

Captain's Message

Graffiti hurts communities, it drains tax dollars and private funds and sends a message that nobody cares about the area in which it appears. This becomes an open invitation for loitering, littering, more graffiti and crime. It hurts property values and frightens away businesses. The best way to prevent graffiti is to remove it as fast as possible, preferably within the first 24 hours.

If we aggressively prosecute graffiti vandals, it will curtail some of the crime. We must educate the youth and adults about the impact of graffiti vandalism in our community. And because graffiti vandals often steal the tools they use in their crimes, community involvement can help the police solve and prevent this crime. Let's work together to make our community a clean and as safe as possible.

Monthly Crime Prevention Tip

Vehicle robbery is by no means a new crime, nor is it sweeping the nation in epidemic proportions. Vehicle owners have been victims of this crime for decades. The term "carjacking" was coined by the news media. The term has raised fear levels out of proportion with the actual probability of becoming a victim. Realistically, this is a crime of low probability, but potentially high consequences.

Being the victim of a "carjacking" can be dangerous, even deadly. Experts theorize improvements in vehicle alarm systems, locking devices and other anti-car theft technology have made it more difficult to steal cars using traditional, surreptitious methods. Now suspects take the vehicle, keys and other items of value from the victim while the victim is present.

Vehicle Robbery Prevention - You Can Make the Difference

- Reduce the risk of vehicle robbery and avoid setting yourself up;
- Keep doors locked and windows up;
- When stopped, leave room to maneuver and escape;
- Driving in the center lane makes you a more difficult robbery target;
- Be wary of strangers approaching you. Trust your instincts and drive away when you feel threatened;
- Keep valuables out of sight;
- Park in lots or garages with attendants;
- Park in well-lighted areas;

- Park in the open. Never let a high profile vehicle or truck hide a robber;
- Be aware of your surroundings when walking to and from your vehicle;
- Walk with other people when possible;
- Walk with purpose and stay alert;
- Approach your vehicle with your key in hand;
- Look in and around your car before entering; and
- If the "carjacker" is armed, don't resist, give up your vehicle and get away as soon as possible.
- What if you are followed, or involved in a suspicious accident?
- If you have a cellular phone, call the police and advise them of the situation;
- If you suspect you are being followed, immediately drive to a police, sheriff or fire station or to busy area;
- DO NOT drive home; and
- In both cases, write down the license number and description of the suspects. If you are involved in a suspicious traffic accident, do not inspect the damage in a remote area. Motion for the other driver to follow you to the nearest police station or busy, well-lighted location to exchange information. Use your emergency flashers at the same time.
- If you get robbed, give up your vehicle and leave the scene immediately. Do everything you can to avoid being kidnapped.
- Consider having a vehicle tracking system installed in your vehicle. Your vehicle can be tracked immediately and an arrest or recovery of property is more likely.
- Consider installing an alarm system that will shut down the vehicle engine after a few seconds or minutes. This allows the "carjacker" to drive away until the engine turns off. The suspect will abandon the vehicle when it fails to restart.

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 311. 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 311. As always, if there is an emergency, please call 911.

Community Relations Information

Community Relations Office (323) 342-4140

Monterey Hills (4A3)
Senior Lead Officer John Pedroza
Phone (213) 793-0748

Current Crime Trends

Between February 19th, through February 25th, basic Car (4A3) had 4 violent crimes and 1 property crimes. Log onto, crime.latimes.com for crime trend updates in your area. Graffiti continues to plague our local communities. Although Police are constantly battling vandalism related problems, community members can always assist by reporting graffiti to the graffiti abatement teams or by dialing 311 or going to www.anti-graffiti.lacity.org

Basic Car Info

The next Montecito Heights Neighborhood Watch meeting to be announced at a later date.

Auto thefts involving Honda's and Toyota's, especially ranging from the years 1995 through 2000, continue to be a problem. Many vehicles are left unlocked and are targeted by suspect(s) for property such as purses, bags, electronics, and other small items. Leaving these things in plain view enhances the probability of your vehicle being broken into. So remember to secure your vehicles properly and utilize alarm's and anti-theft devices if necessary.

Contact SLO Pedroza (213 793-0748) / Slo Medina (213 793-0751), for further information.

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

Current Crime Trends

The El Sereno basic car (4A9) had an increase in violent crime. In the last four week extraction period (1-29-12/2-25-12) there were 16 reported violent crimes. There were five robberies, one (spousal) rape, and seven aggravated assaults. One of the aggravated assaults was one incident with four victims. The robbery that occurred at Huntington Dr. and Poplar Bl. was captured on video and the suspect was subsequently arrested.

There was also an increase of property crimes in this extraction period. There were 48 property crimes.

Of these 21 were GTA's (grand theft autos), nine were BTMV (burglary or thefts from motor vehicles), three were residential or commercial burglaries, and there were 13 plain thefts. The main cluster was in the University Hills, Alhambra Av and Valley Bl, corridors. These areas accounted for about half of the property crimes.

Crime Tip

If you own an older model Honda or Toyota please use some type of security device. These types of vehicles are frequently stolen. A steering wheel lock device is strongly recommended.

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

Lincoln Heights (4A15)

Senior Lead Officer Austin Fernald

(213) 793-0750

Current Crime Trends

For the month of February 2012, crime remained very low in the Lincoln Heights community with only one reported shooting on 2/9/12. The shooting occurred at 3600 hundred block of N. Broadway, when a vehicle fired several shots, striking a nearby restaurant. No one was injured during this shooting and the investigation is being handled by Hollenbeck detective.

We have had an increase in stolen cars in the Lincoln Heights area, especially in the City parking lot at N. Broadway and Daly St and along the N. Broadway Corridor.

There has also been an increase in theft of property from parked and unattended vehicles. LAPD has adopted a new program called **Lock it, Hide it, Keep it**. The program is designed to encourage people to lock their vehicles when it is going to be unattended. Also should you be out shopping or at a location where you can't take your property with you, you are encouraged to hide it out of sight. These efforts should lessen your chance of becoming a victim of a property crime.

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.

Also 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.

Central Boyle Heights (4A53)

Senior Lead Officer Dan Rios

Phone (213) 793-0753

Current Crime Trend

For the period covering January 22, 2011 to February 25, 2012, there were 6 violent crimes and 9 property crimes reported. This is an increase in violent crime and a decrease in property crime.

Community Events

On March 3, 2011 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, the Hollenbeck Police Activities League will be having a free Electronic Waste Collection Event. The event will be held at Hollenbeck Community Station at 2111 E 1st St. Recycle T.Vs, Phones, Computers, Printers, Batteries, Light Bulbs, ECT.

Crime Tip

There has been an increase in Cell -Phone, iPod, iPhone and Neck Chain robberies. Most of the electronics devices are being stolen from students not aware of their surroundings.

It is strongly recommended that you conceal your devices or jewelry that might catch the attention of a criminal!

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 February 19, 2012 through February 25, 2012 showed two 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 February 19, 2012 through February 25, 2012 showed 8 crimes.

We currently have ZERO Homicides year to date.

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

Crime Tip

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, March 08, 2012, 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, March 08,

2012, 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, March 26, 2012, 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, California 90033.

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

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported that there was a decrease in violent crime. The current statistics reported one violent crime. The previous crime period reported 10 violent crimes.

Property Crime

There was a slight increase in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 36 reported property crimes. The previous crime period reported 35 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 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 January 29, 2012 to February 25, 2012 there were 4 violent and 39 property crimes reported. In this last month we had a 43% decrease in violent crime and a 19% decrease of property crime compared to last period. It is always great to see the crime numbers go down.

Lock It, Hide It, Keep It. Always lock your doors and windows when you leave home or vehicle. Most of the reported burglaries are a result of doors and windows not being locked. Don't leave your valuables in plain sight, hide them.

Community Safety

Help to prevent becoming a victim by always looking around, knowing your surroundings. Keep valuable items away from plain sight in your car. Place the valuables in the trunk. And don't forget to always lock your car.



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 are to disseminate information received from the Department back to the community.

Each of the 20 geographic Areas (community police stations) throughout Los Angeles has its own C-PAB. Each C-PAB has two co-chairs, one of 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 March 21st, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hollenbeck Community room.