

## North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



As we enter the month of December, I would like to wish everyone in our community a happy holiday season. There are plenty of events happening during this time that give us opportunity to meet with other community members and get to know each other. These closer

relationships are key to improving communication within the community and greatly assist with the identification and resolution of quality of life issues. As of this writing, my staff and I are setting goals for

the North Hollywood Area for the 2011 year. We will continue to make the reduction of crime our top priority. This year's goal was set for five percent reduction in Part I Crimes as compared to 2009. This was a tough goal to reach as we had a 12 percent reduction in 2009. Through November we have had a four percent reduction. We will be working hard through December to reach our five percent goal.

As the holidays approach, it is important to keep in mind your personal security. Shopping bags and packages left in plain view in cars are among the prime targets for suspects engaged in burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles. Please take a few extra moments to secure any packages in your vehicle.

## Community Announcements

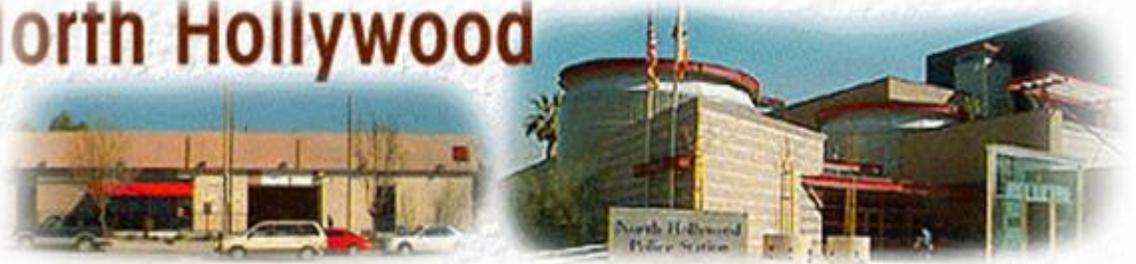
North Hollywood Community Police Station is gearing up for our annual holiday events. Our primary focus will be on gift giving to the community. As we have in previous years, North Hollywood Community Police Station will be collecting toys to distribute to underprivileged children in local neighborhoods. These gifts will then be wrapped and redistributed throughout December. In particular, gifts will be distributed at various Head Start schools in the community and at local senior living centers. Additional giveaways will take place at the Activities for Retarded Children facility by patrol officers during the course of their duties, and from the North Hollywood Community Police Station on December 21, 24 and 25.

If you'd like to participate by donating a gift in support of these events, please drop off your unwrapped gift at North Hollywood Community Police Station during the month of December, and make an underprivileged child happy this holiday season.

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If you would like more information about these events, the Community Relations Office can be reached at (818) 623-4001.



## Nixle

Nixle is a valuable tool in updating the public as to police activity in their neighborhoods, as well as a tool to combat crime. Nixle utilizes text messaging as its primary method in communicating with the public, and has already shown itself to be extremely effective in distributing information, in real time, to impacted communities. We strongly encourage anyone living or working in North Hollywood to sign up for Nixle. Any interested party can sign up at LAPDonline.org.

## Crime Briefing:

Overall for this year to date Part I crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, were down four percent from last year.

Violent crimes are down seven percent this year to date. This reduction includes a 23 percent reduction in aggravated assaults. There was a 12 percent increase in robberies.

Property crimes are down four percent, which includes a seven percent reduction in burglaries and a nine percent reduction in grand theft auto.

## Crime Prevention Tips

During the holiday season we tend to shop at various stores and leave purchased items in our vehicles while shopping. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle in plain sight. Thieves are targeting retail locations and searching for valuables left in plain sight. If the thieves do not see anything, they will move on to the next vehicle. Don't be the easy target.

### **Basic Car 15A3**

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## Current Crime Trends

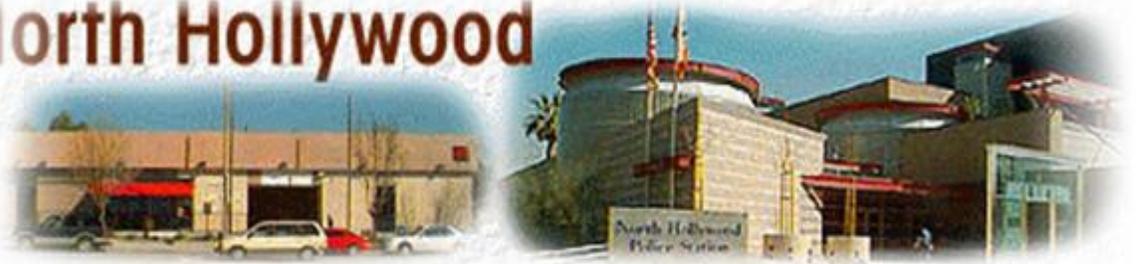
During this period, there was a decrease in burglaries, grand theft autos, robberies, and burglary/theft from vehicles.

There were three street robberies in the area of Lankershim Boulevard and Hart Street. During all three incidents the suspect approached the victims and snatched the necklace from their neck. The suspect is still outstanding. Please be aware of your surroundings when walking alone. These robberies occurred in broad daylight between 1 pm and 5 pm.

## Community Events

No Basic Car meetings for the month of December.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Unfortunately, our Area experienced a homicide incident in the area of Sherman Way and Whitsett Avenue in the alleyway on November 18, 2010. Homicide Detectives are actively working to identify the suspects. Overall, during the last period, Basic Car 15A21 experienced a slight decrease in Part I crimes, in all categories. Enforcement efforts continue on Ethel Avenue (between Vanowen Street and Sherman Way), Fulton Avenue and Vanowen Street to identify possible gang members and possible violent crime suspects.

Lastly, please remember to bring pets inside at night as the recent frost warnings have been issued in parts of the San Fernando Valley.

## **Community Events**

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

#### ***Council Meeting***

Saticoy Elementary School

7850 Ethel Avenue

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

6:30 pm

#### ***15A21 Basic Car Meeting***

Due to holiday preparation by the North Hollywood Area, December's meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the North Hollywood Community Police Station Community Room

## **Current Crime Trends**

There has been an increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicles in the area between Kittridge, Tujunga, Oxnard, and Lankershim. Most of these crimes are occurring in the early morning hours.

## **Community Events**

There are no scheduled Neighborhood Watch meetings during the month of December.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

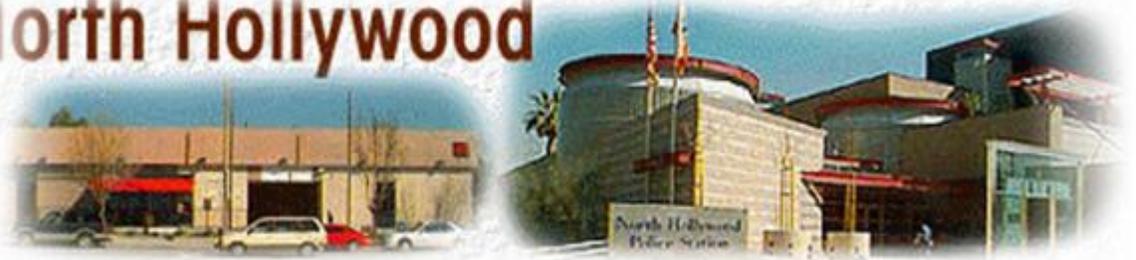
Part I crime is down over 12 percent for the year. Burglary/theft from motor vehicles still is the most common crime. There were a total of 20 last period.

## **Community Events**

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

There will be no basic car meeting for the month of December. Also, we will be changing the meeting place from Victory Elementary School to North Hollywood Community Room, located at 11640 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood, 91601. The meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. There will be more information to follow.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Statistics for the past month show a slight increase in total crime. Burglaries/thefts from vehicles, grand theft auto and thefts have decreased. Burglaries have remained steady. Meanwhile, robberies and aggravated assaults have risen. As the holiday season approaches, it is important to take extra safety precautions since criminal activity typically increases around this time. When travelling at night, remain in well-lit, well-traveled areas and when securing your vehicles remember "Lock it, Hide it, Keep it."

## **Community Events**

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

North Hollywood Senior Center  
11430 Chandler Boulevard  
Wednesday, December 8, 2010  
7:00 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the current crime trends, burglary/theft from motor vehicles are the most frequent crimes within this Basic Car area. The majority of these crimes are occurring in the Chandler Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue corridor. The items still being taken are electronics (e.g. iPods, stereos, GPS).

## **Community Events**

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

Colfax Elementary School  
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village  
Wednesday, December 15, 2010  
6:30 pm

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

All Neighborhood Watch meetings scheduled for the month of December are cancelled. The meetings will resume on January 14, 2011.

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## **Current Crime Trends**

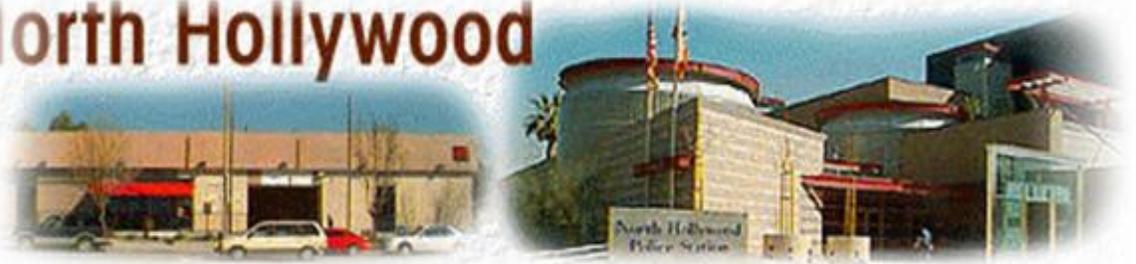
Based on the statistics for this period, overall crime numbers were down by almost 30 percent compared to last month. Although we saw a reduction in the overall number of car break-ins this month, recently we've seen these numbers start to increase in the NoHo Arts area around Lankershim Boulevard and Magnolia Boulevard.

## **Community Events**

### ***Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting***

Toluca Elementary  
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard  
Tuesday, January 18, 2011  
7:00 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

As far as crime is concerned, Studio City is looking very good. However, we are still having problems with burglary from motor vehicles at Fryman Park. In the past two weeks I have had two cars broken into. This area is being targeted because the suspects know that their victims are hiking the mountain and they will usually have at least one hour before the victim returns. This will give them a head start and at least one hour to use your credit cards. If you hike or use the Fryman Canyon please be careful. Our advice is to leave your wallets and purses at home. Only take your driver's license and cell phone if necessary and take it with you on your hike, walk or run.

## **Community Events**

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

Beverly Garland Hotel

4222 Vineland Avenue

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

7:30 pm