

Captain's Message

As we end 2015, let me give you an overview of this year's crime. As of December 1, 2015, crime within Foothill Area has increased to 14.1%. That equates to 444 more victims of Part-I crime so far this year. The holidays are upon us. Therefore, it is imperative that all of us work together to ensure that our families stay safe and our belongings are secured. Be aware of your surroundings as you shop, pump gas, order food at drive-thru restaurants and exit your cars at home. Call the police when suspicious persons are around your cars and homes.

When shopping during the holiday season, ensure that you place your packages in the trunk. If you have an abundance of gifts in your trunk and need to continue to shop at the same location, you may want to move your car to another parking space in the same shopping center just in case someone is watching your movements.

In any event, should you need to call the police from your cell or home phone, the LAPD-Dispatch Center can be reached at (818) 734-2223. Your reports of crime are beneficial to everyone.

I wish all of you and your families the happiest of holidays.

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People join us for the Pacoima Christmas Parade on December 12th, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. Foothill's Captains and Sergeant Egger will be the Grand Marshals. Following the parade at David Gonzales Park on Van Nuys Boulevard & Herrick Avenue, LAPD Foothill Division will be raffling off 50 bicycles.

Crime Trends

We have a 25.4% increase in part one crimes. Property crime has played a major roll with the increase numbers. Property crimes include burglaries, burglary from motor vehicles and grand theft auto. We all need to remember the slogan "Lock it, Hide It, Keep it" Make sure to hide your valuables and/or lock them in your trunk.

Keep in mind as the holidays approach, auto related crimes traditionally increase. This crime in most cases is preventable yet continues to be a serious problem. Don't leave your purse, cell phone or packages in your car, on the back seat or on the floor where potential thieves can see them. Lock packages and valuables in the trunk, hide I-pods, cameras and GPS units in the glove box or armrest.

Upcoming Events And Meetings:

Pacoima Neighborhood Council

December 116, 2014 6:30 PM

13520 Van Nuys Boulevard, Pacoima

The LAPD continues to do our best to protect & serve the citizens of Los Angeles but we cannot be everywhere at once. Having a Neighborhood Watch could prevent crime from occurring in your area. Be a good neighbor. Make it your New Year's Resolution to join a Neighborhood Watch. If you have any questions regarding joining or starting a neighborhood watch group in your area, please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 634-0652.

Foothill Volunteer Surveillance Team is looking for new members. If you are interested, contact Foothill Community Relationship Office and speak with Officer Avila (818) 686-1946.

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Hello. I hope everyone is doing well. Merry Christmas!! I hope everyone has a wonderful December month surrounded by family and friends and crime-free!! A lot of you will be on vacation and decide to leave on a nice trip. Here are some tips for those of you that are leaving:

- Before leaving, lock your doors and windows.
- Engrave your valuables for easy identification in case it does get stolen.
- Never leave a house key "hidden" in your front or back yard. Use timers for lights.
- Ask a neighbor to collect mail and newspapers.
- Leave your contact information with a trusted friend and neighbor.
- Do not post on social media all your plans, this lets everyone know how long your house will be vulnerable for burglaries.

The best crime protection is crime avoidance. Don't put yourself and your family in a situation where crime will occur. Be prepared. By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim. Take care and see you out there.

EVENTS:

December 5 – Fernangeles Park, Toy give-a-away.

December 12 - Pacoima Holiday Parade.

Don't forget to sign up with **NIXLE.COM** for **community crime alerts** and **information from Foothill Division** that is text messaged to your cell phone. This is a great way of staying informed with information that comes from your police station. You will have up-to-date information and be well informed of what is going on in the community.

CRIME TRENDS

In my area, South Pacoima, year-to-date, we are up in part one crime 10.5%. At this time last year, we had 677 part-one crimes. This year we have 748. That is 71 more crimes. We have a rise in Personal Theft/Other Theft in the area. Last year at this time, we had 171, this year 231. Everyone needs to be more aware of their surroundings and **Lock it Hide it Keep it...:)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:

- * Be alert of strangers in your neighborhood.
- * If possible obtain an alarm or lock for your car.
- * If someone is “hanging around” in your block that does not belong, notify your neighbors.
- * Report suspicious activity. Call the Foothill Desk and keep the SLO Officer (me) informed.
- * Foothill Desk (818) 756-8861.
- * **ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1** when observing unknown suspects breaking in to any vehicle or home.

FOR ADDITIONAL SAFETY INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT FOOTHILL AREA AUTO OR BURGLARY DETECTIVES AT (818) 834-3115.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

There are different locations for the community to attend a neighborhood watch meeting. Please make it a point to attend any of the following and do your part for your neighborhood.

The **Hansen Hills Neighborhood Watch** - January 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm.
At the Pacoima Community Center, 11243 Glenoaks Boulevard.

The **Montague Neighborhood Watch** – January 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.
Located at 13000 Montague Street. At Montague Charter School

The **Amistad Park Neighborhood Watch** – TBA
Located at 13116 Kagel Canyon Street.

The **San Fernando Gardens Neighborhood Watch** – January 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm.
Located at 10982 Lehigh Avenue.

The **David Gonzalez Park Neighborhood Watch** – January 20, 2016 at 5:30 pm.
Located at Pacoima Charter auditorium, 11016 Norris Avenue.

You can also attend the **Pacoima Neighborhood Council** meetings and have a voice for your area. January 20 at 6:30 pm at the Pacoima Community Center, 11243 Glenoaks Boulevard.

We have our **Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)** meeting on January 14 at 6:00 pm at the Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford Street.

Please join us. It is a good way to find out what is going on in your area.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

If there are any problem traffic areas that you would like to have patrolled, please call Valley Traffic at (818) 644-8142.

USEFUL INFORMATION

A reminder about the 3-1-1 system. Any of the Los Angeles City services can be obtained from that phone number. Remember that the number can only be dialed from your home telephone. When you are finished ask for a confirmation number from the operator.

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CRIME TRENDS

As I look at the crime reported in our area this week, I notice a very distinct trend. One hundred percent of it could have been easily avoided. Every single victim left their car unlocked and had some property taken from it. We have been spreading the message loud and clear for a while now to “lock it, hide it, keep it.” It’s a very simple strategy that works and not only stops people from taking your property, it stops them from coming back and taking your neighbors too.

Save yourself the hassle and aggravation. Lock it, Hide It, Keep It.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Thursday December 17, 2015, 7:00 pm
11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

TEXT-A-TIP

To provide anonymous tips, text CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone and begin the message with LAPD.

You may submit an anonymous tip anytime an anonymous tip anytime, anywhere, 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, by phone 800-222-TIPS (800) 222-8477.

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Happy Holidays! I am your new Senior Lead Officer for Tujunga. I have already met some of you for coffee back in November and I look forward to meeting the rest to discuss the quality of life issues that plague Tujunga. Although I have worked Foothill Division for several years, I am still getting acclimated with the particular concerns each part of Tujunga has since different area pockets have different issues. My main goal in the upcoming weeks is to meet as many of you as possible so I can begin addressing your concerns. If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch group on your block, please let me know so that I can assist you.

CRIME TRENDS

After seeing the crime reported this week; all of the crime is property-related. With the holidays arriving quickly, we need to eliminate or minimize the opportunities we are providing. If you are having deliveries to your home via UPS or FEDEX and you won't be home, advise your neighbor so that they can retrieve the item for you once it gets delivered. Additionally, don't leave any presents or valuables in plain view in your vehicle. Remember, **"Hide it, Lock It, Keep It."**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tujunga Coffee, Tuesday December 1, 2015, 8:30a.m.
6510 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, McDonald's

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Remember to slow down when you are driving. Give yourself enough time to arrive to your destination. Lastly, have a designated driver if you attend a gathering or party. If there are any problem traffic areas that you would like to have patrolled, please call Valley Traffic Division at (818) 644-8142.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Hi everyone! I still have my community coffee every first Tuesday of the month at Bob's Big Boy, 8274 Sunland Boulevard from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Please drop in and say hi. The next one is on December 1, 2015.

CRIME TRENDS

Our biggest crime concern is still vehicle thefts, burglaries, and burglaries from motor vehicles. I can't express enough how important it is for everyone to keep their homes and cars secure. As I continue reviewing the crime reports, there has been one reoccurring factor. Most of the burglars have been able to walk into an unlocked door or get into an unlocked window and unlocked car doors. It's imperative that all of us help each other. This is an old trick to knock and see if someone is home.

If you see a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1. Lock all your doors and windows when you leave or go to sleep at night. Remember to lock the doors on your vehicles as well.

An amazing tool that we have been using is FREE and EASY to sign up for. I ask that all of you sign up with **NIXLE.COM** for **community crime alerts** and **information from Foothill Division** that is text messaged to your cell phone. This is a great way of staying informed with information that comes from your police station.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please remember to slow down. Valley Traffic Division will be enforcing traffic laws in the Foothill Area. I will be monitoring and enforcing the law within the Sun Valley area also. Please help yourself avoid the potential financial strain of a citation. Slow down. Give yourself enough time to get where you're going. Please remember to pick a designated driver prior to attending a party or barbecue. It would be a shame to have to watch one of our young residents become injured in a senseless act of drunk driving.

If there are any problem-traffic areas that you would like to have patrolled, please call Valley Traffic Division at (818) 644-8142, and leave a message for Officer Flores.

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CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

Basic Car 16A81, Saticoy north to the 5 Freeway and the 170 Freeway east to the border of Burbank. I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday. I am sure there were many things to be thankful for. I am thankful that we have less victims this year than last year. Basic car A81 is down approximately 2.4%. Again this is an average of crimes reported so there are some crimes that have gone down quite a bit for the year, such as robbery and burglary, and then there are still other crimes that have shown an increase and that is cars getting broken into and aggravated assaults. The crime that seems to be never ending is cars getting broken into.

During the upcoming holidays, I cannot stress the importance of 'Lock it, Hide it, Keep it.' There have been many car breaks-ins that possibly could have been avoided, had one of the methods had been used. For instance, four vehicles that were not locked ended up missing a laptop, wallet, tent, and registration. For those cars that were locked, but failed to remove the property inside of the vehicle not only had the property taken, but the vehicle damaged as well. For instance a vehicle had a window smashed in order to get a purse, another had the lock broken

in order to obtain some musical equipment, and another window smashed to get to a GPS. So utilize the lock and hide feature of the slogan in order to obtain the keep part of it!

The biggest reminder of this season is for scams or trickery. There are people out there who want to get to your money the easiest way possible. This might mean an internet scam asking for money, or a phone call scam threatening arrest or loss of power. All these scams involve one thing, only you have the power to call their bluff. Trash those emails, you did not win the lottery. Hang up the phone, the IRS is not waiting outside to arrest you. Shut the door, the DWP does not need to get inside your house to check the electrical lines. These are scams that we have unfortunately had victims to. Don't be the next one and please always remind this to your elderly neighbors or family members.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sun Valley Area Community Coffee, Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
8272 Sunland Boulevard, Bob's Big Boy Restaurant.

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Meeting, December 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,
10631 Vinedale Street, Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center.

Christmas Toy Give Away, Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
8851 Laurel Canyon, Fernangeles Recreation Center.

CRIME TIP

All you shoppers this season, please don't lose your temper. I know it can be frustrating but remember the reason you are out shopping. Take a deep breath. Doing this could prevent a bad exchange of words, rude driving or even body contact. Enjoy the end of the year!