

## **Captain's Message**

Combating crime is sometimes very difficult. Although our start-of-the-year numbers don't look too bad, we are up by 1.4% as of January 26, 2015. Most of the crimes that are occurring are vehicle thefts and aggravated assaults. I ask all of you to harden the target. If you own a 1980 to 1990's Honda, Toyota or Nissan Sedan or Truck, I ask you to take extra steps to secure your vehicles. Steering wheel locks and alarms are just two examples. Please take the time to deter Grand Theft Auto from occurring.

A number of Aggravated Assaults take place within private homes. If you know of someone who is having problems in their household, I ask you to take note of upcoming Domestic Violence information sponsored by the Foothill Area Clergy Council. Information given at these meetings helps all members of the family. Monitor Facebook.com/LAPD.Foothill for upcoming meetings.

I challenge each of you to pass the above information on to your friends, neighbors and relatives. Working together will help both you and your Police Department.

Captain Ernest Eskridge

**Basic Car 16A11 (North Pacoima)**

**Senior Lead Officer Steve Nunez**

**(818) 634-0652**

**E-mail address: 35382@lapd.lacity.org**

### Crime Trends:

Aggravated Assaults are our primary concern at this time. If anyone has any information regarding any suspects, please contact Foothill Detectives. There is also an increase in burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle and Stolen vehicles. Most of the incidents involving BFMV are taking place between 12:00 a.m. -6:00 a.m. when most people are sleeping. Please be mindful of this and properly secure your vehicles and leave porch lights on to illuminate the area. See something say something!

Attend Neighborhood Watch! It makes a difference when we all work together to prevent crime. Please make sure that your vehicles are locked when parked on the street. We still have residents leaving valuables inside their parked vehicles. Individuals are looking into parked cars and stealing your property. Don't make it easy of attractive for them to break into your cars!

### 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 3-1-1. 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:

**February 4, 2015 6:00 PM**

13361 Pinney Street, Pacoima, CA

Foothill Community Police Advisory Board:

**February 12, 2015 6:00 PM**

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA

Pacoima Neighborhood Council

**February 18, 2015 6:30 PM**

13520 Van Nuys Boulevard, Pacoima, CA

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

**Basic Car 16A23 (South Pacoima)**

**SLO Adriana Munguia**

**(818) 634-0685**

**E-mail address: [30116@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:30116@lapd.lacity.org)**

Hello. Hope everyone is doing well. For the month of February, I want to talk about getting along with peers, neighbors, co-workers, family members and the community overall. It is the month of friendship and love after all...It seems that simple situations escalate to a sad or unreasonable and sometimes tragic result when dealing with each other. What ever happened to common courtesy? Why is it that an argument ensues when someone politely asks you to turn down your music? Or someone informs you that your child or family member broke a window or vandalized a wall? Or, someone lets you know that you should not leave your discarded TV, sofa, tires or household goods on the street? We all need to be reminded sometimes that courtesy and respect should be exercised every day in order to make the area a better place. Do not get offended if someone points this out to you. Instead, thank them and fix the problem. We all live or work here in Pacoima and want it to be clean and a pleasant place to be. Be kind to one another. Help each other and the community.

Please use the numbers listed below... Take Care and see you out there.

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

Trash Pick Up – (800) 733-2489 or 3-1-1  
Building & Safety – (888) 524-2845 or 3-1-1  
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** 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 7%. At this time last year, we had 43 part one crimes. This year we have 46. This new year, the grand theft auto (GTA's) and burglary from motor vehicles (BFMV's) have gone up. I've had 12 GTA's and 15 BFMV's in January so far. It's property crime at this point that we are worried about. We are having a rise on stolen plates and we are again asking for the community to come to the station and get the special screws for the rear plates. Call me and we can set it up. Be watchful of your surrounding when parking your vehicle and if possible obtain an alarm or secure bar for it. Feel free to 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 – **February 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm.**  
At the Pacoima Community Center, 11243 Glenoaks Boulevard.

The Montague Neighborhood Watch – **February 23, 2015 at 8:00 am.**  
Located at 13000 Montague Street at Montague Charter School.

The San Fernando Gardens Neighborhood Watch – **February 19, 2015 at 5:00 pm.**  
Located at 10982 Lehigh Avenue.

The David Gonzalez Park Neighborhood Watch – **February 18, 2015 at 5:30 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.  
**February 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 **February 12 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.

**Basic Car 16A35 (Sunland, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills)**  
**SLO Cesar Contreras**  
**(818) 634-0705**  
**E-mail address: 36373@lapd.lacity.org**

### **CRIME TRENDS**

**“Lock it Hide it Keep it”** is a catchy phrase that works. Too many times I come across reports where people lose their valuables because they failed to follow it. Most criminals are opportunists looking for a quick and easy hit but whether it’s a quick run into the corner store or parking your vehicle overnight, it is imperative that we follow it. Take a minute to stand outside your vehicle while looking in and ask yourself “If I was a thief or a burglar, is there anything that I would want?” If your answer is yes then you are at risk to be victimized. Do yourself a favor and lock it or hide it so that you can keep it.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Wednesday, **February 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Watch, Tuesday, **February 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

Lakeview Terrace Improvement Association, Monday **February 2, 2015 7:00 pm**  
11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council Thursday **February 19, 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).

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Once again, just 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.

**Basic Car 16A59 (Tujunga)**  
**Acting Senior Lead Officer Violet Potter**  
**(818) 634-0754**  
**E-mail address: [35464@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35464@lapd.lacity.org)**

Hello everyone!! I am currently the Acting senior lead officer for the Tujunga area. During the last 8 weeks I have met many of you, you have shown me the passion that you have for your community and I love it! Together we can work on issues that concern many of you and work on solutions.

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**

I'm continuing communication with day and night patrol officers, passing on information and facilitating communication between community members and law enforcement. Your eyes and ears helped dramatically. I continue to hope that our relationship continues as we enter into the 2015. 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**

Tujunga Community Coffee, **February 3, 2015, 8:45 am**  
Starbucks (Inside Alberstson's) 6240 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga

Foothill Community Police Advisory Board **February 12, 2015 6:00 PM**  
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council, **Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Watch, **Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

**Basic Car 16A77 (East Sun Valley)**  
**Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall**  
**(818) 634-0755**  
**E-mail address: [30204@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:30204@lapd.lacity.org)**

## **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 community coffee every first Tuesday of the month at Bob's Big Boy, 8274 Sunland Boulevard. Senior Lead Officer Vasquez and I will be there from 0800 am to 0930 am. Please drop in and say hi. The next one is on February 3, 2015.

## **CRIME TRENDS**

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** 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, just 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.

**Basic Car 16A81 (West Sun Valley)**

**SLO Esther Vasquez**

**(818) 634-0854**

**E-mail address: [32824@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32824@lapd.lacity.org)**

## **CURRENT CRIME TRENDS**

Basic Car 16A81, Saticoy north to the 5 Freeway and the 170 Freeway east to the border of Burbank. How fast the first month of the year comes to a close. Being a long month of 31 days, it sure does go by quickly. Just to recap for this up-coming year, we are striving for a one percent decrease in crime. So far, the area has started out strong, holding at a six percent reduction. There is one crime that has soared in being committed and that is stolen cars.

Burglaries and aggravated assaults have increased slightly. As for robberies, car break-ins, and theft, those crimes are down. It is good to start off the year with fewer victims but if we are not

vigilant in doing the preventative crime measures, it could increase quickly. Be the voice out there to remind others of crime prevention techniques.

There were two aggravated assaults in the month of January. Both of the victims knew their assailant. Both of the crimes entailed an argument that escalated to violence involving the suspect bringing out a weapon. The weapons could be bats, chairs, bottles, guns, knives, etc., but nevertheless, a weapon that could do serious bodily injury. I wish I had the best remedy to prevent arguments from escalating but I don't. Each person reacts differently to confrontation but what I can advise is to think about your actions and where it can lead.

As for cars getting stolen, there have been several at the Roscoe Boulevard-Laurel Canyon Boulevard area by the shopping center as well as the Laurel Canyon Boulevard-Saticoy Street area. By several, I mean three near each location. But that doesn't mean it is just these two areas, it could be any area, so be sure to lock vehicles and don't keep valuables inside. Even though we are down in cars getting broken into, this is still a good measure to abide by when leaving your car parked on the street or even your drive-way. In fact, most of the reports of vehicles getting broken into does not have a typical window broken or door lock punched, but the door not being locked. This made it so convenient for the suspect to get what they want, even the smallest amount of change in ashtray. One way to pass on the habit of locking and removing valuables is to be the one who makes the effort to check. I know at my house, I will walk outside and check that my car is locked and property removed. I even check my husband's car as well and then let him know that I checked it for him.

Since this is still the beginning of the year, let's make this the year to participate in your community. Take the time to attend a neighborhood watch meeting in your area or attend the neighborhood council meeting in your area. Learn about your community and you can pass it on to your neighbors. Please call our police station for information on any of these meetings.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Sun Valley Area Community Coffee, **Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 8:00 a.m.**  
8272 Sunland Boulevard.

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Meeting, **Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**,  
10631 Vinedale Street, Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center

Foothill Clergy Council Meeting, **Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 12:00 p.m.**,  
13520 Van Nuys Boulevard, Pacoima City Hall

Community Police Advisory Board, **Thursday, February 12, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**,  
12953 Branford Street, Japanese American Cultural Center

Strathern Street Neighborhood Watch Meeting, **Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**,  
12020 Strathern Street, Church of the Nazarene

North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council, **Thursday, February 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**,  
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Fire Station 89

**CRIME TIP**

Don't be afraid to hang up the phone. I recently spoke with a lady who said that she received a phone call and the person on the other end was asking for her to verify her information to receive a check from the government. Does that sound legitimate to you? Not to me. Just hang up!