MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Greetings all,

Summer is upon us and many are on vacation enjoying time with the family. Please remember to not post any of your travels on Social Media sites to suggest to ‘would-be’ thieves that you are away from home. Our Residential Burglaries have remained steady, as well as Burglary from Motor Vehicle crimes. As a reminder, please make sure that you lock and secure all valuables in a safe location – remember to “Lock it! Hide It! Keep it!” By taking the extra steps to properly secure your valuables and having your neighbor(s) watch over your home while you are away, you will help protect your investment. Contact your Senior Lead Officers if you wish to arrange a start-up Neighborhood Watch meeting, or have questions about crime prevention tips at (818) 832-0283.

During the month of July, Captain Lewis, our Senior Lead Officers, Devonshire Cadets, Reserve Officers and Devonshire CRU Officers participated in the 4th of July Fireworks Show at Shepherd of the Hills. There were more than 55,000 people in attendance. It was a spectacular fireworks show, with a salute to our Armed Forces, fly over by a C-17, and kid’s zone loaded with bounce houses. Also, I would like to thank Shepherd of the Hills for their continued support: all the church volunteers, CEMP, CHP, LAFD and DOT officers, who made this event a huge success.

Our upcoming event in August: Our 32nd Annual ‘National Night Out’ at Northridge Park, 18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge by Devonshire L.A.P.D. and Councilmember Mitchell Englander on Tuesday, August 4th, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. It will include face painting, a bounce house, a free movie, raffle prizes and many booths for crime prevention and emergency preparedness. For more details, contact your Senior Lead Officers, or monitor our Devonshire Facebook, Nixle and Twitter social media cites.

As you read through the highlights by our Senior Lead Officers, please share their messages with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and clergy members. Our partnership between the community and Devonshire Community Police is paramount for the continued success in crime reduction for Devonshire Area.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support; and how we can better serve the Devonshire Area.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following Part-1 crime statistics cover the period of January 1, thru July 11, 2015. There have been (38) Aggravated Assaults, (175) Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles, (90) Burglaries, (27) Grand Theft Autos, (132) Personal Theft/Other property, (6) Rapes, and (8) Robberies. Basic Car A23 is currently at 28.6% YTD. The most active crimes are Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV’s) and Burglaries. The area where most of these crimes are occurring is from Chatsworth to Prairie Sts. and Farralone to Winnetka Aves. The B/TFMV crimes are being committed primarily between the hours of 10pm-5am and the Burglaries between 8am-2pm. There are no specific types of vehicles targeted, and no set patterns to these burglaries. Please report any suspicious activity! If you witness a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. For non-emergency call (877) 275-5273.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Meeting will be held on Thurs., August 27, 2015, 7:00 P.M., at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth.

Also, our ‘Battle of the Badges’ Blood Drive will be held at Devonshire Police Station on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: Keep your vehicle doors and windows locked at all times. We discourage everyone from leaving any property, valuable or not, inside their vehicle. However, if this is not possible, please secure them inside the trunk if one is available. Remember, a person breaking into vehicles will most likely be attracted to those with property left in plain view. DO NOT allow yourself to become the next victim. Remember: HIDE IT! LOCK IT!KEEP IT! Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. I would like to encourage everyone to continue using crime prevention measures. Let us strengthen your neighborhood by requesting and becoming involved in “start-up” meetings. Contact me if you haven’t already done this and I will be happy to assist and walk you through this simple and rewarding process. Remember, involvement and participation is essential to our problem-solving efforts. Thank you for all your help and support.
CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

A fairly recent trend, which has developed nationwide, involves criminals who are using small electronic devices to unlock vehicles. We have also obtained video surveillance showing suspects walking late at night through quiet residential streets hitting their clickers and entering vehicles that were previously locked. The suspects then ransack the vehicles taking any valuables, and in some cases, garage remotes.

Another trend to be aware of is the "watching & waiting" method, in which the suspect(s) watch the victim(s) hide their valuables under the seats or in the trunks of their vehicles and wait for the opportunity to break into the car. This is a frequent occurrence, especially near parks and hiking trails.

In either case, the best way to prevent these occurrences is to remove all valuables from your vehicle and report any suspicious activity to our dispatch center; 9-1-1 for crimes in progress, and 1-877-275-5273 for all non-emergency calls.

Please pass this information on to your neighbors and remain vigilant!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 7:00 P.M., at Saint Euphrasia Church, located at 11767 Shoshone Ave., Granada Hills.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS:

Neighborhood Watch works well, and we are always looking to expand our membership.

If you would like to organize your block and have neighbors look out for one another, contact the Devonshire Senior Lead Office at 818 832-0283 and ask how you can go about setting up a “start-up meeting.”

Always remove valuables from vehicles; lock automobiles and homes; and report potential criminal activity to our Dispatch Center 1-877-275-5273.

CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

The following crime statistics are from January 1, 2015 to June 27, 2015. These numbers reflect the number of crimes which
occurred in Basic Car 17A49 only. There were (43) Grand Theft Autos, (9) Robberies, (90) Thefts, (97) Burglaries, (47) Aggravated Assaults and (140) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. The crime in our Basic Car Area is **up 28.0%** from last year at this time. Be aware of your surroundings! Please report suspicious activity.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next **Basic Car Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**, located at **Brookdale of Northridge, 17650 Devonshire St., Northridge**.

**CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS:** When you have a party, do you know all the guests? There have been a few parties recently where young adults have thrown a party at their residence. Some of the guests brought along other guests (unknown to the hosts) who were questionable in character. When asked to leave, the unwanted guests started a fight, resulting in four people getting injured. If you have a party, make sure your guests don’t bring strangers into your home. This time, people were hurt. Other times, people’s medications and jewelry were reported missing (most likely taken by unknown guests who were invited by people other than the hosts.) Please be safe!

**PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A ‘START UP’ NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING! IT IS VERY EASY!**

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** Due to your efforts, the Catalytic Converter thefts appear to have decreased throughout Devonshire Division over the last few weeks. Make sure you remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Property was taken from a vehicle, which was left with its windows partially open for ventilation. The suspect possibly used a coat hanger to slide through the opening to unlock the door. If property has to be left in your vehicle, secure it in the trunk. Most makes of cars have a lock on the inner trunk release latch in order to prevent the trunk being opened from the inside. By taking a few seconds to lock the trunk release could make all the difference in a theft occurring. Report any suspicious “sales” person who knocks on your residence door in order to make a sales pitch. This is a common tactic in finding out if anyone is home before kicking in a door and burglarizing the residence.

If you suspect criminal activity may be involved, please phone dispatch at **1-877-275-5273**, and give a detailed description of the vehicles and individuals involved. Continue to use **9-1-1** for all emergencies and crimes in progress.
Stay alert and remain vigilant at all times!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Meeting will be on Wednesday August 26, 2015, 7:00 P.M., at Calahan Street Elementary School, 18722 Knapp St., Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS:

- Lock your vehicles!
- Hide your valuables!
- Report suspicious activity!

Always remove valuable from vehicles; lock automobiles and homes, and report potential criminal activity to our dispatch center 1-877-275-5273 or 1-877-ASK-LAPD

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are for the month of June 2015. There were (2) Robberies; (6) Aggravated Assaults; (4) Grand Theft Autos; (28) Thefts; (6) Burglaries; and (22) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. Most of the crimes occurred on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and 12:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. Burglary is down 42% and Theft is down 25% compared to the previous month; however, Aggravated Assaults increased 50% compared to the previous month.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Meeting is on Thursday, August 20, 2015, 7:00 P.M., at The Garden, 20745 Nordhoff St., Chatsworth. Also, please join us for our 32nd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, @ 6:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M., located at Northridge Park, 18300 Lemarsh St., Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: Since Aggravated Assaults had the largest increase, with Domestic Violence and Road Rage being the crime reported, please remember the following:

Domestic Violence Prevention Tips

- Watch for personality changes such as more aggressive, violent, moody or accusing behavior;
- Develop a plan of action and instruct your children about the plan;
- Locate a safe house such as the home of a trusted friend, trusted neighbor or family member;
- Locate a safe shelter that is suitable to your needs and accepts children;
- Begin counseling sessions; and
• Contact Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline 1(800) 978-3600.

**Road Rage Prevention Tips**
- Avoid eye contact or communicating with other party;
- Be a good witness to describe aggressive driving to law enforcement;
- Do not engage with aggressive driver; and
- Report aggressive driving, traffic accident or assault with vehicle to law enforcement by calling **1-877 275-5273 Non-emergency (not life threatening)** or **9-1-1 Emergency (life threatening).**

Ask me about setting up a **Neighborhood Watch Program.** A couple of good websites are [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) or [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Get help before it is too late!

**Be safe and don’t be a victim of a crime!**

**BASIC CAR AREA 17A95**

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** We are still averaging about 10 burglaries per month in the Basic Car Area. Activity has been scattered with a recent increase in the area East of Balboa Blvd. & South of Nordhoff St. and west of Woodley Ave. Our Aggravated Assaults are for the most part family members fighting and not a threat to day-to-day activities. We have had several Theft Crimes most are shoplifts at the local retail stores.

Work with your neighbors and be on the lookout for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Look for individuals loitering in parked vehicles, and pedestrians going from door to door. Look for prowlers working in teams appearing overly alert and using cell phones as they go through the neighborhood. **Keep your front door locked at all times** and make your presence known if someone is to knock at your door. In many of the burglaries, the suspect will first knock on the front door to find out if anyone is home.

If you suspect criminal activity may be occurring or about to occur please **call Dispatch** at **1-877-275-5273** and give location, detailed description of the vehicles and individuals involved. Continue to **use 9-1-1 for all emergencies and crimes-in-progress.**

**Stay alert and remain vigilant at all times!**

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next **Basic Car Meeting** will be on **Thursday, August 13, 2015, 7:00 P.M., at Saint Nicholas Church, 17037 Plummer St.**

**CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS:**
- Make an inventory of all your valuables;
• Record the make, model and serial number of all items that possess one;
• Take photographs, especially of your jewelry, coin/stamp collections, artwork and other unique items;
• Don’t keep excessive jewelry and cash in your home;
• Do not leave any items in your car;
• Secure your computers, cell phones, purses outside of the car; and
• Secure items in your home or work area.