

## **Captain's Message:**

As promised, additional resources from our Metropolitan Division's Mounted Unit responded to the Big Tujunga Wash Area. This was in response to numerous requests from the public that individuals had moved back into the wash after the area was cleaned up and all were evicted or assisted by the Los Angeles County Homeless Authority. On October 23, 10 Officers with their horses made their way into the wash. The task force was extremely successful as officers contacted 21 individuals living in the wash (in violation of LAMC and Penal Code Violations). There were two physical arrests and 17 citations issued. In addition, one transient was in possession of a dangerous firework. The LAPD Bomb Squad responded to the location and detonated the device there. Although the device took a while to be rendered safe, the task force continued in the wash. I am very grateful to all of the officers that responded to the location. Thank you to all of you for your continued communication with our Senior Lead Office as well as your eyes and ears that you observe and report the illegal activity. I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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## **Basic Car 16A23 (North Pacoima)**

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I hope you are all doing well. I would like to invite you to our first community coffee meeting at Mi Kaffe at 13277 Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima starting at 9:00 am. Representative from Council District #7 and our Foothill's Neighborhood Prosecutor will be present to answer any questions you have for them. Hope you can all join us for a good cup of coffee.

## 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 ipods, cameras and GPS units in the glove box or armrest.

Upcoming Events And Meetings:

Pinney Street Neighborhood Watch Group:

November 4, 2014 6:00 PM

13361 Pinney Street. Pacoima

Foothill Community Police Advisory Board:

November 12, 2014 6:00 PM

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima

Pacoima Neighborhood Council

November 18, 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 Voluntary 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, hope everyone is well. It's Holiday Season and this is the time when extra precautions should be taken for personal and property safety.

A crime against a person is a frightening experience. It can result in injury or even death to the victim. Here are some preventive measures that can be taken; Avoid walking alone either very late or very early in secluded areas. Pay attention to your surroundings, don't carry too many bags, be conservative wearing jewelry. Don't be on your phone and most importantly, if someone points a gun at you and demands your property, Give it to them. Never refuse a robber. Your life is worth more than any property they take.

Property crime prevention tips are little details you can do to make it risky and difficult for the burglar. Burglary/Theft are crimes of Opportunity. Lock all doors and windows, burglars try these first and chances are they will move on to another property if everything is locked. Make sure you have good lighting and good locks in your home and/or vehicles. Don't leave any property visible. Remember, Lock it, Hide it, Keep it.

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 12, 9AM Pacoima Holiday Parade.

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 up in part one crime 11.4%. At this time last year, we had 603 part one crimes, this year we have 672. That is 69 more crimes. We have a rise in Personal Theft/Other Theft in the area. Last year at this time we had 155, this year 216. 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 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** - November 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm.  
At the Pacoima Community Center, 11243 Glenoaks Boulevard.

The **Montague Neighborhood Watch** – November 19, 2015 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** – November 19, 2015 at 5:00 pm.  
Located at 10982 Lehigh Avenue.

The **David Gonzalez Park Neighborhood Watch** – November 18, 2015 at 5:30 pm.  
Located at Pacoima Charter auditorium, 11016 Norris Ave.

You can also attend the **Pacoima Neighborhood Council** meetings and have a voice for your area. November 18 at 6:30 pm at the Pacoima Community Center, 11243 Glenoaks Boulevard.

We have our **Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)** meeting on November 12 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**

Property crimes remain our biggest obstacle in the area. Residential and vehicle burglaries continue to trend up throughout. Please continue to be vigilant and keep an eye on your neighborhood and make sure to report any suspicious activity immediately.

The holidays are right around the corner. Most people will stay home and enjoy the company of their friends and families while other lucky few will travel away from home. It's very important that you secure your residence and your belongings. Most criminals know that many people will be away and that your valuables unguarded. Takes a few moments to protect your home and property by following these simple steps which could save you a lot of grief during this holiday season.

#### **1. Ask a Friend to Help**

A simple, way to gain peace of mind while traveling is to ask a friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your house while you're away. If you have another person visiting your house while you're away tell them about each other

#### **2. Don't Tip Off Criminals on the Web**

Would you announce to a crowd that you will be leaving your house unattended for two weeks this December? If not, then you should think twice about posting your detailed vacation plans on Twitter or Facebook.

Be careful what you say on your answering machine or voice mail too. Callers don't need to know that you're not home -- they just need to know that you can't come to the phone right now.

### **3. Do Tip Off the Police**

Consider notifying the police if you're going on vacation. No need to let the police know about a weekend getaway, but do call them if you're leaving town for longer than a week.

### **4. Stop Your Mail**

Either place a "stop" order on mail and newspapers or arrange to have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail while you're away.

### **5. Remove Your Spare Key**

That plastic rock isn't fooling anyone. If criminal figures out you're away on vacation, it's likely that he or she will check your porch for a spare key.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Wednesday, November 10, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

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

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Thursday November 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).

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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)**

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It is an honor to be your acting SLO!! I look forward to meeting and helping everyone that I can, now and in the future. Please email or call me at any time, for any reason. Thank you for the

invite to the community clean-up on Commerce Av!! The Foothill Cadets and I had a great time “sweating” it out with the community and the place looked great!!!

**Crime Trends:**

In the last few weeks, Tujunga has seen a few GTA’s (stolen vehicles) and Burglary/Theft from motor vehicles. We had a burglary of a storage shed in a residential backyard as well. We, as citizens and community members, need to be diligent and not invite any criminal activity in the neighborhood!! At night keep outside lights on as much as possible, post trespass signs if needed and keep eyes and ears open. Report to each other (neighbors) any suspicious activity in the area. Don’t leave valuables in cars and make sure to lock your doors!! Don’t be afraid to call 911 for emergencies or 311 for non-emergencies as well.

**Traffic Safety/Concerns:**

If you have certain intersections in the Tujunga area you feel might need extra patrol due to people speeding or running stop signs please send me an email. We have several contacts within patrol and Valley Traffic Division who are willing to help.

**Upcoming Events and Meetings:**

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 6:30 pm  
7747 Foothill Bl

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Watch  
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6:00 pm  
7747 Foothill Bl

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I hope all is well with all of you in Sun Valley. I will talk with you next month.

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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. October is a long month, but it always seems to go by so fast. Before you know it Halloween night is here. My point, time goes by fast. Speaking of time going by fast, when you leave your car on and run inside for ‘just a minute’ and it ends up being 10 to 15 minutes, long enough for someone to see a crime of opportunity. We tend to misjudge time, what we feel was

only a couple of minutes, is usually longer. I have been tempted to just run inside to retrieve something I forgot and then I remember all the crimes that occurred during that 'couple of minutes' and turn off the car, lock it, and then run inside, well walk, since I am not pressed to have to run back out for fear of a crime occurring. I walk in knowing I have secured my car and that is usually when the phone rings and I pick up, only to wonder why I did, with the telemarketer on the other end! But that takes from the couple of minutes originally allotted and more than enough time for the crime to happen. So make that effort to combat crime.

Now let's talk crime. Crime overall is up approximately 12% in Foothill Area, but in the basic car of A81, crime is down 4%. Remember that number is the average, there are still some crimes that are not down and for the year, one of them is cars getting broken into. There is a 5% increase in this type of crime. The reason I write about time and our perception is due to the fact, people leave their cars unlocked and crime occurs. There are always at least half of the crimes that occur are with unlocked doors, making it so easy for the criminal to complete the crime. Again, just a little effort is all that is needed.

We are still working with aggravated assaults and any preventative measures for them. Again this area still sees quite a bit of aggravated assaults amongst its transient population. The other half is usually domestic quarrels in which someone decides to hit the other person. Sometimes you know when a situation is headed towards getting out of control. Take control and make the hard decisions that need to be made, such as eviction, intervention or just basic consequences for actions that are not allowed. Sometimes these are the best decisions someone can make.

Even though burglaries are down, I still feel the need to remind everyone of the importance of neighbors. I want to mention vacant houses and the need to check on them as an owner. This is when the neighbors come in. Letting them know the status of the house and who will be doing work and phone numbers to contact if it appears someone is there, yet you just don't know if it is legitimate. If you as an owner cannot make it out to the location as often as you would like, ask the neighbors to keep you informed. I have come across several reports where appliances have been taken due to the house being vacant. The most recent was a two week period that the house had the air conditioning unit removed from it. This is just food for thought to prevent a loss.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Sun Valley Area Community Coffee, Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 8:00 a.m.  
8272 Sunland Boulevard, Bob Big Boy Restaurant.

Crockett Street Neighborhood Watch, Thursday, November 5, 2015, 8:00 a.m.  
8300 San Fernando Road, Industrial Metal Supply.

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

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

Strathern Street Neighborhood Watch, Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m.  
12020 Strathern Street, Church of the Nazarene.

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

**CRIME TIP**

For those of us that may be going out of town for the Thanksgiving holiday, remember to secure your residence, call off newspaper delivery if needed, have a neighbor or family member check on your house, and set timers for lights. Have a safe holiday.