



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

July 2012

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

Greetings all,

On June 6, 2012, Devonshire Area Senior Lead and Patrol officers, along with Nobel Middle School student runners and Cadets from James Monroe Magnet High School Police Academy ran the nearly six-mile route in the annual "Special Olympics Torch Run". The event attracted many supporters as we ran not only in support of the Special Olympics, but also to support their Anti-Bullying and "Spread the Word to end the R Word" campaigns. We had a lot of fun running alongside the athletes as we carried the Torch of Hope. We especially enjoyed the cheers and warm welcome from the staff and students at Nobel Middle School and Darby Elementary School. I would also like to thank all those who attended the Devonshire Area Block Leader Training on June 2, 2012. We had a wonderful turn out and hope all of you enjoyed yourself as much as we did.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the **Fourth of July Community event at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch**. There will be food vendors, activity booths, activities for kids and a professional fireworks show. It is a great family event and would love to see you there. Remember, let's help each other celebrate the



Fourth of July holiday responsibly and make it a great start to a safe summer season. **Thank You.**

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Basic Car Area 17A23

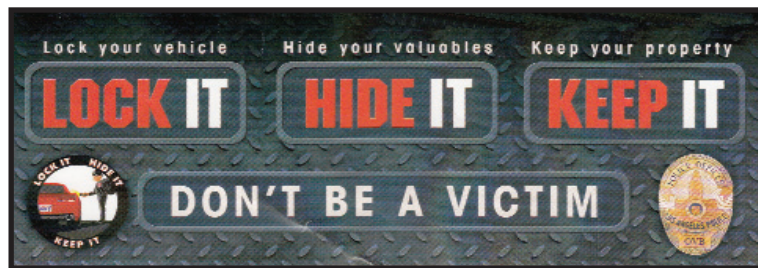
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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The crime of concern for Basic Car 17A23's area is Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV). Activity for B/TFMV was from Shoup to Mason Avenue and Lassen Street to just north of Rinaldi Street. Please let others know of the crime activity that is occurring in the area and report suspicious activity.

CRIME TIPS: Please remember to cut back bushes/plants that conceal the view of windows and doors around your home. Burglars love to be concealed when breaking into your home. They also love poor lighting... Prevention helps! Have a great 4th of July!!!

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS: The next **Basic Car 17A23 Neighborhood Watch Meeting is Thursday, July 26, 2012 @ 7:00PM**. Please attend and hear the statistics for crime activity for our area. **Our meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month, located at 9901 Mason Avenue, the Saint John Eudes Church at 7:00PM.**



Basic Car Area 17A35

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Crime Trends and Locations:

As far as the Basic Car area is concerned, we are holding our ground on the residential burglary front where the number of incidents has dropped down to an acceptable average. The method of operation continues to be consistent with the daytime "door knock" burglars and the most common items taken continue to be jewelry, money, firearms and electronics. On the other hand, Grand Theft Auto (GTA) and Burglary/Theft From Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) activity are on the rise throughout Devonshire area, with hits scattered all over the map. The most common make of vehicles taken continue to be older Honda's, Nissan's and Toyota's.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: No matter how short the stop, **don't leave any valuables in your vehicle**. Purses, wallets, money and lap tops continue to be among the most common items taken. If using valet services, lock your glove box and give the attendant the valet key. Most cars come with special "valet" keys from the dealership. These keys do not open the glove box.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Ave in Granada Hills.**

All the Basic Cars will have a combined meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at St. John Eudes Church located at 9901 Mason Ave. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM. The guest speaker will be Bob Revin on Identity Theft. There will be no other Basic Car Meetings in August!!!

Devonshire Upcoming Events

- Shepherd of the Hills..... 4th of July Spectacular - Dusk
- National Night Out - Northridge Park..... Aug 7 - 7:00
- Devonshire Open House..... Aug 18 - 10:00 - 3:00
- 10250 Etiwanda (1 block east of Reseda, south of Devonshire)
- All Basic Cars Meeting..... St. John Eudes - Aug 23 - 7:00
- SOLID Pasta Dinner - St. Nicholas Church - Oct 14 - 5:00 - 7:30

Basic Car Area 17A49

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: From May 12 to June 11, 2012, there were zero Robberies (211), one Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW), 15 Burglaries (459), 22 Grand Theft Autos (GTA) and 18 Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV).

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:

Twenty out of 70 crimes in our area happened near the area of Balboa Blvd, between Devonshire and Chatsworth Streets. Seven of those crimes were B/TFMVs. **Please remember to take everything out of your car when you park it.** The majority of these thefts are occurring during daytime hours.

CRIME TIPS:

Every year numerous children and adults are injured as a result of playing with fireworks. The summer months are the driest time of year, which increases the chance of fires starting due to fireworks. **Many people believe if they purchase fireworks from vendors, that the fireworks are "legal". THIS IS NOT THE CASE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.** Purchased Fireworks of any kind, including the "Safe and Sane" variety, are **ILLEGAL** within the City of Los Angeles, and law enforcement will enforce appropriate laws.

Community members who wish to observe fireworks displays are encouraged to attend one of the many professional shows put on throughout the city. These locations may be obtained by visiting the website at www.safejuly4th.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our **next Basic Car Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 7:00 PM. It will be held at 17650 Devonshire St (Emeritus of Northridge) on the second floor, in the lunchroom.**

Basic Car Area 17A67

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

Basic Car 17A67 is doing pretty well, but we still need to **focus on vandalism along the Reseda Blvd corridor, primarily between Lassen Street and Roscoe Blvd.** These crimes are taking place during all hours. Vandalism/Graffiti causes our streets and buildings to look horrible and have the potential of causing other crimes. **Please report any suspicious activity.**

CRIME TIP (SUMMER): Swimming is the most popular summer activity. The best thing you can do to help your family stay safe this summer is to enroll them in age-appropriate swim lessons. There are many free lessons that are offered by local parks which are usually sponsored by the American Red Cross. **Always pay attention to the community and residential pool SAFETY RULES!** Go over the rules with your kids. Most important...**Don't leave children alone in the pool!!** Accidents that lead to drowning can happen any time.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS: Our **next meeting is Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 7:00PM at Calahan Elementary School.** Guest speaker to be announced.

Basic Car Area 17A81

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

Residential Burglaries within Basic Car 17A81 during the period of May 6 through June 2, 2012, showed 10. This was an increase of two from last reporting period. Reporting District (RD) 17981 had four; RD 1764 had two; RD's 1771, 1772, 1791 and 1792 each had one.

Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (B/TFMV) showed that we had a decrease from 24 to 13 this period (RD 1791 had three, RD's 1762, 1764, 1771, 1781, and 1782 each had two.)

Grand Theft Auto (GTA) RD 1781 had five; (RD1791 had two, RD's 1764, 1771 and 1782 each had one).

CRIME TIPS:

You could help us reduce the amount of residential burglaries simply by keeping an eye open in your neighborhood. Take a walk or sit on the front porch. Criminals do not want to be seen. **Do not hesitate to call the police, if something doesn't look right.**

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:

Our **next Basic Car Meeting will be Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 7:00PM. It will be at 21001 Plummer Street (Sunburst Mobile Home Park) inside the clubhouse.**

Don't Leave Valuables of any kind in your Vehicle



**It's Your
Stuff!**

Keep It!!



"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"

Basic Car Area 17A95

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:

We do not have any crime trends or crime spikes in 17A95 – this is attributed to the hard work of the fantastic officers working our Basic Car and to all those who have started Neighborhood Watch groups in their communities.

CRIME TIP: NIXLE

The summer months are usually the busiest for us and there is a lot of information we want to share with you. "**Nixle**" is a great way for us to disseminate important news about crime trends, crime prevention tips, wanted suspect information, road closures, upcoming events, etc. Go to www.Nixle.com and register for free. You can choose to get e-mails or text messages. **Please sign up!**

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS:

The next Basic Car meeting will be on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM, at The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street.