

Southwest



Volume 03, Issue 1

JANUARY 2011

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Crime Trends

Crime Tips

*Neighborhood Watch
Event Calendar*

SOUTHWEST

**1546 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING
BL.**

**LOS ANGELES, CA 90062
(213)485-2584**

AREA COMMANDING OFFICER

MELISSA A. ZAK, CAPTAIN III

PATROL COMMANDING OFFICER

VITO N. PALAZZOLO, CAPTAIN I

NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH

(213)928-8223

NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH SPANISH

(213)928-8222

EMERGENCY DISPATCH

911

SOUTHWEST DIVISION CRIME TIP

(213)485-7492

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE

(213)847-5800

SENIOR LEAD OFFICER DIRECTORY

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
SERGEANT II MICHAEL GOOSBY
213/847-5800

3A1-ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER SERGIO SANCHEZ
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9615
EMAIL: 25832@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER TRACY HAUTER
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9617
EMAIL: 35896@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER SAM SALAZAR
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9616
EMAIL: 31256@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A31-JEFFERSON PARK
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER JOHN BIONDO
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9622
EMAIL: 36576@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A41-BALWIN HILLS/VISTA; VILLAGE GREEN
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER KEVAN BEARD
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9621
EMAIL: 35841@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A55-WESTERN CORRIDOR; JEFFERSON PARK
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER PIERRE OLEGA
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9619
EMAIL: 35919@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER NICHOL GARNER
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9620
EMAIL: 32272@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A63-BALDWIN VILLAGE
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER GERALDINE THOMSEN
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9614
EMAIL: 37098@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A73-LEIMERT PARK; CRENSHAW CORRIDOR
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER SUNNY SASAJIMA
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9618
EMAIL: 37508@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

3A99-VERMONT SQUARE
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER SEAN ANDERSON
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9623
EMAIL: 35839@LAPD.LACITY.ORG

CRENSHAW PLAZA
POLICE OFFICER III THOMAS ROGERS
CELL PHONE: 323/387-9624
EMAIL: 23236@LAPD.LACITY.ORG



CRIME PREVENTION

Community awareness is the key to crime prevention. If you are interested in establishing a Block Club in your area, please contact your Senior Lead Officer for assistance.

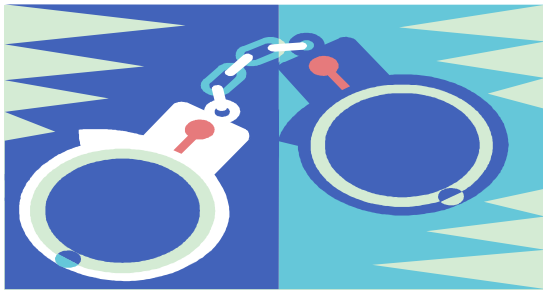
CRIME AND ARREST INFORMATION

Officers in Southwest Division have been working extremely hard to reduce crime, provide a safe environment and a better quality of life for the residents and business owners of the Southwest Area.

3SLO15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Happy New Year to the West Adams Community! Thanks to the hard work of Southwest Patrol Officers, the Rollin' 20's gang problem has dissipated over the last few weeks. Officers arrested 6 Rollin' 20's gang members for violations including possession of a firearm, robbery, and narcotic sales.



As you may remember during the month of November, the Rollin' 20's were very active committing street robberies, narcotics transactions and assaults with a deadly weapon. The Southwest Patrol and Gang officers were very diligent in their assignment and thanks to their hard work, there are gang members behind bars.



Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Hauter acknowledges and sends a special thanks to the West Adams Avenue Neighborhood Association and the Brighton Block Club for their wonderful holiday celebrations and their community support in 2010.

3SLO19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Salazar reports that last month, the North University Park community experienced an increase in Burglary From Motor Vehicles(BFMV). These crimes occurred primarily along Adams Boulevard, from Vermont Avenue to Scarff Street. In response, Southwest Division and the University of California Department Of Public Safety, conducted a BFMV suppression detail and distributed crime prevention fliers in the affected areas. Although no specific arrests were made, Southwest Division gathered helpful information. Anyone with information related to this crimes is encouraged to contact SLO Salazar.

Crime Tips-Vehicle Security

You can prevent vehicle theft! Most cars are taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. You can increase your protection against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions:



Lock up

An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.

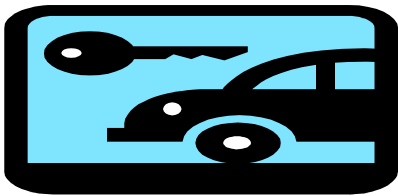
Lock the trunk or tailgate.

Close all windows — professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.

Be sure vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight.

When you park the car, remove cellular phones, cassette players and other valuable possessions. Do not leave gift-wrapped packages or cameras lying on the seat. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.

Lock your car even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station, convenience store or mini-mall.



Use Anti-Theft Devices

When buying a car, check the manufacturer's list of anti-theft options, such as interior hood and trunk releases, locking steering columns and others.

Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:

Interior hood lock release.

Second ignition switch or "kill switch" to prevent electrical current from reaching the coil distributor.

Fuel switch to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor.

Locking gas cap.

3A31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

As we start the New Year, now is a great time to renew or begin membership in an LAPD/ Community partnership organization. These affiliations allow for direct input and information sharing among community members and the LAPD, as well as other

City entities which are responsible for public service and safety. Organizations such as the Community Police Advisory Board, The Neighborhood Councils, The Neighborhood Empowerment Congress and most importantly, Block Clubs are a vitally important part of the police/community partnership. So, make a New Year's Resolution and join or renew your membership in one of these fine organizations. For additional information, contact the Southwest Community Relations Office at 213) 847-5800.

Just a Reminder

If you see graffiti or bulky items discarded, especially in alleys, contact 3-1-1 for removal. You'll be given a reference number. Keep this number handy and if the request is not completed in a timely manner, you can forward the location and reference number to Senior lead Officer Biondo and he will follow-up with the appropriate city department.

Crime Tips-Street Safety

The New Year is a great time to re-evaluate and reprioritize professionally and personally. One important and often overlooked aspect of self-reflection and improvement is personal safety. In this fast paced high tech society, it is often the simplest actions that can keep us safe. Unfortunately, those are the steps we usually forget to take. Take a moment to review the following tips to help prevent yourself from becoming a victim of crime.

Basic Street Sense

Wherever you are - on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or subway - stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.

Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.

Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.

Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

On Foot

Stick to well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.

Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry or clothing.

Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.

Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.

Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you're uneasy about people nearby.



Don't wear shoes or clothing that restricts your movements.

Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.

If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant, or lighted house. If you're scared, yell for help.



Have to work or shop late? Make sure there are others in the building, and ask someone - a colleague or security guard - to walk you to your car or transit stop.

Learn more about auto theft and carjacking.

Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure there's enough gas to get where you're going and back.

Always roll up the windows and lock car doors, even if you're coming right back. Check inside and out before getting in.

Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be especially alert in lots and underground parking garages.

If you think someone is following you, don't head home. Drive to the nearest police or fire station, gas station, or other open business to get help.

Don't pick up hitchhikers. Don't hitchhike.

On Buses and Subways

Use well-lighted, busy stops.

Stay alert! Don't doze or daydream.

If someone harasses you, don't be embarrassed. Loudly say "Leave me alone!" If that doesn't work, hit the emergency device.

Watch who gets off with you.. If you feel uneasy, walk directly to a place where there are other people.

If Someone Tries To Rob You

Don't resist. Give up your property, don't give up your life.



3SLO41-BALDWIN HILLS VISTA/ VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Beard is pleased to report that year to date, crime is down citywide. Unfortunately, a crime that plagues the Baldwin Hills Vista/Village Green area is residential Burglary. While residential burglaries are down, residents are reminded to continue to take precautions to lock and secure their windows and doors.

Crime Tips-The ABC's of Neighborhood Watch

You can form a Watch group around any geographical unit: a block, apartment, park, business area, public housing complex, office, or marina. A few concerned residents, a community organization, or a law enforcement agency can spearhead the effort to organize a Neighborhood Watch. Any community resident can join — young or old, single or married, renter or homeowner.



Members learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise their suspicions to the police department. Watch groups are not vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Neighborhood Watch helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address community concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and affordable housing.

3SLO55-JEFFERSON PARK/WESTERN CORRIDOR

Crime Tips-Helpful Phone Numbers

Graffiti Removal:

(311)

Abandoned Vehicles:

(800/222-6366)

Bulky Item Trash Pick Up (Illegally Dumped Trash):

(800/773-2489)

Department of Health:

(213/351-5110)

Citywide information:

(311)

3SLO57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Senior Lead Officer Garner reports that the most significant crimes in University Village during the past month have been Residential Burglary and Burglary From Motor Vehicle. Investigations revealed that students *have not* been properly securing their residence, nor their vehicles. They are also leaving their property in plain view, which is an invitation for a criminal to swing into action.

SLO Garner encourages residents to remain alert and take necessary precautions to prevent becoming a victim of crime.

Please contact SLO Garner or the Department of Public Safety(DPS) to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Crime Tips- E Policing

The LAPD E-Policing program enables Senior Lead Officers, Area Captains, and Detectives to e-mail Newsletters, crime trends, and other important information to you. It is easy, sign up now. Get LAPD crime maps, join/start a Neighborhood Watch. Log on to our website at www.lapdonline.org and click on E-policing.



3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Thomsen reports that Baldwin Village has been experiencing a series of vehicles being stolen throughout the area. The individuals involved in this illegal activity area targeting older model Hondas and Toyotas. It is important to lock and secure your vehicles. If you have any information regarding this crime, please feel free to call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

Crime Tips-Go Out and Volunteer!

It's easy to feel disconnected, as many parents juggle work, school, kids, and activity after activity. But some simple things can bring a family closer — playing a game, going for a hike, or cooking a meal together.

One of the most satisfying, fun, and productive ways to unite is volunteering for community service projects. Volunteerism also sets a good example for your kids and helps the community.

Reasons to Get Involved

Why should your family lend a helping hand?

It feels good. The satisfaction and pride that come from helping others are important reasons to volunteer. When you commit your time and effort to an organization or a cause you feel strongly about, the feeling of fulfillment can be endless.

It strengthens your community. Organizations and agencies that use volunteers are providing important services at low or no cost to those who need them. When a community is doing well as a whole, its individuals are better off, too.



It can strengthen your family. Volunteerism is a great way for families to have fun and feel closer. But many people say they don't have the time to volunteer after fulfilling work and family commitments. If that's the case, try rethinking some of your free time as a family. You could select just one or two projects

a year and make them a family tradition (for example, making and donating gift baskets to care facilities for the elderly around the holidays).



3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Anderson reports that there have been several shootings and a homicide in the Vermont Square area. Two of the reported shootings involved the “Street Villain” gang. The community is reminded to be aware of any group of loitering gang members in the neighborhood and to report any suspicious activity. If you have any information involving possible gang feuds between the Street Villains and any other gang, you may report it anonymously to Southwest Gang Detectives, or SLO Anderson.



Crime Tips-Reporting a Crime by Text

If you have a crime you would like to report anonymously you can now text the letters LAPD plus your tip to #274637. You can also call 877-LAPD-24-7.



MALL-CRENSHAW PLAZA

Crime Trends

Although overall crime is down citywide, property crime at the mall tends to increase during the holidays as shoppers tend to leave shopping bags exposed inside the front and rear seat of their vehicles parked at mall. The holiday season has now passed and most people are in the process of resuming their normal activities and implementing New Year resolutions. Southwest Division and Mall Security will continue to address crime in this area, however Acting Senior Lead Officer Thomas Rogers reminds the Southwest community to remain diligent in taking steps to prevent their vehicle from being burglarized. Shoppers should also continue to be aware of their surroundings and report suspicious activity to the police.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS



Are your kids struggling to complete their home work assignments? If so, then join St. Agatha's Catholic Church every Monday and Wednesday from

6:30pm to 9:30pm. They have a Life Skills Academy that will teach your children the skills they need to succeed in life. They will also provide tutors to help your children with their homework. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Sanchez.

The Southwest Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) usually meets the first Monday of every month at the Child Guidance Center, 3787 S. Vermont Avenue. If you are interested in attending, please contact Toni Rodgers @ 213/847-5800.

The 26th Place Block Club is looking to expand their block club. If you live in the area of 26th Place and Cimarron Street you are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter.

The area of Burnside Avenue south of Coliseum and the 5700 block of Bowcroft Street are starting block clubs. If you reside in either of these areas and would like to get more involved in your community, please contact SLO Beard for additional information.



The Crenshaw Plaza proudly welcomes the Crenshaw Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market will be held in the parking lot near Stocker and Santa Rosalia every Saturday from 10pm to 3pm. The Crenshaw Farmers Market (formerly the Leimert Park Farmers Market) is one of seven markets sponsored by Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles embodying the commitment to make healthy food available in a wide spectrum of the Los Angeles area.

Do you live in the community of Harvard Street, between Adams and Jefferson? Senior Lead Officer Hauter is looking to start another block club in that particular area. If you are interested, please email Officer Hauter at 35896@LAPD.LACITY.ORG.

Jim Gilliam Park located at 4000 S. La Brea Ave offers free afterschool activities for children of all ages. If you are interested and would like to find out more information regarding these activities, please contact Denise Stansell (Director) at 323/291-5928.

A new mentoring program will also be offered at Jim Gilliam Park. If you would like to find out more information regarding the new mentoring program, please call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

If you reside in the area of Cloverdale Avenue, south of Coliseum Street and would like to get involved with a community block club, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard at 323/387-9621.

The solution starts with you. Get involved! The 3800 block of Cloverdale has officially started a block club. There was a rather small turn out at the first meeting. If you live in this area and would like to get more involved please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard for additional information.

The St. James Area Block Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Wisconsin Street Block Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Estrella Block Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. For boundaries of these block clubs please call Senior Lead Officer Salazar 323/387-9616.

Renovations are complete at Martin Luther King Park. Go check out the new baseball field, playground, basketball and tennis courts.

Also, join the new University Little League at Martin Luther King Park. Sign-Up Now! For additional information, contact Raul Claros at 310/ 844-5591.

Come join the Community Village Project. Be the change in your neighborhood. Create a safe park for our children to play. Clean up and take pride in our neighborhood. Make our community healthier and safer by working to remove harmful and irresponsible businesses. For more information call Karume at 323/750-9087 x263.

**Dates and times are subject to change. Please consult with your Senior Lead Officer prior to attending any listed event.*