



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter ♦ December 2011

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

Greetings all,

November 3, 2011, was our last Semi-Annual District Meeting of the year. Over 300 community members who attended were given a complimentary dinner with dessert prior to the start of the meeting. Outstanding presentations were given by Lt. Adams, supervisor of the Devonshire Gang Unit, Det.-III Holcomb, supervisor of the Devonshire Narcotics Unit, and Sgt. Arca, supervisor of the Devonshire VICE Unit, about their units and their enforcement of specific crimes. Thank you to all who attended. I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.



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BASIC CAR AREA HIGHLIGHTS
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Basic Car Area 17A23

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Crime Trends and Locations: There's a small cluster of crime north of Lassen St. between Topanga Cyn and De Soto Ave. Suspects are breaking into vehicles and removing property. Items being stolen are purses, GPS and money. Remember, with the holiday seasons approaching, criminals will become more desperate. If there is no property in plain sight, suspects will move on. **Do not leave anything in sight!**
LOCK-IT, HIDE-IT, KEEP-IT!

Crime Tips: When shopping during the holidays, place all items you purchased in your trunk. If you are going to continue shopping, drive your vehicle to a new parking spot before going back into the store. Thieves will not know your car is full of expensive items!

Strong Neighborhood Watches are more important than ever! The LAPD needs **"your eyes and ears"** to help us solve crimes! You need your neighbors to keep an eye on your neighborhood when the police can't be there. If you would like to rekindle an old Neighborhood Watch, or start a new one, please call me at **(818) 634-0362**.

Neighborhood Watch Events:

17A23 Basic Car Meeting - Reminder: **No November and December meetings due to the holiday season.**

Basic Car Area 17A35

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Crime Trends and Locations:

Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (BT/FMV) is the hot topic at this time. The current hot spot is the shopping center located at the North/West corner of Reseda Boulevard and Devonshire Street. In each occurrence, a purse was taken from the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

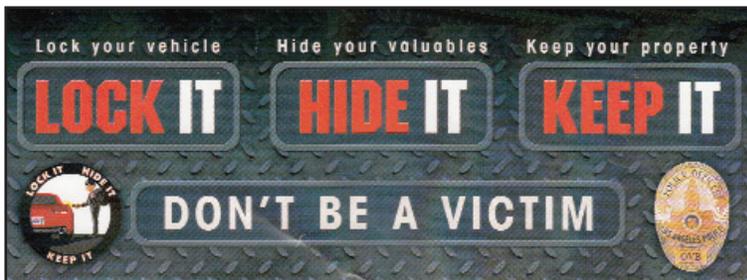
As a reminder, most of our Residential Burglaries have been carried out using the "door knock" method. Upon receiving no answer at the door, the suspects are smashing rear and side windows, and making entry into the homes.

Crime Prevention Information:

Don't open your door to strangers. However, do advertise your presence by questioning the person on the other side. If they claim to be a serviceman or utility worker, tell them to leave a copy of the work order in front of the door and ask them to return in a few minutes. Watch them leave, retrieve the work order, and verify the information with a reliable source.

Neighborhood Watch Events:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.



Basic Car Area 17A49

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Crime Trends and Locations:

From October 9 to November 5, 2011, there were two Robberies (211), five Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW), 27 Burglaries (459), nine Grand Theft Autos (GTA) and 35 Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV). The number of crimes in 17A49's area has increased slightly since last month. The majority of crimes occurred between noon to six in the evening.

Crime Tips:

Please use extra caution this holiday season! Be aware of your surroundings at all times. When you park at shopping centers and malls, try to park **17A49 cont. pg. 2**

close to the entrances and always in well-lit areas. If you see someone near your vehicle, do not approach, go back inside and wait until they leave. If someone is following you, go back inside the store and call security. **DO NOT** worry about hurting anyone's feelings by doing this! Your safety is number one! When you return to your vehicle, make sure your keys are in your hand so you can enter your vehicle quickly without being distracted! Do not leave your purse in the shopping cart so someone can grab it! If you can, use your credit card instead of your debit card. This way, if someone is able to get a hold of your information, the bank will reimburse your money. Shred any papers with your personal information or credit card information on it before you throw it away. Remember to write down serial numbers of any electronic items and keep the information in a safe place. If any of your items are stolen, this will make it easier for detectives to get your recovered property back to you!

Neighborhood Watch Events:

17A49 Basic Car Meeting - **Our December meeting is cancelled due to the holiday season.**

Basic Car Area 17A67

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Crime Trends and Locations:

Basic Car A67 has been looking very well. One of our recent concerns is along the Reseda corridor (between Roscoe and Lassen). I have been receiving multiple complaints from businesses and apartments related to trespass suspects. Be alert! **If you see someone suspicious call the police.**

Crime Tips: THE NEW YEAR IS AROUND THE CORNER.

As we welcome the New Year "2012" it is important to remember safety. Some will welcome the year at home with friends and family, while others will venture into bars, clubs, and parties. With that in mind, be mindful of drunk drivers. If you decide to go to a public bar, club, or party, don't forget to have a designated driver. Drinking and driving may cause you to welcome the New Year from the inside of a jail cell with many regrets. I wish you all the best this coming year. Have wonderful holidays!

Neighborhood Events:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street, Northridge.

Don't Leave Valuables of any kind in your Vehicle



It's Your Stuff!

Keep It!!



"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"

Basic Car Area 17A81

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Crime Trends and Locations: There have not been any significant crime trends in 17A81. We have not experienced any spikes in crime in the last month either. We do, however, have to be mindful not to let our guard down as the Holiday Season approaches.

Crime Tips: HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY

As we go out shopping this Holiday Season, please be mindful that criminals are shopping too. They don't visit stores or the mall as you do. They shop in your homes, on your doorstep, and in your vehicles. If you are having packages delivered, make sure you are at home to accept them or have a neighbor keep an eye out for them. If you are at the mall, try not to go back and forth from your car to drop off bags. Be aware of your surrounding at all times, whether you are walking through a parking lot or using the ATM. **We live in desperate times and criminals have no regard for the law, especially during the Holiday Season.**

Neighborhood Events: A special thanks goes out to all those who attended our District Meeting. It was a great success! I wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope everyone stays safe! **Our next Basic Car Meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Gianelli Square at the Northeast Corner of Londelius and Shirley.**

Basic Car Area 17A95

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Crime Trends and Locations: Residential burglaries within Basic Car 17A95 during the period of October 02, 2011, and October 29, 2011, showed that we had 13. This was a decrease from last reporting period. Reporting District (RD) 1777 was the most active and led the way with eight, 1776 had two, 1775, 1797, and 1799 each had one.

Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) showed we had an increase from prior months and ended up with a total of 17. RD's 1795 and 1798 each had three, RD's 1768, 1776, 1779, 1797, and 1799 each had two and RD 1796 had one.

Crime Tips: Do you really want to know what's going on? **Please sign up for E-Policing.** The E-Policing tool enables Senior Lead Officers, Area Captains, and Detectives to E-mail newsletters, crime trends and other important information to residents based on where you live (i.e., when we need to let you know of a specific crime trend or perhaps the description of suspect(s) we are looking for that may be committing crimes in your specific neighborhood. It's easy go to **www.lapdepolicing.org** or **LAPDonline.org**, click on **E-POLICING** and then click **SIGN UP NOW.**

Neighborhood Watch Event:

There are **NO Basic Car Meetings** held in the months of **November or December.** **The next 17A95 Basic Car Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM at 17037 Plummer Street (Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church)**

Neighborhood Events:

Sunday, December 4, 2011, Granada Hills Holiday Parade.