

## **Captain's Message**

For the past 7 weeks, the Los Angeles City Fire Department has been training a number of community members from the Sun Valley area in a very important program called CERT. Community Emergency Response Training gives residents an opportunity to learn basic emergency procedures. I implore you to take a class in emergency preparedness not only for your neighborhood, but your family. Contact the LAFD via e-mail at [www.lafd-la.com](http://www.lafd-la.com).

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I appreciate the hard work from all of the Neighborhood Block Captains and members. Their efforts in reporting crime and keeping the lines of communication open with law enforcement and the council office. Due to this, we were able to clear up the area of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard. We removed 22 shopping carts and cited the local transients for drinking. Several of the businesses also signed trespass orders to keep the homeless from sleeping in the area.

### **Crime Trends:**

Aggravated Assaults still remain our primary concern at this time. We have increased in aggravated assaults by 700%. We have 14 more victims this year compared to last year. If you have any information regarding suspect information please contact Foothill Detectives (818) 834-3115

There is also an increase in burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle and Stolen vehicles. Please be mindful of this and properly secure your vehicles and leave porch lights on to illuminate the area. See something say something!

### **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 and 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:

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

13361 Pinney Street Pacoima

Foothill Community Police Advisory Board:

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

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima

Pacoima Neighborhood Council

**March 18, 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. 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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Our property crimes have been steady. Please don't give up. Lock it, hide it, keep it.

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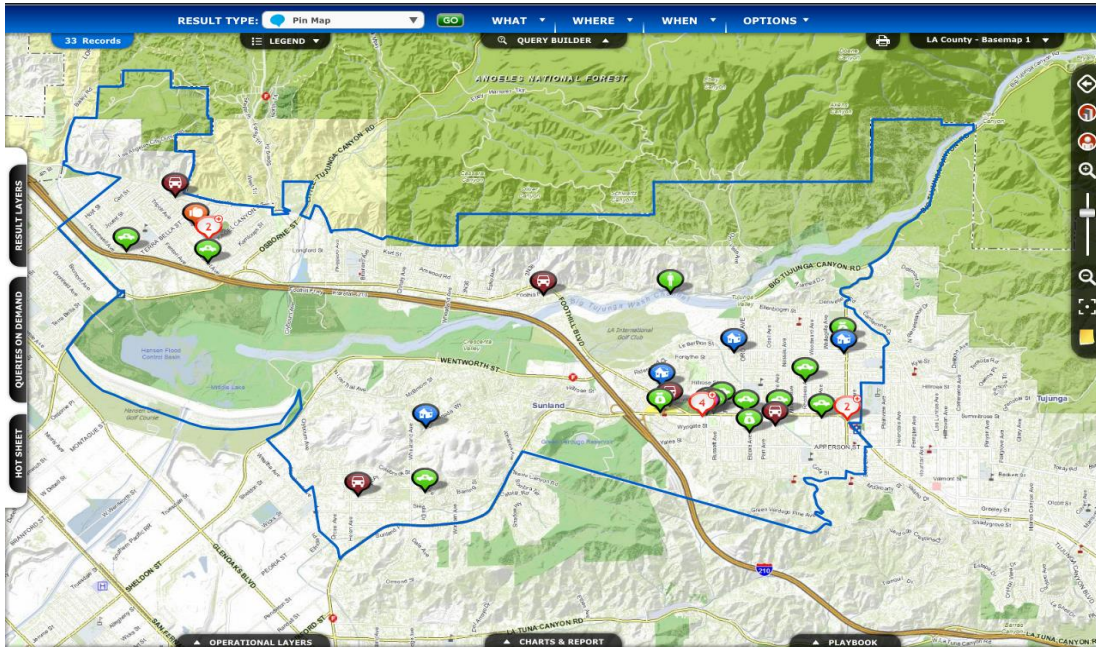
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## **CRIME TRENDS**

There has been a total of 33 part I one crimes reported between February 1, 2015 and February 26, 2015. Protect yourself and your property. Lock your doors, hide property and don't become a victim. Foothill Division has been promoting our "Hide it, Lock it, Keep it" campaign. Below is a breakdown of the part one crime. Remember to always report suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the police department. Here is a breakdown of the part one crimes for this month.



Homicide: 0  
 Rape: 1  
 Robbery: 0  
 Assault: 1  
 Burg from vehicle: 13  
 GTA: 6  
 Burglary: 4  
 Theft: 8

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

Lakeview Terrace Improvement Association, Monday **March 2, 2015 7:00 pm**  
 11075 Foothill Boulevard, Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council Thursday **March 19, 2015 7:00 pm**  
 11075 Foothill Boulevard, 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.

In addition to the phone number [1.800.974.9794](tel:18009749794) , you can also email them at [san.callcenter@lacity.org](mailto:san.callcenter@lacity.org).

Please include the following information:

1. Address of the location if possible or cross streets.
2. A description of what is located at the site of the illegal dumping.
3. Your information or information of complainant and phone number
4. Pictures would be perfect and will help to identify the location and items needed for pick up (send via email).
5. The pick will be on the trash service day.

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Hello everyone!! It's been great working in partnership with a lot of you during the past couple of months. It's wonderful seeing the partnership between the community and law enforcement. Let's keep it up!!!!

#### **Crime Trends**

Our crime in the Tujunga area still consists of burglaries and theft from motor vehicle. As some of you have heard me say during our meetings, I drive around the area and I continue seeing open garages (with no one standing around), unattended vehicles (with driver side open and no one standing around). Some of these crimes can be easily prevented by locking the doors. So I will continue to stress LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!!!!

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, **March 9, 2015, 8:45 am**  
Starbucks (Inside Alberstson's) 6240 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga.

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

Foothill Community Police Advisory Board **March 12, 2015 6:00 pm**  
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima.

Community Clean up and Beautification Day, **March 14, 2015 9:00 am-12:00 pm** Alpine Way  
and Mt Gleason Ave (at the entrance to Alpine Village).

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

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## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

Hi everyone!

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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are having a Stonehurst Neighborhood watch meeting on Thursday March 19 at the Stonehurst Park rec center. The time is 6pm. A representative from LA dept of Bldg and safety will be the guest speaker.

## **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

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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 there was love in the air for everyone this past Valentine's Day. For the short month of February, the property-type crimes in the area increased, although the violent crimes in the area stabilized. We know with the passage of AB 109 and Proposition 47, we are swimming up-stream and working harder than ever to reduce crime. We continue to use our resources to best combat these crimes. Again, you are the voice out there to remind those to "lock-it, hide-it, keep it."

As I write this newsletter, the crimes of robbery and aggravated assaults are even with last year. For the month of February, we had three robberies. One robbery was at a recycle center and the other was a student who was walking home from school. There was a robbery in which the suspect went to the victim's house to make a purchase. The suspect produced a gun and took the items. Officers responded and completed an investigation. The very next day, one of the officers that completed the initial investigation observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect. When the officer and his partner attempted to pull over the vehicle to conduct the investigation, a mini pursuit occurred. The suspect was taken into custody and he had some of the stolen property in his vehicle at the time of his arrest. Officers conducted a check back at his

residence and recovered the rest of the victim's property. This is the type of good police work that the officers of Foothill Area do!

Although the two aggravated assaults that we have had for the month of February are not domestic related, I still want to remind everyone that domestic violence is still occurring. When the signs of the cycle of violence are visible, please inform the victim that they may not see the signs as clearly as someone else. There is available literature on the internet as well as any police station.

The biggest increase in property crime is cars getting broken into. In terms of numbers, there are 5 more victims at this time this year than last year. For the month of February, so far, there have been approximately sixteen break-ins. Seven of those cars that were broken into were left unlocked, so the criminal had an extremely easy time collecting his spoils from those cars. A couple of vehicles had the headlights taken and tools from the rear bed of a truck. There were three cars that the window was smashed or the door pried and then one car where entry was made through the moon roof. The property taken from those vehicles were miscellaneous tools that were left on the seat. Three of the cars had the catalytic converter taken. Seven vehicles had the ability to prevent the loss of property. Make that effort.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

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

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

Crockett Street Neighborhood Watch Meeting, **Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**,  
8300 San Fernando Road at Industrial Metal Supply break room.

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

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

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

**CRIME TIP**

Do you want to buy something from EBay or Craigslist? Please do research. Collect as much information as possible. See your product, especially any type of motor vehicle. If it sounds too good to be true, **it probably is.**