PACIFIC AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

January 2011

Captain's Message

We live in a community, like many others, that is concerned about rising crime in its neighborhoods. Fortunately, the citizens of Pacific Area, as well as L.A. County, have joined forces to fight crime through Crime Stoppers. The Crime Stoppers organization is a non-profit corporation that raises funds and offers cash rewards to persons who, through anonymous tips, provide information that can be verified by law enforcement agencies so they can obtain arrest warrants and criminal indictments for unsolved crimes.

The Crime Stoppers program originated in 1976, by concerned citizens and a local police detective in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Since its inception, the program has led to more than 500,000 arrests, and one million crimes solved.

In 2009, the Los Angeles Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County, launched a partnership with Crime Stoppers. There are now more than 300 Crime Stoppers programs worldwide.

Anyone with information on an unsolved crime is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers. You can provide anonymous information one of three ways:

- Calling (800) 222- TIPS (8477)
- Texting the letters TIPLA, plus the tip, to 274637 (CRIMES)
- Online at www.lacrimestoppers.org.

Sincerely,

Jon F. Peters, Captain Commanding Officer Pacific Community Police Station

District News

Note: The crime statistics quoted are taken from a report published weekly by the City Of Los Angeles' Information Resources Division. These statistics are the most current available and represent the period of December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District

Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3968 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	7
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Autos	7
Sexual Crime	2
Homicide	0
Theft	17

• During this rating period Rape (Date) has become a major problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Date or acquaintance rape is a sexual act committed against a person's will. Rape is violent crime that we need to stop, thousands of rapes are reported each year, and thousands more go unreported. Most rapes are committed by people the victim know such as friend, family, acquaintances or dates. Avoid isolated places on new dates and leave lights on when you leave your home. Learn about your date's attitude (toward women, your feelings and are they intimidating), avoid alcohol and other drugs they can cloud judgment and slow responses. The most important of all make your limits clear before you get into a sexual situation. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have against crime. Contact your local police if you observe a crime in progress

Safety Tips

• Drink safety tips:

Do not leave your drink alone or drink something you did not get or open yourself. Someone can slip "date rape drugs" into your drink. These can cause intense drunkenness, difficulty moving and memory.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve officers Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station CRO Trailer 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District

Senior Lead Officer Teresa Skinner Cell Phone # (310) 622-3970 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano – (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	5
Robbery	1
Grand Theft Auto	5
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	14
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

• During this rating period Burglaries (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in our area. Crime has continued to stay at an all time low in most categories but residential burglaries is on the rise. Remember the harder you make it for an intruder to enter your home, the lower your risk of a break-in. Install solid sturdy doors with deadbolt safe locks on all entryways. Use window locks or pegs to give extra protection in those areas. Install sensor lights around your entire residence, burglary suspects detest ample lighting for fear of being seen committing their crime. If you observe any suspicious activity or see a crime in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tips

• Shrubs and hedges safety tips:

Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will give intruders fewer places to hide as they try to enter your home. Plant thorny bushes around windows and walkways, this will help deter burglary suspects from trying to use them as cover.

Reminder

Pacific Reserve Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station CRO Trailer 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Tom Wicks - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3973 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	15
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	19

During this rating period Theft (Petty)) has become a major problem in 14A25 area. Overall crime in several categories decreased this period especially our BFMV problem, a true testament to your hard work within the community. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's consent. Usually petty theft suspects take small hand held items they locate unsecured. Lock and secure all yard items in a garage or storage box. Teach children to place toys, tools, etc. in their proper place to guard against theft. Lock all doors and windows to your home /garage for additional security. Join your local Neighborhood Watch program it is still our best tool against crime.

Safety Tip

• Tools safety tips:

Avoid leaving tools and machinery lying around when they are not in use. Leaving those items around unsecured is a welcome mat for petty theft suspects.

Reminder

• MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Tuesday, January 27, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A27 Palms District

Senior Lead Officer Juan Ceja - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3975 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	25
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	28
Grand Theft Auto	12
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0

Theft 14

• During this rating period Grand Theft Auto's (GTA) has become a major problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has increased in several categories this period including GTA. Never leave your vehicle running or unlocked when it is unattended. Attempt to park in well lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic; this will help deter GTA suspects. Try not to park next to over side vehicles because they provide cover for a GTA suspect as they break into your vehicle. If you observe any suspicious activity be a good neighborhood and call the police right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

Parking safety tips:

Avoid parking in parking lots where you are required to leave your keys. Some attendants are using your keys to gain entry and removing items from the inside of your vehicle. Never tell the parking attendant how long you intend to be away.

• Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A45 Marina District

Senior Lead Officer Heidi Llanes - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3971 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	22
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	9
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	18

During this period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our community. Last period Theft was a major concern in our area with hard work we cut that in half now we have to do the same with BFMV. The first step we must do is STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. An item left in plain sight only tempts BFMV suspects to burglarize your vehicle. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Attempt to park in a well lit place, ample lighting

helps deter BFMV suspects. Join your local Neighborhood Watch it is still one of the best tools we have to combat crime. Report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible.

Safety Tip

• Vehicle safety tips:

Do not advertise your home address by leaving packages, letters, etc., with your name and address visible in the car. It is an invitation to home burglary.

Reminder

 LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, January 25, 2010 @ 7:30 a.m.
Chase Burton Park

Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3972 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - Cell Phone # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	10
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	4
Grand Theft Auto	3
Sex Crimes	0
Homicides	0
Theft	8

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. In almost all categories crime has decreased, you the community working hand in hand with your local officers has made tremendous gains in reducing crime. We must continue to work together Theft in our community has begun to rise. Theft is the taking of another property without their knowledge. Most petty theft suspects look for small hand held items to remove quietly and quickly. Place all tools around your home in their proper place. Lock and secure all storage areas and garages. Install ample lighting around your property, most criminals detest lighting for fear of being seen committing there crime. During this time of year do not leave gifts visible through windows or on display. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Safety Tip

• Parking garage safety tips:

Do not leave the trunk key with an attendant. Never tell the attendant where you are going or how long you expect to be gone. Avoid leaving the parking attendant your home keys or packages from a previous purchase.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Police Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor

Senior Lead Officer Ruben Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3976 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	32
Robbery	7
Burglary (Residential/Business)	14
Grand Theft Auto	9
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	24

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. We are still leaving items of value in plain sight inside our vehicle. Your attitudes and actions continue to be the keys to preventing BFMV. STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle; it only brings unwanted attention to your property. Place all items of value in the truck of your vehicle and do not leave your vehicle unsecured when it is unattended. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with plenty of passer-by traffic. Do not use your vehicle glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks when they enter your vehicle. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

Safety Tips

• Parking safety tips:

Park in well-lit areas where there are abundant of pedestrian traffic: near busy stores, restaurants, libraries, etc.

Reminder

• Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. LASO Sub-Station Ladera Shopping Center

Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District

Senior Lead Officer Tony Ramos - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3978 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano- # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	19
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	15

• During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has increased in our area Theft has the biggest spike. Leaving items of value lying around in plain sight only tempts a petty theft suspect to target your property. Take all items and place them in their proper place. Teach family members the importance of placing items in a secure place. Install sensor lights around your property, ample lighting helps deter theft suspects. Join your local neighborhood watch group it is still the best weapon against crime.

Safety Tip

Home safety tips:

Place tools and machinery in a secure area when they are not being used. Never leave them lying around where they could be used to gain entry to your home or stolen.

Reminder

Reading Rangers Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Reading Avenue, Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2010

Note: All event and meeting information is subject to change. To confirm dates, times, and locations call your Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4515. Events will be added or updated as new information is received.

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. Loc. TBA *SLO Garcia*

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja*

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Madison*

PACIFIC RESERVE OFFICERS MEETING

Thursday, January 13, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific CRO Trailer 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Sgt. Merlo*

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

LADERA CIVIC CENTER B/W ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station *SLO Garcia*

MAR VISTA BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING

Tuesday, January 25, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 3838 Centinela Av., Los Angeles *SLO Wicks*

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, January 25, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park *SLO Llanes*

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, January 26, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

Wisdom for the month of January

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get others interested in you."

Dale Carnegie

PACIFIC YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Area Station has two thriving youth programs DAP's (Deputy Auxiliary Police) and Explorers. The DAP's program covers ages 9-13 helping boys and girls to develop a positive relationship with the police as well as installing integrity, leadership skills, positive communication and community involvement. We achieve these goals through participation in sports, field trips, craft activities and personal tutoring.

Our Explorers program develops leadership and discipline in young people between the ages of 14-21. These young men are interested in serving the community by assisting the police and learning basic police skills and procedures. The young men and women of the Explorers program are also assisted with becoming police officers, attending college and becoming valued members of our community.

Our youth programs are growing by leaps and bounds all over the city and especially here in Pacific Station. Pacific Area Boosters annual supports our efforts with the youth programs by providing the funds needed for trips, material and food. The majority of our kids are under privileged and the assistance they receive through our youth programs is invaluable to them. Pacific Area Boosters also supports our youth programs by funding our shoe program for kids, tutoring, swimming lessons, educational scholarships, Christmas toy drive for the needy children and much more.

Pacific Area Boosters Association needs your help in the form of a tax free donation. Please send all donations to Pacific Area Boosters Association, Inc. Los Angeles Police Department, Pacific Area P.O. Box 1529 Venice, and CA. 90294. For additional information on Pacific Area Boosters Association contact President Diane Barretti at (310) 529-1294, Fax (310) 414-1112 or email *sbpress7@yahoo.com*