

Captain's Message

If you have ever been involved in a traffic collision, you know how stressful the experience can be. Imagine the additional stress if you discovered that the accident was actually "set up" or staged, placing you as the party at fault. Staged collisions are criminal conspiracies that usually involve numerous suspects. The victims, other drivers, have been intentionally targeted by the suspect(s) who commit these acts for financial gain. The two most common types of staged collisions are the "Swoop and Squat" and the "Drive Down or Wave On."

Swoop and Squat

The "Swoop and Squat" involves two suspects, each driving a separate vehicle. Generally, these suspects target a late model vehicle occupied by a single victim, so the victim has no witnesses to the collision. The squat vehicle, usually containing two suspects, positions itself in front of the victim's vehicle, slowing to close the gap between the vehicles. The swoop vehicle then changes lanes in front of the squat vehicle and stops suddenly, forcing the squat vehicle to stop, and subsequently for the victim to rear end the squat vehicle. The swoop vehicle then leaves the scene. The suspects in the squat vehicle will frequently indicate that an unknown vehicle "came out of nowhere" and stopped, forcing them to brake.

Drive Down (Wave On)

The "Drive Down" or "Wave On" involves a situation where a targeted vehicle does not have the right-of-way and the suspect gestures or "waves" to the targeted motorist offering the opportunity to proceed ahead of them. When the targeted vehicle proceeds, the suspect purposely drives their vehicle into the targeted vehicle creating an accident (staged collision) attempting to make it appear the targeted vehicle is at fault.

Protect Yourself, Be Aware

Here are some tips on protecting yourself from becoming the victim of a staged collision:

- Be aware of other vehicles around you; always allow ample space between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Be careful when turning from a lane that allows two vehicles to turn simultaneously. Criminals who commit staged collisions often prey on this situation and purposely sideswipe a targeted vehicle.

- Fully insured motorists, driving alone, are the favorite targets of criminals involved in staged collisions. Lone drivers are preferred, because passengers make good witnesses. Also, luxury and commercial vehicles are often targeted because of extensive insurance coverage.
- If you become involved in a traffic collision on a busy street or highway, remove your vehicle from traffic lanes, if possible. Advise the other motorists of your intentions, so they do not think you are attempting to flee the scene.
- Once you are safely removed from the roadway, exchange information with the other motorists involved. Try to obtain statements from potential independent witnesses, and write down their names, addresses and telephone numbers.
- Oftentimes, "phony witnesses" are positioned near the scene of the staged collision to support the involved criminal's account and to contradict the innocent driver's account of what actually happened. In some instances, criminals inflict injury upon themselves or claim "hard to dispute" soft-tissue injuries in order to collect on insurance claims.
- Carry a disposable camera in your vehicle. If you are involved in a traffic collision, whether you believe it was staged or not, take pictures of the damage to each vehicle, the license plate of the vehicles involved, and the driver and passengers.
- If you think you have been involved in a staged collision make sure to count the number of passengers in the other vehicle. If possible, get their individual names, addresses, telephone numbers and driver license numbers. Often more people will file claims than were in the vehicle when the collision occurred.
- If you suspect you are the victim of a staged collision, immediately report the incident to the local law enforcement agency.

Driving is a full time job. You can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a staged collision if you apply the aforementioned tips, adhere to the rules of the road and always drive defensively. Additionally, do not drive when you are tired or stressed. Diminished concentration on the road can lead to carelessness, which will make you more vulnerable. Refrain from using a cell phone, map, or anything else that will distract you from the road while you are driving.

Community Relations Information

Community Relations Office (323) 342-4140
Senior Lead Office (323) 342-4130

Lock It, Hide It, Keep It,

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) launched a new campaign aimed at informing the public of burglary and theft from motor vehicles (BTFV and BFMV), and providing a few simple steps to keep from becoming victims of these crimes.

Taking a few extra seconds to properly store your belongings can help to eliminate this crime. There is no good reason to be the victim of a BTFV or BFMV. The average cost of a BTFV to each victim is roughly \$1885.00.

Video taken during actual Bait Car Sting Operations can be viewed on the Department's website at www.lapdonline.org. The video is evidence that objects left in plain sight, in unlocked vehicles, are a crime of opportunity for many criminals.

The message is simple:

- **Lock It:** Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended and take your valuables with you.
- **Hide It:** Hide your valuables in your trunk, under the seats, in the glove box, or other compartments within the vehicle. Ideally, take your property with you.
- **Keep It:** Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.

Loud Parties

While peaceful family parties are part of our Southern California lifestyle, some parties are unlawful and even dangerous. In the past, young party-goers have been killed at residential parties that had been advertised by flyers at local high schools. Gang members enter the party and problems often can be fatal.

Potential party planners should be aware that it is illegal to charge admission for any party, to furnish alcohol to minors, to disturb the peace, or to produce amplified music audible beyond 150 feet from the property line. They also need to remember that they are responsible for the nature of their party and the conduct of their party-goers.

You can contact the Hollenbeck Area police to report loud parties at (323) 342-4100 or call 877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273). As always, if there is an emergency, please call 911.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is defined as abuse committed against a spouse, co-habitant, former co-habitant, or a person with whom the victim has had a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship. Domestic violence may begin with angry words, a shove or a slap. It may escalate into a pattern of assaults and controlling behavior including physical, sexual and psychological attacks against the victim, children, property and/or pets.

Research has shown that this pattern of control and abuse increases in frequency and severity over time. Studies have shown that arrest, jail, probation and Restraining Orders deter many abusers from physically abusing their partners.

A domestic violence hotline for counseling, referrals and assistance can be reached 24 hours, every day. You will not be asked for a name or address and you can remain anonymous. The L. A. Domestic Violence Safety Plan Hotline is (1-800) 978-3600.

Abandoned Properties

Identifying abandoned properties in your area can go a long way in making your neighborhood a safer place to live. Abandoned properties attract criminal/gang activity and are an eyesore for your neighborhood. If you suspect a location is abandoned and see unusual activity, make sure you contact the Hollenbeck Area police to report it, at (323) 342-4100 or call 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273). As always, if there is an emergency, please call 911.

Community Relations Information

Community Relations Office (323) 342-4140

Montecito Heights / Hermon (4A3)
Officer Richard Contreras
Phone (213) 793-0748

Current Crime Trend

For the period covering February 24, 2013 to March 23, 2013 there were 6 violent crimes reported and 22 property crimes reported. Our violent crime stats saw a 600% increase in the last four weeks compared to the month prior. Our property crime stats, have decreased

22% from the month prior.

Our property crime problems continue to be an issue in our areas. Grand Theft Auto and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles are our primary concerns. A secondary concern is our parks. Debs Park and Hermon Park are seeing a rise in copper theft and restroom fixture thefts.

Keep track of the crimes in your neighborhood by logging on to www.Crimemapping.com and www.Nixle.com.

Community Events

Please don't forget to Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It. Please continue to LOCK your doors to your vehicles. Don't forget to HIDE your personal belongings as well. This may very well keep you from becoming a victim of theft.

Here are a few LA City Resources

Stored / Abandoned Vehicles

1-800-ABANDON (1-800-222-6366)

<http://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/la/complaintform.jsp?complainttype=1>

Graffiti Removal Request Form

<http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org/welcome.cfm?CFID=216&CFTOKEN=EA389268-D626-4405-A0097A9AD7D462FA>

Illegal Dumping Pick up Request form

http://san.lacity.org/solid_resources/refuse/SR_IllegalDumping.html.

El Sereno-University Hills (4A9)

Senior Lead Officer Steve Morales

Phone (213) 793-0749

Crime Tip

Older model Hondas and Toyotas vehicles are particularly targeted. If you own one of these vehicles, please use some type of security device. A steering wheel lock device can be obtained through Hollenbeck Community Relations.

To check the crime in your area, go to WWW.LAPDCRIMEMAPS.ORG.

Lincoln Heights (4A15)

**Senior Lead Officer Austin Fernald
(213) 793-0750**

During the month of March 2013 the Lincoln Heights

Community had its first reported homicide of the year. On March 17, 2013 the victim was near his residence in the 400 block of S. Avenue 19 when he was approached by possible rival gang members, the victim was shot several times and expired from his wounds. Hollenbeck Homicide Detectives are investigating the crime.

Grand theft automobile is still up from last year by 27%, with Honda's and Toyota's making up most of the vehicles taken. You are encouraged to lock and secure your vehicle whenever it's left unattended.

Additional Information

If you have complaints that are transient related you can contact Officer Medina, who assignment is to work on transient/homeless complaints. He can be reached at (213) 793-0751.

Additional Information

The City of Los Angeles has a graffiti removal unit covering the Lincoln Heights area, by the name of Central city Action Committee. If you observe graffiti on walls in the community of Lincoln Heights, you can call to have it removed by calling 311.

Central Boyle Heights (4A53)

Senior Lead Officer Dan Rios

Phone (213) 793-0753

Current Crime Trend

For the period covering March 3, 2013 to March 26, 2013, there were 6 violent crimes and 12 property crimes reported. This is a decrease in violent and property crime.

Community Events

On Saturday April 6, 2013 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, the LGBTQ will be having an event at the Mariachi Plaza located at 1831 E. 1st St. For more information, contact (323) 286-7224 or WWW.latinoEqualityAlliance.com

Crime Tip

Vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts continue to be a concern in the Hollenbeck area. Toyotas and Hondas continue to be the suspect's choice of vehicle. We are promoting the Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It campaign. We strongly encourage community members to not leave valuables in their vehicles that might catch the attention of a criminal!

If you see anything suspicious, please call us. For non-emergency calls, call 877-ASK LAPD, (1-877 275-5273). For crimes in progress call 911.

Eastern Boyle Heights (4A59)
Senior Lead Officer Oscar Casini
Phone (213) 793-0752

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported that violent crime (i.e. Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery, etc.) from March 3, 2013 through March 9, 2013 showed 2 violent crimes during this period.

The current crime statistics reported that property crime (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle) from March 3, 2013 through March 9, 2013 showed 4 crimes.

We currently have 6 Homicides year to date.

There shows no pattern of crime in either property or violent crime.

Crime Tip

- *Get real time neighborhood specific crime alerts and information
- *Get news and notices concerning your community
- *Get police department and neighborhood watch information

For the above information log onto E-Policing at www.lapdpolicing.org

Community Events

The Hillside Village Block Captain Meeting will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will take place at Absolute tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

The Hillside Village Home Owners Association will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Absolute Tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

The Winter St. Neighborhood Watch will be hosting their meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. Please call Jose Huizar's 14 district Office (323-526-3059) for the meeting location.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Senior Lead Officer Casini at (213) 793-0752.

Hollenbeck Community Station, 323-342-4100, 2111 E. 1st St. Los Angeles, Calif 90033.

Western Boyle Heights (4A71)
Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon
Phone (213) 422-1060

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported a slight increase in violent crime. The current statistics reported eight violent crimes. In which three were robberies and five were aggravated assaults. The previous crime period reported 6 violent crimes.

Property Crime

There was a slight decrease in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 33 reported property crimes. In which 10 were thefts, 9 were grand theft auto, 11 were burglary from vehicle and 3 were Burglaries. The previous crime period reported 37 property crimes. The most commonly stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be Toyota and Honda.

Be advised that Hollenbeck Division has been experiencing a high number of property crimes. The southern end of Boyle Heights has been the area most affected. Most incidents in the area occurred in the late afternoon throughout the early morning hours. Please do not leave items in plain view in your vehicle. Lock and secure your vehicle and invest in steering wheel locking devices, ignition "kill" devices and/or car alarms.

Be more involved in communicating with your neighbors and your community leaders and report any unusual activity. This will help reduce the amount of crime taking place in your neighborhood. If you believe illegal activity is occurring in your area (gang activity, narcotics activity.) please give me a call at (213) 422-1060 or e-mail me at 25867@lapd.lacity.org all Information is confidential. For non-emergency police assistance call 1-877-ASK LAPD. Let us try to keep our community clean by calling 311 for trash and bulky items.

Southern Boyle Heights Area (4A97)
Senior Lead Officer Joel Perez
Phone (213) 793-0754

Current Crime Trends

For the period covering February 17, through March 16, 2013 there were 8 violent and 41 property crimes reported. This accounts for an average of 2 violent and 10.25 property crimes per week.

Grand Theft Auto continues to be the biggest property crime for the Southern Boyle Heights Area. The last two weeks of this reporting period the number of GTA's has reduced. This is due to the increased patrol presence and several GTA arrest.

Remember to lock and secure your vehicle and always secure personal items in the trunk or keep them at home.



Hollenbeck Area Volunteers

Become a Los Angeles Police Department, Hollenbeck Area Volunteer. Since its inception in 1979, Volunteer Programs have become an important part of the Los Angeles Police Department. This Volunteer Program consists of community citizens taking an active role in community policing. Through the years, Volunteers have proven community assistance is needed to solve its growing problem of crimes. To start processing, it is required that you complete a Hollenbeck Area Volunteer application. Once the Volunteer Office receives your application, it will be processed and you will be scheduled for an interview.

General Qualifications

Age Requirements:

You must be at least 18 years of age by day one of your first assignment. There is no maximum age limit for the Los Angeles Police Department Hollenbeck Area Volunteer Program.

Health:

You must be in good Health and free from conditions that would restrict your ability to perform all aspects of the Volunteer classifications.

Background:

You cannot have any serious police record or history of criminal or improper conduct, poor employment record, military or driving record which would affect suitability for volunteer work.

Training:

Hollenbeck Area Volunteers will receive training in;

Basic Law;

Volunteering for a law enforcement agency;

Police crime report writing;

Communicating with the public;

Assisting the Department in the event of civil unrest;

Job Opportunities

After successful completion of the Volunteer training, the citizen volunteer's job is to assist officers at the police station's front desk, and working alongside officers at community events.

Hollenbeck Area (04)
 2111 E. 1st Street
 Los Angeles, California 90033

Area Captain's Office	(323) 342-4110 FAX (323) 224-0123
Patrol Captain's Office	(323) 342-4110
Front Desk	(323) 342-4100
Records Unit	(323) 342-4150 FAX (323) 342-4141
Community Relations Unit	(323) 323-4140
Detective Desk	(323) 342-8900

Community –Police Advisory Board

The Community Police Advisory Boards (C-PAB) is a group of civilian volunteers from the residential and business community of an Area. The role of the C-PAB is to advise the Area Commanding Officer regarding crime and quality of life issues that affect the community. Additionally, C-PAB members disseminate information received from the Department back to the community.

Each of the 21 geographic Areas (community police stations) throughout Los Angeles has its own C-PAB. Each C-PAB has two co-chairs, one is the Area Commanding Officer while the second is a civilian member voted on by the membership. (C-PAB monthly meetings are open to the public) For more information about becoming a member, contact the Senior Lead Officer assigned to your concerned area or Officer Anthony Macklin, Hollenbeck C-PAB Coordinator, at (323) 342-4144.

HOLLENBECK COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting will be April 17th, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hollenbeck Community room.