PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

December 2010

Captain's Message

The Holiday Season is a time to celebrate with friends and family. It can also be a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to criminal activity. With a little planning and extra attention to personal safety, the Holiday Season can continue to be a festive time of year. The following are a few safety measures we at Pacific Area suggest you practice:

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even if you are only gone for a few minutes.
- Do not display holiday gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Store gifts before you go away on a holiday trip.
- Be wary of strangers soliciting for charitable donations. Ask questions (Identification, tax ID number, how will donations be used). If you are not satisfied with the answers, do not donate.
- If possible, shop before it gets dark and attempt to coordinate shopping trips with a friend. There is safety in numbers.
- Lock all packages and gifts in the vehicle's trunk. Never leave items in plain view inside your vehicle. Keep your windows closed and doors locked.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Take only the cash you need, or pay with a credit or debit card.

Pacific Division's Community Holiday Toy Drive has started. You can donate a new unwrapped toy at Pacific Area Station lobby located at 12312 Culver Boulevard. For all large item donations or cash donations please contact Senior Lead Officer Heidi Llanes or anyone at the Pacific Community Relations Office, at 310-202-4524. All donations will be given to needy children in Pacific Area.

Sincerely,

Jon F. Peters, Captain
Commanding Officer
Pacific Community Police Station

District News

Note: The crime statistics quoted are taken from a report published weekly by the City Of Los Angeles' Information Resources Division. These statistics are the most current available and represent the period of October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District
Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing - Cell Phone # 310-622-3968
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

· The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Autos	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	24

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has continued to be a major problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's consent. Usually petty theft suspects take small hand held items they locate unsecured. Lock and secure all yard items in a garage or storage box. Teach your children to place toys, bikes, etc. in their proper place to guard against theft. Install sensor lights around your property, it will help deter theft suspects. Lock all doors, windows and outside storage areas for additional security. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have against crime. Contact your local police if you observe a crime in progress

Safety Tips

- Soliciting safety tips:

  Be wary of strangers soliciting for charitable donations. They may attempt to take advantage of people's generosity during the Holiday Season. Ask for identification, how donated funds are used, if contributions are tax deductible, etc. If you are not satisfied with the answers, do not give.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve officers Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District
Senior Lead Officer Teresa Skinner Cell Phone # 310-622-3970
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano – 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	11
Robbery	2
Grand Theft Auto	4
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	18

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has continued to be a problem in our area. Crime has steadily decreased in all categories except Theft, which is a testimony to your hard work in your community. Petty theft suspects are usually crimes of convenience. Leaving items of value in plain sight only tempts thieves to take your property. All items of value must be placed out of sight in storage areas, garages or in your secured home. Teach family members to place items in their proper secure area; this is the number one security measure to protect you from petty theft. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Shopping safety tips:

  Shop before dark if at all possible. Try to coordinate shopping trips with a friend. Never park in an unlit lot or area, no matter how convenient it is.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District</u>
Senior Lead Officer Tom Wicks - Cell Phone # 310-622-3973
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1

Burglary / Theft from vehicle	24
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	9
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	12

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV)) has become a major problem in 14A25 area. Overall crime in several categories increased this period. BFMV increased the most. Stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. GPS, IPods, cell phones, etc are all items that typically left in vehicles which BFMV suspects thrive on. Place all items in your truck and at the end of the day take all items out of your vehicle. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the place a BFMV suspect looks. Join your local Neighborhood Watch program it is still our best tool against crime.

Safety Tip

- Holiday trash safety tips:

  Avoid leaving boxes from gifts and purchases (especially TV's, Computers, IPods, etc.) out at the curb or visible for trash pick-up. During so alerts criminals to what you may have in your home worth stealing.

Reminder

- **MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING**
  Tuesday, December 28, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
  3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A27 Palms District
Senior Lead Officer Juan Ceja - Cell Phone # 310-622-3975
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	17
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	16
Grand Theft Auto	6
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	18

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a major problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has decreased in two several categories this period but Petty Theft is on the rise. Petty theft is the taking of someone property without their knowledge or permission. Most petty theft suspects remove small hand held property left out in the open that can be taken with little chance of the suspect being seen committing their crime. Teach family members to place all items in their proper places such as the garage or storage bin and secure them. If you observe any suspicious activity be a good neighborhood and call the police right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

Money safety tips:

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash while you are shopping, flashing large amounts of cash only bring unwanted attention to yourself. Pay for purchases with a debit card, check, or credit card when possible.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, December 1, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
  I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
  3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A45 Marina District
Senior Lead Officer Heidi Llanes - Cell Phone # 310-622-3971
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	23
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	7
Grand Theft Auto	11
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	1
Theft	42

During this period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our community. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's knowledge or permission. Theft suspects are usually opportunist; they remove small hand held items that are easily concealed. It is imperative that we stop leaving items out in plain sight. Place all items in a secure location such as your garage or storage bin for additional security. Teach children to place their toys & other items away when they are finished using them. Join your local Neighborhood Watch it is still one

of the best tools we have to combat crime. Report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible.

Safety Tip

- Holiday drinks safety tips:

  Serve something to eat before serving alcoholic beverages. High protein foods stay in your stomach longer and slow absorption of alcohol into the system. Have non-alcoholic beverages for party guest.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
  Tuesday, December 28, 2010 @ 7:30 a.m.
  Chase Burton Park

Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison - Cell Phone # 310-622-3972
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - Cell Phone # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

· The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	6
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	15
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Auto	8
Sex Crimes	1
Homicides	0
Theft	5

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. In several categories crime has increased with the biggest spike in residential burglary. In several of the incidents the victim did not secure their home before leaving. Lock and secure your home even when you only plan to be away for only a few minutes. Install ample lighting around your property, burglary suspects detest lighting for fear of being seen committing there crime. During this time of year do not leave gifts visible through windows or on display. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tip

- Transportation safety tips:

At any holiday party it is always a very good idea to have alternative transportation for those whom will consume too much alcohol. Intoxicated people should never be allowed to drive.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, December 8, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Pacific Community Police Station
  12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor
Senior Lead Officer Ruben Garcia - Cell Phone # 310-622-3976
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

· The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	27
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	18
Grand Theft Auto	13
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	20

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. In several of the incidents the victims left items of value in plain sight inside their vehicle. Your attitudes and actions continue to be the keys to preventing BFMV. STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle; it only brings unwanted attention to your property. Place all items of value in the truck of your vehicle and do not leave your vehicle unsecured when it is unattended. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with plenty of passer-by traffic. Do not use your vehicle glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks when they enter your vehicle. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Children safety tips:

  If possible leave small children at home when going shopping. If they must go shopping with you, try to keep your children close to you at all times. Teach your child about "STRANGER DANGER" and who they can go to for help if they become separated from you.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
  Thursday, December 16, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.
  LASO Sub-Station
  Ladera Shopping Center

Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District
Senior Lead Officer Tony Ramos - Cell Phone # 310-622-3978
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano- # 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	24
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	6
Grand Theft Auto	10
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	11

  - During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Although overall crime has decreased in our area BFMV has continued to rise. Leaving items of value inside your vehicle in plain sight only tempts a BFMV suspect to target your property. Take all items and place them in the truck of your vehicle. When you return to your resident take all items out of your vehicle for added security. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Join your local neighborhood watch group it is still the best weapon against crime. Install sensor lights around your property, ample lighting helps deter burglary suspects.

Safety Tip

- Designated driver safety tips:

  If you invite large groups to a party or function be sure to inquire who will be the designated driver for the evening. The goal of the designated driver program is to encourage one individual to abstain from drinking alcohol so he or she can be responsible for transporting the other drinking members of the group home safely.

Reminder

Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Wednesday, December 29, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Reading Avenue, Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2010

Note: All event and meeting information is subject to change. To confirm dates, times, and locations call your Senior Lead Officer at 310-202-4515. Events will be added or updated as new information is received.

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, December 1, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, December 1, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, December 8, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Madison

PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING
Thursday, December 9, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Sgt. Merlo

LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, December 16, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, December 21, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING
Tuesday, December 28, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles
SLO Wicks

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, December 28, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.Chase Burton Park*SLO Llanes*

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, December 29, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and business for their support of our Annual Holiday Party. Without your support and donations Pacific Area Boosters would not be able to give our officers this much deserved and appreciated event.

Cheesecake Factory
ESPN Zone
Roy's
Courtyard Marriott
Target
Radisson Hotel
Fleming's
Lucky Strike
Nichols
Fleming's Steakhouse
Buggy Whip
Karen Tucker
Mongolian BBQ
Barnes & Noble
Beverage Warehouse
Holy Cross Flowers
Gelson's Super Market
Real Mex
Ritz-Carlton
Yard House
Honey Baked
Sheraton Hotel
Embassy Suites
The Warehouse
Costco
Hal's Bar & Grill
Virgin America
Holiday Inn LAX
Marina Del Rey Hotel
AAA Travel
Lawry's
Gall's Aramark Co.
H. D. Drollinger Company
Venice Beach Wines
Chicago Ribs
Hilton Hotel
The Coffee Company
Pacific Area Boosters
Starbucks Coffee

Wisdom for the month of December

"Time has no significance in itself unless we choose to give it significance."

Leo Buscaglia

PACIFIC YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Area Station has two thriving youth programs DAP's (Deputy Auxiliary Police) and Explorers. The DAP's program covers ages 9-13 helping boys and girls to develop a positive relationship with the police as well as installing integrity, leadership skills, positive communication and community involvement. We achieve these goals through participation in sports, field trips, craft activities and personal tutoring.

Our Explorers program develops leadership and discipline in young people between the ages of 14-21. These young men are interested in serving the community by assisting the police and learning basic police skills and procedures. The young men and women of the Explorers program are also assisted with becoming police officers, attending college and becoming valued members of our community.

Our youth programs are growing by leaps and bounds all over the city and especially here in Pacific Station. Pacific Area Boosters annual supports our efforts with the youth programs by providing the funds needed for trips, material and food. The majority of our kids are under privileged and the assistance they receive through our youth programs is invaluable to them. Pacific Area Boosters also supports our youth programs by funding our shoe program for kids, tutoring, swimming lessons, educational scholarships, Christmas toy drive for the needy children and much more.

Pacific Area Boosters Association needs your help in the form of a tax free donation. Please send all donations to Pacific Area Boosters Association, Inc. Los Angeles Police Department, Pacific Area P.O. Box 1529 Venice, and CA. 90294. For additional information on Pacific Area Boosters Association contact President Diane Barretti at 310-529-1294, Fax 310-414- 1112 or email *sbpress7@ yahoo.com*