

## **Captain's Message**

Thank all of you for a wonderful 2014. Overall, as of December 27, 2014, Foothill Area reduced crime by 12.1%. This reduction is a joint effort between our communities and your police department. We have a long way to go to decrease crime even further next year. I look forward to meeting more of you at meetings throughout our Division. I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

Captain Ernest Eskridge

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I would like to thank each of you for your hard work, commitment, and partnership we share in 2014 to reduce crime in the Pacoima area. This was a difficult, challenging year, but with team work, we all made Pacoima a safer place to live. We will continue to work together on quality of life issues in 2015.

Next month in January, the Los Angeles Police Department is conducting its first Community Police Academy of 2015 (English speaking). If you are interested or know someone who would like to become more familiar with their Los Angeles Police Department, please contact Foothill Senior Lead Office for further information. 818 756-8866

### Crime Trends

Good news! I'm proud to announce that Pacoima reduced crime in 2014 by 24.2% in part one crimes. That was 200 victims less this year compared to last. We did notice a slight increase in property crime during the holiday season which is a common trend. But remember, we don't achieve these results without the partnership we share.

### Free Bulky Item Pickup:

I would like to let everyone know the number for big item pick-up for the City of Los Angeles is (311). This number is to alleviate the problem of furniture such as, couches, mattresses, refrigerators, etc. being left on the sidewalks and streets. You can call this number make the appointment to have the items picked up, you don't have to be present and it can be for any address that you spot bulky items. I encourage all of you to give this number to your friends and neighbors.

### Upcoming Events And Meetings:

#### **Pinney Street Neighborhood Watch Group:**

January 7, 2015 6:00 PM

13361 Pinney Street, Pacoima

**Foothill Community Police Advisory Board:**

January 8, 2015 6:00 PM  
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima

**Pacoima Neighborhood Council**

January 21, 2015 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 Voluntary Surveillance Team is looking for new members. If you are interested contact Foothill Community Relationship Office and speak with Officer Avila (818) 485-0627

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Hello. I hope everyone is well and survived the holidays. Now it's back to work taking care of our other family... our neighbors and community. We live and work here in Pacoima and we need to take care of it. There has been a lot of illegal dumping and vandalism around the area. We all need to do our part and call the appropriate entities to either pick up or clean up the area. I listed some important numbers below. Please use them and let's all work together for a cleaner, healthy and safe Pacoima. NOTE: We are not out of the woods yet regarding fire danger. Cut off dry plants/bushes around the area most at risk of fire. Talk to people regarding smoking or lighting fires in these dry conditions. Take Care and see you out there.

**NUMBERS TO USE FOR A CLEANER PACOIMA:**

Trash Pick Up – (800) 733-2489 or 311  
Building & Safety – (888) 524-2845 or 311  
Council District 7, Felipe Fuentes' office – (818) 485-0600  
Animal Services – (888) 452-7381  
Department of Transportation (DOT) – (818) 756-9108  
Non-Emergency line – (818) 734-2223

Don't forget to sign up with [NIXLE.COM](http://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 down in part-one crime 14.2%. At this time last year, we had 872 part-one crimes. This year we have 748. That is 124 less victims. Domestic Violence/Assaults are still high in my area. This includes family and gang violence. Please talk to family and friends. Make sure this problem is not in your household. There is help available and it could be done without the police getting involved. Call if you have any questions.

## **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 911** 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 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm.  
At the Pacoima Community Center, 11243 Glenoaks Boulevard..

The **Montague Neighborhood Watch** – January 26, 2015 at 8:00 am.  
Located at 13000 Montague Street. At Montague Charter School

The **San Fernando Gardens Neighborhood Watch** – January 15, 2015 at 5:00 pm.  
Located at 10982 Lehigh Avenue.

The **David Gonzalez Park Neighborhood Watch** – January 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm.  
Located at Pacoima Charter auditorium, 11016 Norris Avenue.

The **Haddon Neighborhood Watch** – TBA  
Haddon Elementary, 10115 Haddon Street.

You can also attend the **Pacoima Neighborhood Council** meetings and have a voice for your area. January 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Pacoima Community Center, 11243 Glenoaks Boulevard.

We have our **Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)** meeting on January 8 at 6:00 pm at the Japanese/American Community Center located at 12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA.

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**

Hello everyone. We finished the year with a huge win in the community. Foothill Area finished in first place within the entire City of Los Angeles in Part I crime reduction. You may ask what does this mean to you. It means that fewer crimes were committed than the previous year and it means that the involvement of the community paid off in a big way. It means that fewer cars and homes were broken into and fewer people were victimized.

The members of the Los Angeles Police Department look forward to 2015 and the new challenges that face us. We ask that the community join us in our continuing efforts and we thank you for your support.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council**, Wednesday, January 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

**Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Watch**, Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

**Lakeview Terrace Improvement Association**, Monday January 5, 2015 7:00 pm

11075 Foothill Boulevard., Lake View Terrace

## **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 New Year to everyone!! I am currently the acting senior lead officer for the Tujunga area. I have been working Tujunga for the past 6 months as a patrol officer. My goal in the next 4 weeks is to meet as many of you as possible to discuss those quality of life issues that plague your neighborhood.

One of my main focuses has been talking with some of you regarding the homeless individuals that reside on private property for the night. I have been working closely with the Los Angeles County Homeless Authority as well as the Los Angeles City Attorney office. Although being homeless is not a crime, some transients do disregard laws and need the attention of our Department. Some of them learn by receiving tickets and others do not. This issue is very sensitive and I ask all of you to be patient with us as we continue to come up with solutions to the problem.

### **Crime Trends**

As of December 27, 2014, crime in Tujunga dropped by 28.0%. What that equates to is 114 less victims of crime compared to the year 2013. This drop in crime does not happen by accident. It is the hard work of many of you as well as the officers that patrol your streets. Your eyes and ears helped dramatically. I continue to hope that our relationship continues as we enter into the new year. Help us help you by starting a neighborhood watch group on your block. Call our office at (818) 756-8866 and I can assist you with this endeavor.

### **Community Events**

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Wednesday, January 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Watch, Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

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### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

Hi everyone! I've moved and am now the Senior Lead for Sun Valley. I've been the Senior Lead Officer for Tujunga for the last 6 years and for Arleta 2 years before that. I'm looking forward to serving your community.

The big news is a that I have begun a Community Coffee meeting every first Tuesday of the month at Bob's Big Boy located at 8274 Sunland Boulevard. Senior Lead Officer Vasquez and I will be there from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Please drop in and say hi. The next one is on January 6, 2015.

### **CRIME TRENDS**

Overall, as of December 27, 2014, crime is down 4.8% from last year, from 580 reported crimes to 552 so far this year in the East Sun Valley area.

Our largest 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 then please call 9-1-1. Please 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](http://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 too will be monitoring and enforcing the law within the Tujunga area. 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 citizens 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 at 818-644-8142, and leave a message for Officer Flores.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Once again, 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're finished, ask for a confirmation number from the operator.

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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. Incoming, 2015! What a year. Let's recap the 2014 year for goals. The 2014 goal for crime reduction was 3%. The goal is to reduce the number of victims by 3%, which in just numbers, means 112 fewer victims. Well, the total count for the year for all of Foothill, we are ending with a 12% decrease in crime. So the number of fewer victims we had this past year is 454. This is over four hundred persons that were not subject to lost time for taking care of insurance related matters regarding property crimes or health issues regarding assaults. Now, for the goals of 2015: Foothill Area is looking to achieve a 1% reduction. This is again another year with reduction of crime. We continue to utilize our predictive policing by having officers in the area that is possible crime predictions for that day. That along with continued community crime prevention awareness will help us achieve the goal. Although we end the year with crime reduction, we could still do more. So let's harden the target to prevent crimes and be aware of our surroundings in order to report that useful information that we can investigate.

The month of December had three business robberies. In two of the robberies the suspect tried to fight with security as they attempted to steal, thus becoming a robbery. One of the suspects is in custody. The third robbery was a convenience store that the suspect simulated that he had a gun in his waistband and demanded the money. Video surveillance should assist with the capture.

For the property crime in the area, the decrease in burglaries is still consistent. Unfortunately, there was a victim of a break-in to their residence on Christmas Eve. The burglary was through an unlocked bathroom window. Even the small windows can let in the small persons. Make sure the opening to most of the windows is small enough not let anyone reach in and be able to grab or remove an existing bar that is set for prevention. As for cars, the number of break-ins was less than last year for the month of December. Unfortunately 8 of the 12 reported were unlocked vehicles. Documents, wallets, and radios were the property of interest that was taken. Let us start the year with being vigilant in locking our vehicles as well as parking in well-lit areas.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Sun Valley Area Community Coffee**, Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 8:00 a.m.  
8272 Sunland Blvd.

**Community Police Advisory Board**, Thursday, January 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m.,  
12953 Branford, Japanese American Cultural Center

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council** Meeting, Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,  
10631 Vinedale, Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center

**Foothill Clergy Council** Meeting, Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 12:00 p.m.,  
13520 Van Nuys, Pacoima City Hall

**Crockett Neighborhood Watch** Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,  
8300 San Fernando Rd., Industrial Metal Supply break room

**North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council**, Thursday, January 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,  
7063 Laurel Canyon, Fire Station 89

**Strathern Street Neighborhood Watch** Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,  
12020 Strathern St., Church of the Nazarene

**CRIME TIP**

Now is the time for a credit check. Take advantage of the yearly free credit checks to review and check that accounts have not been opened without your authorization.