A.M), there were no reported crime clusters (five or more crimes in one reporting district). Please remember to lock your car, remove all valuables and park in a well lighted area.



3SLO15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Hauter reports that the West Adams area experienced a high volume of Burglary From Motor Vehicles during the past month. Certain block clubs contacted SLO Hauter with their concerns. In response, she facilitated several task forces in the area involving officers LAPD and the Department of Public Safety.



On July 26, 2010, citizens in the area of Congress and 23rd Street caught a suspect breaking into a vehicle. Southwest Officers responded to the scene and arrested the suspect. The suspect was charged with Burglary From Motor Vehicle. Southwest Auto Detectives were able to confirm that this individual was responsible for several of the car burglaries in the area.



A special “Thank You” to the community members from the BJC Block Club, Brighton Block Club, Van Buren Block Club, and ANNA Block Club for their involvement in the efforts to make West Adams a safer place to call home.

Crime Tips-Burglary From Motor Vehicle



The message is simple:

Lock It: Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended and always lock your valuables in the trunk.

Hide It: If you don’t have a trunk, hide valuables under the seats, in the glove box, or other compartments within the vehicle.

Keep It: Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.

3SLO19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK

Crime Trends

Robberies and aggravated assaults continue to be a problem at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Vermont Avenue. According to Senior Lead Officer Salazar, this is due to the high volume of pedestrians at all four corners of the intersection. Southwest Division will continue to get

support from Los Angeles Unified School Police, in addition to extra patrol efforts before and after school hours.



Also, the area between Normandie Boulevard and Vermont Boulevard along Budlong Avenue continues to have sporadic incidents of Burglary from motor vehicles and Grand theft autos occurring. We continue to monitor the area and provide extra patrol on all watches throughout the day.

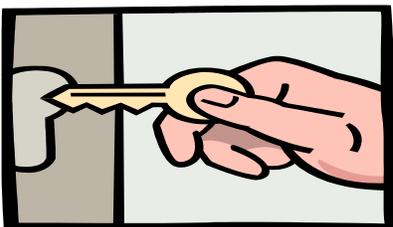
Crime Tips-Vacation Crime Prevention Tips

Summer is a time when families head out in planes, trains and the family car for vacation. The excitement of going on vacation makes it easy to forget about taking precautionary measures to protect your home and belongings left behind. Please take a look at the following to avoid being a victim while you are out of town:



Secure your Residence:

Make sure all locks on the doors and windows function properly and use them.



Make sure your residence looks lived in and not empty.

Ask several neighbors to keep an eye on your home while you are away. Leave your vacation address and telephone number with a trusted neighbor so that you can be reached in an emergency.

Make sure your smoke and burglar alarms are functioning properly and armed.

Turn your ringer on your telephone down low or off.

Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your deliveries: mail, newspapers, and packages.

Arrange for someone to maintain your yard so your home appears occupied.

Have someone place your trash containers at the curb for normal pickup and return them after the pickup had been made.

Think about installing timers for lights, the television and or radio so that they can turn on and off at the appropriate times.

Leave a normal message on your answering machine, however do not announce your absence

Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway while you are gone so it will appear that someone is home. If you leave your car at home park it as you normally would do.

Call LAPD Southwest Division to advise them you are on vacation and request a vacation extra patrol request. 213-485-2582.

3SLO31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

Many of us live in neighborhood with neighbors who have one or more pets. Most of the time the sounds associated with these animals is innocuous. However, when the sounds are unbearably loud or ongoing for hours, concerns are raised regarding the welfare of the animal as well as the sanctity of the neighborhood. Recently, Senior Lead Officer Biondo received an uptick in noise related animal complaints, (especially regarding barking dogs). Outlined on the following page are guidelines for identifying and

initiating a dog barking complaint as well as the City entity which handles these types of complaints.

It is against the law for a dog owner, or anyone in control or custody of a dog, to allow the dog to make excessive noise, after receiving a legal notice of the noise complaint and a request to make it stop. The term “**excessive noise**” means noise which is unreasonably annoying, disturbing, offensive, or which unreasonably interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property of one or more persons occupying property in the community or neighborhood. This law does not apply to a commercial animal establishment with a legal permit. (LAMC 53.63)



All barking dog or other nuisance complaints are handled by the City’s Animal Care and Control Department. Barking dog complaints must be submitted in writing to your local Animal Care and Control Center with the name, address, and telephone number of the complaining party, a description of the nuisance, as well as name and address of the dog owner. For further information, please contact your local Animal Care and Control Center listed below:

If you see graffiti or bulky items discarded, especially in alleys, contact 3-1-1 for removal. You’ll be given a reference number. Keep this number handy as if the request is not completed in a timely manner, you can forward the location and reference number to me and I can follow-up with the appropriate city department.



Crime Tips- Barking Dog Complaint Procedures

If you are experiencing a problem with a barking dog, you must submit a written complaint to the Animal Care Center serving your area.

To file a complaint, you must write a letter including the following:

- Your Name*
- Your Address*
- Your Phone Number*
- Address of the barking dog*
- Description of the Problem*
- Your Signature*

Send your complaint letter directly to the Animal Care Center that services your area. [Click here to locate an Animal Care Center near you](#)

Complaints will be acted on in the following manner:

(a) **First Complaint.**

1. Upon receiving a written complaint involving a whining, barking, howling, or similar dog noise, the Department of Animal Services shall issue a written notice to the owner or person having charge, care, or custody of the dog or dogs advising that person of the noise complaint and requesting immediate abatement of any excessive noise.

(b) **Second Complaint.**

1. If, after 15 days from the issuance of the written notice pursuant to the first complaint, a second complaint is received, the Department of Animal Services shall, by written notice, require the complainant or complainants and the owner of the dog or dogs to appear at a meeting before a Department representative to discuss possible ways and means to resolve the problem. If the problem remains unresolved, the matter shall be set for an administrative hearing as provided by Section [53.18.5](#).

2. If the owner fails to appear before the Department of Animal Services representative and there is evidence that the dog or dogs have emitted excessive noise, the problem shall be deemed unresolved, and the matter set for an administrative hearing as provided by Section [53.18.5](#).

Administrative Hearings:

An administrative hearing is similar to a non-jury trial in civil court, however the parties are named complainant and respondent and the procedure is governed by the statutes, regulations, and ordinances applicable to City of Los Angeles Administrative

Hearings. All testimony is taken under sworn oath and false testimony may result in criminal charges. Any evidence submitted at the hearing becomes part of the official hearing record and will not be returned. The General Manager of the Department of Animal Services makes the final decision which is legally binding. The respondent may file an appeal to the decision within fifteen days provided that s/he attends the hearing.



Appeals are heard by the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, which may affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the General Manager. Board decisions may be appealed to the Superior Court. For more information about administrative hearings, please call 888/452-7381.

Other contact numbers to consider:

Main Office

419 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013
213-473-8253
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

District Offices Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon-Sat, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. (24-hour emergency services available)
Los Angeles, CA 90031
213-485-8855

South Central Animal Care and Control

3612 Eleventh Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90018
213-485-0214

3SLO55-JEFFERSON PARK/WESTERN CORRIDOR

Crime Tips-Helpful Phone Numbers

Graffiti Removal:

(311)

Abandoned Vehicles:

(800/222-6366)

Bulky Item Trash Pick Up (Illegally Dumped Trash):

(800/773-2489)

Department of Health:

(213/351-5110)

Citywide information:

(311)

3SLO57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Garner noticed a slight increase in residential burglaries in the area during the month of July, which could be a result of the recent release of persons on Parole. Remember to lock your doors and secure your windows when you are leaving your residence. If you see anyone suspicious in your neighborhood, call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and LAPD to respond.

Senior Lead Officer Garner advises community members to expect delays in the area of the new Gateway Apartments during the week of August 14th through August 22nd due to many residents (USC students) moving into the complex at the start of the new school year. The “official move in day” is August 19th.



Crime Tips-Gun Violence

When we talk about violence, we can't ignore weapons. Nine out of ten murders involve a weapon, and eight of ten involve a firearm. Most robberies involve the use of a weapon, most frequently a handgun.

One in seven teens has reported carrying a weapon, at some time to protect himself such as a bat, club, gun, or knife.



Weapons can make violence more deadly and less personal. A gun in the home increases the likelihood of homicide three times and the likelihood of suicide five times.

Reduce the risk

Think long and hard about having weapons, especially firearms, in your home. Studies show that a firearm in the home is more than forty times as likely to hurt or kill a family member as to stop a crime.

Look at other ways to protect yourself and your home. Invest in top-grade locks, jamming devices for doors and windows, a dog, or an alarm system. Start or join a Neighborhood Watch. Check with the police, the YMCA/YWCA, or the recreation department about a self-defense class.

If you do choose to own firearms - handguns, rifles, or shotguns - make sure they are safely stored.

That means unloaded, trigger-locked, and in a locked gun case or pistol box, with ammunition separately locked.

Store keys out of reach of children and away from weapons and ammunition. Check frequently to make sure this storage remains secure.

Obtain training from a certified instructor in firearms safety for everyone in the home. Make sure it's kept current.

Teach your children what to do if they find a firearm or something that might be a weapon - Stop, don't touch, get away, and tell a trusted adult.

3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Thomsen reports that crime is down in Baldwin Village; however this community has experienced a series of Burglary From Motor Vehicles near Hillcrest Elementary School. If you have any information that can lead to an arrest, please contact Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614. Please remember any information given to police will be kept confidential.

Crime Tips-Basic Principles of Good Parent/Child Communication

Let the child know that you are interested and involved and that you will help when needed.

Turn off the television or put the newspaper down when your child wants to converse.

Avoid taking a telephone call when the child has something important to tell you.

Unless other people are specifically meant to be included, hold conversations in privacy. The best communication between you and the child will occur when others are not around.

Embarrassing the child or putting him on the spot in front of others will lead only to resentment and hostility, not good communication.

Don't tower over your child. Physically get down to the child's level then talk.

If you are very angry about a behavior or an incident, don't attempt communication until you regain your cool, because you cannot be objective until then. It is better to stop, settle down, and talk to the child later.

Don't ask why, but do ask what happened.

If you have knowledge of the situation, confront the child with the information that you know or have been told.



Keep adult phrases ("You'll talk when I'm finished." "I know what's best for you." "Just do what I say and that will solve the problem"), preaching and moralizing to a minimum because they are not helpful in getting communication open and keeping it open.

Don't use put-down words or statements: dumb, stupid, lazy: "Stupid, that makes no sense at all" or "What do you know, you're just a child."

Assist the child in planning some specific steps to the solution.

Show that you accept the child himself, regardless of what he has or has not done.

Reinforce the child for keeping communication open. Do this by accepting him and praising his efforts to communicate



3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK/ CRENSHAW CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Sasajima reported that during the month of July, the Leimert Park Community saw a slight increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicles (BFMV), particularly in the area south of 48th Street. There does not appear to be a set pattern in these incidents, as they have occurred at various hours. Residents are advised to keep valuables concealed from outside view and to report any suspicious activity.



Also, the number of vacant, bank-owned properties in the area seems to have increased. This trend has resulted in many of these properties falling into disarray and, in some cases, the presence of "squatters" moving in. Recently, the city has passed an ordinance that will hold these banks responsible for the upkeep of these properties. The goal is to ensure that these properties do not become a haven for crime and disorder within our neighborhoods. Residents are encouraged to report any such problem properties via the 3-1-1 hotline.

Crime Tips-Getting Together to Fight Crime

Something may be wrong in your neighborhood. There's too much violence, or there's an ever-present threat. Perhaps a child you know was robbed. Maybe you've seen signs of drug dealing. Maybe a string of break-ins has you wondering what's coming next. You're uneasy—even frightened—for yourself and your family. Perhaps nothing violent has happened, but you see warning signs—such as graffiti, vandalism, abandoned cars, loitering, litter—that crime and violence may be reaching your neighborhood soon.

You can change things by getting together with neighbors who share your worries. There are two things you need to do: look out for your families and yourselves, and get involved in your community.

People just like you have cleared drug dealing out of their neighborhoods, made parks safe for children and sidewalks secure for play, curbed assaults, reduced muggings, eliminated rapes and murders, wiped out graffiti and vandalism, started programs for teens.

Start Something!

First, find out what's already going on. Groups that are already working against crime and drugs will welcome and help you. Ask the local police, especially the crime prevention staff; check with community associations and civic groups as well as clubs.

Is there an existing group that ought to be involved in preventing crime? A home-school organization like PTA; a tenants' group; a fraternity or sorority; a community service club such as Lions, Rotary, or JayCees; a social club; a church; a mental health association; a taxpayers' or homeowners' association—these are just some kinds of groups that can be a base for action.

No group ready to adopt crime prevention? Start a group in your neighborhood—even if it's just on your block. You don't have to be the leader, but you could organize the first meeting. Start making phone calls to facilitate that meeting.



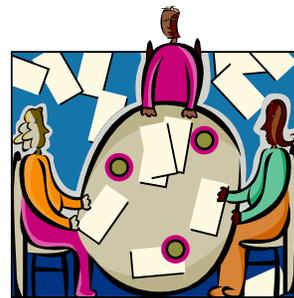
Everyone Can Do Something

As you get under way, it's important to enlist the help of as many people as possible from your community. There's something each person can do to help. Anyone can hand out educational brochures. Young children can pick up litter or learn to settle arguments without fighting; older youth can teach younger ones

about preventing violence or organize positive activities like concerts that can replace drug traffic in a nearby park. Caring adults can help troubled youth; families can help each other. Business people can help manage programs and raise funds; civic activists can round up local agencies to meet needs like recreation, housing, or education.

Many things help cause crime, violence, and drug abuse problems in a community; many kinds of activity will help to end the problems. Some may be more direct than others, but all will help.

Anyone—and everyone—can take the most basic actions, like reporting suspicious behavior or crimes in progress to the police. Whatever the contribution of time, energy, talent, and resources—small or large—it will help.



3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Tips-Anonymous Reporting

If you have a crime you would like to report anonymously you can now text the letters LAPD plus your tip to #274637. You can also call 877-LAPD-24-7.



SUBSTATION-CRENSHAW MALL

Crime Trends

Summer is here. During the first couple each weeks of July, there were several petty thefts at the Wal-Mart and Sears stores. Partnerships with the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Mall, Wal-Mart/Sears, store security and the LAPD resulted in the apprehension and arrest of individuals suspected of these crimes. There were also a couple of street robberies have occurred at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Stocker Street.

Acting Senior Lead Officer Rogers has been made aware of several thefts occurring in the mall. Victims are purchasing items from a store and continuing to shop in other stores. Suspects are watching the victims and waiting for them to leave their shopping carts unattended. Once the victim's walk away from their shopping carts, the suspects are removing previously purchased items from the cart.



Always be aware of your surroundings and keep an eye on your personal property. Southwest foot beat units will continue with their high visibility walking around the inside court yard of the mall as well as the parking lots and patrolling the outer areas.

Crime Tips-Additional Burglary from Motor Vehicle Awareness

Mall parking lots continue to be a problem in regards to vehicles getting broken into. Not all occurrences can be stopped, but here are a few tips that can help to minimize this problem.

Always lock your doors and completely roll up ALL windows.

Be aware of your surroundings, such as people loitering or even looking into parked cars.

Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight.

Always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas, when possible.

Install a car alarm.

Notify the police if you see anyone or anything suspicious.

Remember, there is no guarantee that your car will not be broken into, but taking precautionary measures can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of burglary from Motor Vehicle.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS



Are your kids struggling to complete their home work assignments? If so, then join St. Agatha's Catholic Church every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. They have a Life Skills Academy that will teach your children the skills they need to succeed in life. They will also provide tutors to help your children with their homework. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Sanchez.

The Southwest Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) usually meets the first Monday of every month at the Child Guidance Center, 3787 S. Vermont Avenue. If you are interested in attending, please contact Toni Rodgers @ 213/847-5800.

Budlong, Juliet, and Catalina Block Clubs will be hosting their annual "Resource Fair," on August 14, 2010. Stay tuned for further information or contact Senior Lead Officer Hauter at 323/387-9617.

The 26th Place Block Club is looking to expand their block club. If you live in the area of 26th Place and Cimarron Street you are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter.

Summer Night Lights is here beginning July 7th to September 4th, Wednesday through Saturday 7pm-Midnight at Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 3916 S. Western Avenue. Come for free food, sports leagues, skate park, music, arts, crafts, fun workshops and much more.

Budlong, Juliet, and Catalina Block club will be hosting their annual "Resource Fair," on August 14, 2010, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Please contact Senior Lead Officer Hauter for additional information.

Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza Live



Do you enjoy live music? If so, come by the mall every other Thursday at 7p.m. Live music will be performed by some of the best local talent in the Sears Court. For additional information, contact Acting Senior Lead Officer Thomas Rogers at 323/387-9624



The plaza proudly welcomes the Crenshaw Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market will be held in the

parking area near Stocker and Santa Rosalia every Saturday from 10pm to 3pm. The Crenshaw Farmers Market (formerly the Leimert Park Farmers Market) is one of seven markets sponsored by Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles embodying the commitment to make healthy food available in a wide spectrum of the Los Angeles area.

Do you live in the community of Harvard Street, between Adams and Jefferson? Senior Lead Officer Hauter is looking to start another block club in that particular area. If you are interested, please email Officer Hauter at 35896@LAPD.LACITY.ORG.

Jim Gilliam Park located at 4000 S. La Brea Ave offers free afterschool activities for children of all ages. If you are interested and would like to find out more information regarding these activities, please contact Denise Stansell (Director) at 323/291-5928.

A new mentoring program will also be offered at Jim Gilliam Park. If you would like to find out more information regarding the new mentoring program, please call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

If you reside in the area of Cloverdale Avenue, south of Coliseum Street and would like to get involved with a community block club, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard at 323/387-9621.

The solution starts with you. Get involved! The 3800 block of Cloverdale has officially started a block club. There was a rather small turn out at the first meeting. If you live in this area and would like to get more involved please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard for additional information.

The St. James Area Block Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Wisconsin Street Block Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Estrella Block Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. For boundaries of these block clubs please call Senior Lead Officer Salazar 323/387-9616.

Renovations are complete at Martin Luther King Park. Go check out the new baseball field, playground, basketball and tennis courts. Also, Join the new University Little League at Martin Luther King Park. Sign-Up Now! Contact Raul Claros at 310/ 844-5591.

Come join the Community Village Project. Be the change in your neighborhood. Create a safe park for our children to play. Clean up and take pride in our neighborhood. Make our community healthier and safer by removing harmful and irresponsible businesses. For more information call Karume at 323/750-9087 x263.

The area of Burnside Avenue south of Coliseum is starting a block club. If you live in this area and would like to get more involved in your community, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard for more information.

The 7th Annual National Night Out Block Party which is sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department is scheduled for August 3, 2010. There will be two events held in Southwest Division. The first one is located at 3939 Marlton Avenue which starts at 5:00 P.M. The second event will be held at Normandie Avenue and 23rd Street and it starts at 6:30 P.M. Come out and meet your neighbors, police officers that work in the southwest community and local city officials.

**Dates and times are subject to change. Please consult with your Senior Lead Officer prior to attending any listed event.*