

### North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



The Year 2009 has been deemed as the "Year of the Gangs." What does that mean? The Department as well as North Hollywood Area will make reducing gang violence and gang crimes a top priority this year. It is North Hollywood Area's goal to reduce crime by 15 percent. In 2008, North Hollywood Area reduced gang crime by 37 percent. We will focus on strategies to further reduce gang crime throughout the year and look forward to another large decrease.

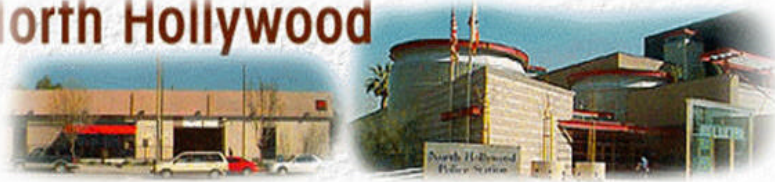
Part of North Hollywood Area's success has been due to the North Hollywood Jeopardy program. The program specifically identifies youths that are at risk of joining a gang and/or becoming involved in drug use. The program utilizes mentoring, tutoring and physical fitness as a method of establishing a strong relationship between the Department and participants.

There are currently 26 juveniles enrolled in the Jeopardy Program. If you are interested in learning more about this program you can contact Sergeant Jeff Hollis, North Hollywood Community Relation Office, at (818) 623-4001.

North Hollywood Area has also made it a top priority to reduce crime in specific areas within our division. For example, during 2008 we experienced a large amount of burglary/theft from motor vehicles in an area near the NoHo Arts District. Due to the recent development in the area, many modern buildings have been constructed. This has resulted in a significant increase in the area's population thus increasing the number of vehicles in the area. Most of these newer buildings utilize underground parking. Unfortunately tenants living in these buildings assume that their vehicle is secure inside a parking lot, and therefore leave valuable items inside in plain sight. This is the main target for thieves and can be easily prevented. Along with other crime fighting techniques, we are making a concerted effort to educate the public to "harden the target" in regards to vehicle burglary. By simply removing your laptop computer, iPod, purse, GPS system, or any other personal items, you take away opportunities for a thief and you greatly assist us in reducing crime in the North Hollywood Area.

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## Community Announcements

The East Valley Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) and the North Hollywood Community Police Station are hosting the 22nd Annual PALS Golf Tournament on Monday, April 6, 2009 at the Lost Canyons Golf Club, in Simi Valley. This is a fun and exciting event that raises funds for the North Hollywood Police Explorer Post, the Police Junior Deputy Auxiliary Police Program, and other non-budgeted needs for the North Hollywood Area Police Station. For further information, please contact Sergeant Jeffrey Hollis, North Hollywood Community Relations Office, at (818) 623-4001.

## Crime Briefing:

Violent crimes were down 3 percent this year to date, which includes robberies (up 4 percent) and aggravated assaults (down 24 percent).

Property crimes, however, were down 19 percent, which includes a decrease in Burglary/theft from motor vehicles, thefts and grand auto crimes.

Overall Part I crimes were down 17 percent, which is a combination of all violent and property crimes.

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## Current crime trends

During this deployment period, there was a homicide in the 7200 block of Vineland Avenue. The victim was a 14-year old male that was walking back to his

residence. North Hollywood detectives are currently working on this case.

As far as property crime is concerned, there were eight burglary/theft from motor vehicle and four grand theft auto crimes reported in RD 1505. There are no set patterns on the break-ins. Some of the vehicles were parked on the street while others were parked in carports.

In regards to the burglary/theft from motor vehicles, most of the crimes were a result of window smashes. There is no suspect information on these crimes.

## Community Events

### Neighborhood Watch Meeting

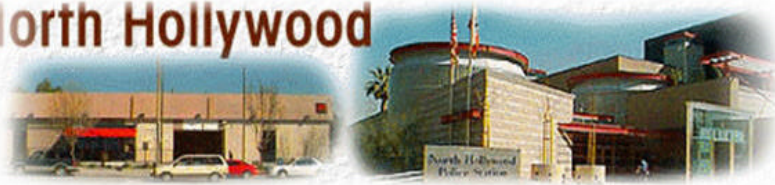
Church of San Pablo (Tujunga/Valerio)  
February 9, 2009  
7:00 pm

### North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting

6755 Rhodes Avenue  
February 12, 2009  
7:00 pm

## Crime Tips

Don't become a victim of auto theft. Invest in anti-theft devices such as an alarm or a "club." Do not forget to park your vehicle in well-lit areas and never leave your valuables in plain view.



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**Current Crime Trends**

Residential burglaries, Burglary/theft from motor vehicle and gang-related incidents are the current crime trends in our area. There has also been some gang related shootings.

Interestingly, citizens who had reported tips resulted in several investigations regarding abandoned and foreclosed residential properties illegally occupied by "squatters" and/or hosting criminal activity.

**Community Events**

***15A21 Basic Car Meeting***

Madison Middle School  
Last Week of February (Date TBA)  
Councilmember Wendy Greuel will be speaking and experts from the Los Angeles City Fire Department and Los Angeles Police Department will be on hand to speak and/or assist the community members with any questions regarding individual and neighborhood emergency preparedness and response.

**Crime Tips**

To report suspicious activity in your area, you may contact us through our e-mail, SLO City cell phone numbers or at your local Neighborhood Watch meeting. Many community members have been vigilantly reporting gang graffiti, suspicious vehicle license plates and possible property crimes suspects. Please continue to do so, as YOU are the eyes and

ears for crime prevention and crime information distribution.

As emphasized in the last several Neighborhood Watch meetings, continue to remind your neighbors to secure their residences and vehicles. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. ***"Out of sight helps our fight" against Burglary/theft from motor vehicles!!***

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**Current Crime Trends**

Based the statistics for the last period, the area had a 22 percent decrease in Burglary/theft from motor vehicles; however, there was a 30 percent increase in residential burglaries.

**Community Events**

***Clean Neighborhood Watch Meeting,***

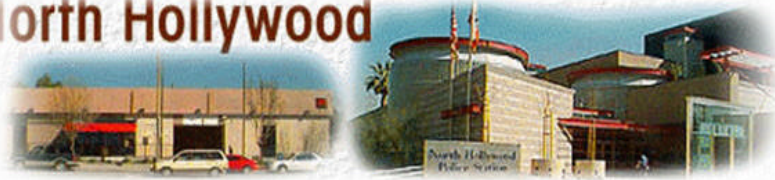
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February 2, 2009  
1:00 pm

***Lankershim Business Watch Meeting***

6650 Lankershim Boulevard  
February 4, 2009  
1:00 pm

**Crime Tips**

You can prevent most residential burglaries. In California, criminal's committed over 222,000 burglaries, that's over one burglary every two minutes. In many of these burglaries, no force was used. That



means the burglars got in through *UNLOCKED* doors and windows.

- Always lock your doors and windows even when leaving for “just a minute.”
- Never leave a house key available under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of the door. These are the first places a burglar will look.
- Exterior doors should have “dead bolt” locks with a 1-inch strong metal bar extending into the door frame.
- Sliding doors and windows should all have “ventilation” locks as well as auxiliary locks to bolster security.
- Be sure to install good locks for garage, cellar, patio, or other doors that lead out through storage areas or a spare room.
- Install a wide-angle lens viewer in the front door. Never open the door without knowing who is there.
- Consider alarm systems.
- Whenever you move to a new home, have all of the locks changed.

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### Current Crime Trends

Over the last period, there has been a 13 percent increase in Burglary/theft from motor vehicles and an 85 percent increase in burglaries. Conversely, robberies decreased by 87 percent this rating period.

Between January 16 and 17, the area of Goodland and Victory experienced a rash of tire slashing incidents. There was also an increase in graffiti in the area.

There has been an increase in theft of license plates. We also had a UPS package stolen from a resident’s porch.

### Community Events

#### ***Goodland and Victory Neighborhood Watch***

Numero Uno Pizza (Victory and Coldwater)

February 3, 2009

7:00 pm

This is a newly formed neighborhood watch meeting. Please join us!

#### ***Basic Car Area 15A33’s Monthly Meeting***

Victory Elementary

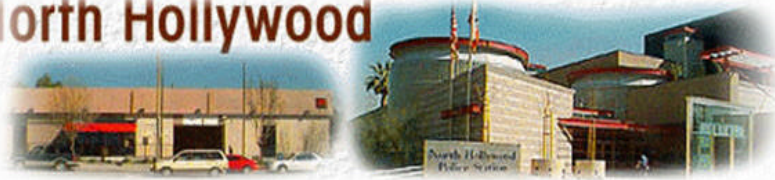
February 17, 2009

7:00 pm

### Crime Tips

Please report any lost or stolen plates immediately. These plates are put on stolen vehicles to avoid detection. Help out your neighbors by picking up their delivery packages while they are away.

The Knock-Knock bandits are still committing crimes in the Valley. They are described as two to three male-Blacks that are knocking on doors during the daytime to see if anyone is home. If no one answers, they proceed to the rear or side yard and force entry into the home. If you see someone like this, do not open the door. Make sure they know you are home and keep an eye on them. If you believe they are looking to break into a home, call 911. If possible, and only if it can be done safely, get their license plate number of the vehicle they are driving.



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### Current Crime Trends

Based upon my statistics, there has been a slight increase in Part I crimes for the last month. The area of RD 1537 and 1549 continues to be the hardest hit. The crimes in RD 1537 along Lankershim Boulevard included multiple robberies, as well as Burglary/theft from motor vehicles.

### Community Events

**Mid Town North Hollywood Council Meeting**  
11416 Tiara  
February 11, 2009  
7:00 pm

### Crime Tips

- Whether you are a renter or a homeowner, you should always leave a light on when you're gone. A quality utility timer can also be used to turn lights "on" and "off" automatically.
- Depending on the duration of your absence, leaving a television on will make a potential burglar think that someone is home.
- If you rent, purchase renter's insurance. This is an affordable way to save you money if there is an accident or burglary.
- Have someone check on your place when you're out of town, check your mail, move your car, mow the grass, etc...
- If you subscribe to a newspaper, stop delivery momentarily until your return. If a burglar sees

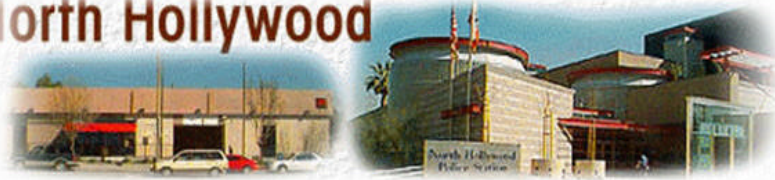
newspapers piling up on a front porch, it's a good indicator that nobody is at home.

- Always keep doors and windows locked.
- If necessary, purchase a security system.
- Use a peephole to see who's knocking before you open the door. If you're still unsure about who is there, question the stranger through the door.
- Ask to see a company I.D. when utility, cable, or service people come to your door.
- Don't leave notes on your door, or messages on your answering machine indicating that you are gone.
- Don't hide a spare key under a "welcome" mat, a rock, a flower pot, etc...
- Don't put I.D. tags on your key ring in the event that your keys are lost or stolen.
- Do not walk alone after dark. Contact a friend to walk with you. There is strength in numbers, and you'll be getting some exercise at the same time. A good posture is also important. Walk with your head straight, arms swinging, with confidence and certainty.
- Get to know someone in the immediate vicinity, a person that you could call quickly in case of an emergency.
- Have these emergency numbers posted near your phone at home, as well as in the "mailbox" of "stored" phone numbers in your cell phone.

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### Current Crime Trends

Based on the current crime trends, burglaries and Burglary/theft from motor vehicles are the most



frequent crimes within this Basic Car Area. The majority of these crimes are occurring in the western portion of the area. The items still being taken are electronics (e.g. iPods, stereos, and computers). The suspects involved are described as being male Hispanics between the ages of 18-25.

#### **Community Events**

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

Victory Elementary School  
6315 Radford Avenue, North Hollywood  
February 17, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

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

***Colfax Elementary School***  
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village  
6:30 pm  
Meetings are open to the public.

#### **Crime Tips:**

- Organize neighborhood cleanup days to send the message that your community is closed to thieves, vandals, and loiterers.
- Sponsor a Neighborhood Watch Meeting.
- Be sure the outside doors of your home or business have strong deadbolt locks.
- Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor or nearby shopkeeper, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
- Lock gates, garage doors, and shed doors after every use.
- Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide, i.e., the spaces between trees or shrubbery, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entryways.
- Set timers on lights when you're away from home or your business is closed so it appears to be occupied.

- Keep your bike and sports equipment inside the house when they're not in use. .

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#### **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the statistics for this month, my area experienced an overall increase in total crime. Burglaries, Robberies and Burglary/theft from motor vehicles were all significantly higher than last month. Grand theft auto was the only category that saw a decrease.

Burglary/theft from motor vehicle crimes were occurring in the area south of Magnolia and West of Lankershim Boulevard, and in the area around the NoHo arts district. There was also an increase of burglary/theft from motor vehicles in RD 1566. Due to numerous homeless encampments along the freeways, transient activity is still up and increasing around Magnolia Boulevard and along the streets adjacent to the freeways.

#### **Community Events**

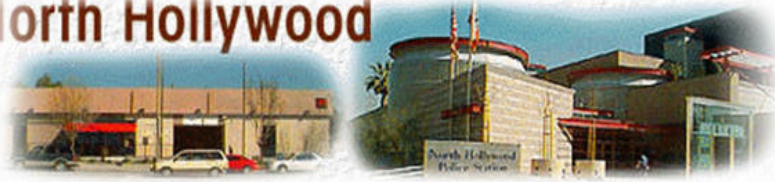
##### ***Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting***

Toluca Elementary, 4840 Cahuenga Boulevard  
February 17, 2009  
7:00 pm

##### ***NoHo Area Community Clean-Up***

NoHo BID Office, 5026 Lankershim Boulevard  
February 21, 2009  
8:00 am-12:00 pm





### **Crime Tips**

Please remember to remove all valuables from your vehicles. iPods and portable GPS devices are some of the most commonly taken items from vehicles. Most items are left on the dashboards of vehicles, making it extremely easy for thieves to remove from your car. It only takes a second to remove items from your car, and it will cost you hundreds of dollars to replace.

Also, remember to lock your doors and windows when leaving your home. There have been several daytime residential burglaries in which the homes were unsecured and suspects entered through open doors and windows.

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### **Crime Trends**

In looking at the crime numbers for Studio City, crime is slightly up from the last period. The major problem continues to be Burglary/theft from motor vehicles. There is still a heavy concentration of crimes in Reporting District 1586. This is south of Moorpark Street to Ventura Boulevard and east of Tujunga Avenue to the 170 freeway. I have also seen a heavy concentration of crime on Bluffside Drive. On a positive note, I have seen a decrease of vehicle break-ins in the Fryman Park area.

### **Community Events**

***Studio City Residence Association Meeting***  
Beverly Garland Hotel  
February 10, 2009

7:30 pm

### **Crime Tips**

Do not leave items such as GPS and iPods in your vehicle in plain view. Thieves are walking around looking into vehicles for items to steal. If they do not see it, they will not break in. If you see something suspicious, call me. If it is a suspicious vehicle try to get a license plate number and let me know. Sometimes all I need is a license plate number to crack a case. Keep an eye out on your neighbors and get to know your neighbors so you can alert them if something is suspicious. An organized neighborhood and active neighborhood watch makes you less likely of becoming a victim. If you do not have a neighborhood watch group in your area and you would like one, please contact me. My City cell phone number is 818-634-2593.