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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

In the modern world there is little doubt that we must be ever vigilant. Potential threats against our security, our quality of life, our health and our property abound. One of the most powerful tools in the arsenal of the Los Angeles Police Department is the partnership between the Department and the Community we serve.

The families who reside in the Southwest Area and the businesses and institutions that flourish here comprise an important segment of the support cadre of the division. They are the major stakeholders of Southwest's thirteen square mile surface area. They have the greatest investment in the property, appearance, safety and overall quality of life in Southwest Area.

It is for this reason that Southwest Community partners provide the subject matter expertise that is so critical to the Department's efforts, as we work to ensure that crime and fear of crime is diminished, public safety is improved and communication is enhanced.

We cannot do our jobs without the support of the Community. Your collaboration is invaluable to law enforcement, as it underscores our efforts. These are your homes, schools, places of worship, businesses and community facilities. What you share is personal, and we respect that.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Southwest Community for your continued support. The partnership that has been forged over decades continues to be an essential part of any achieved success in the law enforcement arena.

Sincerely,

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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

On May 19, 2011, a homicide occurred in the 4000 block of Montclair Street. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter at (323)387-9617.



On a better note, overall crime in the West Adams area is down in part due to several arrests made by Southwest Patrol and Gang officers. On May 3rd, Southwest Officers arrested (4) Rollin 20's Gang Members for trespassing, possession of a firearm and narcotics. Senior Lead Officer Hauter would like to commend the Southwest officers that participated in the day's event.



3SLO19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK

Crime Trends

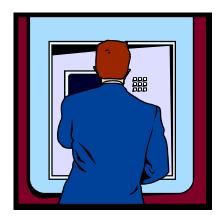
City wide crime in the City of Los Angeles is down 11.2 percent, violent crime is down 10.5 percent, and property crime is down 11.2 percent. Officer Thomsen would like to encourage the community to contact the police if you are or should become a victim of a crime. Please continue to participate in neighborhood watch. Also, if you see anything suspicious, contact the police.



Crime Tips-ATM Fraud

Memorize your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not write it down or keep it in your wallet or purse. Do not tell anyone else your PIN!! (That includes bank employees, the police, etc.)

Shield the ATM keypad from anyone who may be standing, parked nearby or anyone crowding you in an attempt to view your PIN and/or transaction. Use your body as a shield if necessary while you enter your access code.



Make sure you retain your transaction receipt. Do not throw the receipt away at the ATM site.

The National Consumers League has opened a toll-free number to provide information on ATM frauds and scams. The National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060 employs counselors who will refer consumers to the proper agency for reporting a fraud or scam.

Immediately report any stolen or lost ATM card to the proper entities.

As far as your security is concerned, you can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Share this information with family and friends. Schedule family discussions and practice regularly to ensure that everyone you know is safe and informed.

3A31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

Last Month, Senior Lead Officer(SLO) Biondo reported that there were a number of street robberies on Jefferson Boulevard between 9th Avenue and Arlington. As a result of hard work and cooperation between detectives and Patrol personnel, several robbery arrests have been made in this area. SLO Biondo is pleased to inform the community that *reported* robberies have been reduced significantly in this area and have been nearly negligible for the past few weeks. In light of this good news, citizens are reminded that robberies are crimes of opportunity. As such, citizens are reminded to be "street smart" and remain alert and vigilant when walking alone and/or late at night.

Many people complain about community issues such as debris and graffiti, however very few actually work on solutions. Noticing an increase in graffiti as well as unsightly debris along Jefferson Boulevard and the adjacent alleys north and south, the Crime Coalition Block Club, (Jefferson Park) did just came together as stakeholders to clean up their neighborhood. On May 14, 2011, at 8:00 am, these citizens got up, donated part of their weekend, picked, swept, shoveled and raked their way through Jefferson Park. With cleanup materials, (gloves, brooms, shovels, rakes and trash bags provided by CD 10 and Deputy Albert Lord) and hard work, these caring individuals brought a little luster back to

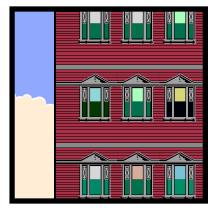
Jefferson Park. They are to be commended, congratulated and thanked for their caring and compassionate gesture.



If you would like to start your own clean-up or join the Crime Coalition Block Club's annual cleanup, contact SLO Biondo (323)387-9622.

Crime Tips-Apartment Security

As a tenant, you actually have a fair amount of influence on the security of your apartment. In many states, you can request deadbolts, peepholes, security chains, and other security devices from your landlord for a small charge. You should be aware of security risks like burned-out light bulbs, overgrown shrubbery, and doors left propped open by lazy neighbors.



Apartment security experts also recommend:

Deadbolt your door when you get home. Never leave a door unlocked for friends or roommates.

Lock your windows when they're closed, and use security latches when they are open. These latches should prevent windows from being opened more than six inches. Can your front door stand up to a strong kick? Inspect the doorjamb and strike plate. If they are weak or built from subpar materials, ask your landlord to replace the wood and secure the door with three-inch wood screws that attach to the door frame stud.

Never put your unit number on your keys or keychain.

If you think it appropriate, ask your landlord to rekey your apartment to prevent access by previous tenants.

Sliding doors are notoriously easy to compromise. Test your doors' lock, always keep them locked, and use a stick in the sliding track to prevent it from being forced. Old sliding doors can often be jiggled right off the track and out of the frame.

Close your blinds, especially if you're on vacation.



Apartment doors should all have peephole viewers. If you don't have one, ask your landlord to install one. Use your peephole to make sure you know your visitors.

Write only your last name or initials on your mailbox.

Although you may have to pay a small fee, it's a good idea to have an unlisted phone number for safety reasons. Having an unlisted number will also cut down on solicitation calls.

On the elevator, avoid riding alone with a stranger. If you get stuck with someone you do not know, stand near the control panel so you can exit in an emergency or if the stranger makes you feel uncomfortable in any way.

Stay alert when entering your apartment. Don't talk on your cell phone or look preoccupied when walking toward your building. Criminals look for a weak target and are more likely to pass up someone who appears focused, aware and strong.



Consider this:
While you are distracted by your telephone conversation, someone may be watching you and the opportunity to make you a victim of crime

Inventory the description, serial number and cost of your valuables. Keep a copy of your records online, in a fire-proof locked box or in a safe deposit box in a bank. Take pictures of your most valuable items and attach those to your receipts to make any insurance claims run as smoothly as possible.

Purchase light timers and set them so that your lights turn on when you're away from home in the evening.

Take in your newspaper and packages on a daily basis.

Consider purchasing renter's insurance to protect your valuables.

Remember, to reduce your apartment security risk, you don't have to turn your place into Fort Knox. You simply have to show a potential apartment thief that your unit is better-protected than the place down the street

3SLO41-BALDWIN HILS VISTA/ VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

Remaining aware of activities that are taking place in your community is a good way for you to know if something is not correct or out of place. If something does not seem right in regards to possible criminal activity do not hesitate to call the police.

With the summer months fast approaching please contact the police if you have loud parties within the community. These parties often lead to other crimes and it is important that these parties get shut down before they get out of hand.

Senior Lead Officer Beard has received a few complaints about transients drinking in public and loitering at the bus stop located at La Brea/Rodeo. Please contact SLO Beard at (323)387-9621 if you have any further information about this complaint.

The Baldwin Hills HOA held their annual community clean up which was a success with large amounts of trash removed from Marlton Square. Thank you for all those who attended this event.



There has also been an increase in graffiti within our community. The city of Los Angeles has a website that allows citizens to report graffiti in their community. The website is http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org. The address or cross streets for the graffiti is all that is needed to complete your request for this website.

Crime Tips-Managing Peace & Conflict

Irritated? Frustrated? Angry? Ready to explode? You're not alone. Whether it's an argument with a friend, aggravation because a driver cuts in front of you, or a disagreement about the best way to do a job - conflict is part of everyday life. Conflict produces stress, hurts friendships, and can cause injury and death. We can't always avoid conflict but we can learn to manage it without violence. That way, we use conflict to improve our lives and to learn from past mistakes.



- Choose a convenient time.
- Plan ahead.
- Talk directly.
- Don't blame or name-call.
- *Give information.*
- Listen.
- Show that you are listening.
- Talk it through.
- Work on a solution.
- Follow Through.

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

Crime Trends

Auto related crimes are up in the area from Jefferson Blvd south to Exposition Blvd from Normandie to Vermont Ave. We will be providing extra patrol in the effected area as well as handing out crime prevention fliers in the affected areas. We will be running a Crime prevention Task Force with Senior Lead Officers as well as Southwest Auto Detectives in the beginning of May. University Park Task Force will also assist with crime prevention.

Crime Tips-Street Smarts

Test Your "Street Smarts" IQ: Do you...

Jog or walk by yourself early in the morning or late at night when the streets are quiet and deserted?



Stuff your purse with cash, keys, credit cards, and checkbook - and then leave it wide open on a counter, your desk, the floor?

Put your wallet in a jacket, which you then hang up or throw over a chair?

Let your mind wander - thinking about your job, or all the things you have to do - when walking or driving?

Think it's a waste of time to lock your car when you'll be back in a few minutes?

Learn more about things you can do and things kids can do.

Take a stand.

Make your neighborhood and workplace safer by reporting broken street lights, cleaning up parks and vacant lots, and lobbying local government for better lighting in public places.

Join a neighborhood, apartment, or office watch to look out for each other and help the police. Or find out how you can organize a neighborhood watch.

Help out a friend or co-worker who's been a victim of crime.

Cook a meal, babysit, find the number for victim services or a crisis hotline.



Listen, sympathize, and don't blame.

Look at the root causes.

Work for better drug treatment services, crime and drug abuse prevention education, and job and recreational opportunities for young people in your community.

3SLO59-UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Salazar is pleased to report that during the month of May, Robberies and Burglaries significantly decreased. For those of you that live in the USC area whether you are a USC student or a community member please remember to keep your windows locked and your front doors also.

Crime Tips-Getting Together to Fight Crime:

Something may be wrong in your neighborhood. There's too much violence, or there's an ever-present threat. Perhaps a child you know was robbed. Maybe you've seen signs of drug dealing. Maybe a string of break-ins has you wondering what's coming next. You're uneasy—even frightened—for yourself and your family. Perhaps nothing violent has happened, but you see warning signs—such as graffiti, vandalism, abandoned cars, loitering, litter—that crime and violence may be reaching your neighborhood soon.

You can change things by getting together with neighbors who share your worries. There are two things you need to do:

Look out for your families and yourselves.

Get involved in your community.



People just like you have cleared drug dealing out of their neighborhoods, made parks safe for children and sidewalks secure for play, curbed assaults, reduced muggings, eliminated rapes and murders, wiped out graffiti and vandalism, started programs for teens.

3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK/ CRENSHAW CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

There had been a significant decline in Residential Burglaries in the Leimert Park/Crenshaw Corridor area, however there were 5 residential burglaries reported in the short period that spanned 5/16/11 to 5/21/11. Each of these incidents were daytime occurrences in which the suspect accessed the residence via a side or rear window.

A couple of the incidents took place in a less than one hour window, during which the victim had stepped out for a brief moment. This leads us to believe that the suspects had been watching to see when the residents were leaving. Neighbors are highly encouraged to report any suspicious persons and vehicles to police, as these may potentially be burglary suspects.

Violent crimes have been down, although two shootings have been reported in the Leimert Park Village area. As it turns out, both of these shootings have been linked to an after-hours night club that has been operated out of 4364 Leimert Blvd. Senior Lead Officer Sasajima has since contacted the property owner/ manager to address the issue of the illegally operated establishment, and the resulting criminal activity. A meeting has been scheduled with the City Attorney's Office to discuss possible abatement of the property.

Crime Tips-Loitering

Don't allow loitering. Loitering simply means people hanging around your place of business, inside or outside, without buying anything. Loitering is a serious problem, if left unchecked, it can:

THE LIQUOR STORE



NO LOITERING ON THE PROPERTY

Discourage customers from coming to your place of business.

Lead to harassment and other problems.

Create a bad image for your business.

Take action against loitering. Remember the following:

You may need to take action when you first observe a potential problem develop, don't wait until a group gets larger or violence occurs.

Be sure you have a good view of the parking lot, and keep it clean.

See that "no loitering" and "parking restriction" signs are posted.

Politely speak to the person loitering, but never leave your business unattended to go outside.

Never place yourself in an unsafe situation. Call the police, if the person continues loitering.

3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Trends

There has been a slight increase in the number of stolen vehicles in the community. The thefts have been occurring during late night hours, along Vernon Avenue between Denker Avenue and Vermont Avenue.



Remember to secure your vehicle and roll up the windows. Do not leave anything of value visible inside your vehicle. Try and park in lighted areas and activate your car alarms or use the club device if available.

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.



Did You Know.....

Anyone can file a traffic complaint on the Los Angeles Police Department, South Traffic Division website at: www.stac-std.org. The system will automatically assign a number to the complaint, forward it to the Community Traffic Safety Unit and the South Traffic Commanding Officer, and also send a receipt to the person reporting the complaint.



3SLO99-CRENSHAW PLAZA

Officer Tom Rogers reports that there has been a slight increase in Property Crimes and Arrests at the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw. Undercover/Loss Prevention Officers have made numerous arrests at Wal-Mart for items under \$50.00. Southwest Area Commanding Officers, Captain Zak and Captain Palazzolo have addressed these issues with the executives from Wal-Mart in order to formulate a plan to prevent future thefts. Officer Rogers the Mall Foot Beat Officers are also working to insure that the mall is provided with officer visibility for a more stable environment.

Additionally, Street Robberies at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Stocker Street have slowed down due to deployment by Baldwin Village and LAPD Sub-Station Officers. Officer Rogers has also been working with Senior Lead Officer Saldana (SLO-63) and Senior Lead Officer S. Sasajima (SLO-73) in an effort to provide a safe community for the residents of this area.

Anyone that has information regarding possible robbery suspects are encouraged to contact Southwest Robbery Detectives at (213) 485-2561.

Crime Tips-Burglary From Motor Vehicle

Mall parking lots continue to be a problem in regards to vehicles getting broken into. Not all occurrences can be stopped, but here are a few tips that can help to minimize this problem.

Always lock your doors and completed roll up **ALL** windows.

Be aware of your surroundings, such as people loitering or even looking into parked cars.

Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight.

When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas.

Notify the police if you see anyone or anything suspicious.

Remember, there is no guarantee that your car will not be broken into, but taking precautionary measures can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of a Burglary from Motor Vehicle.

<u>UPCOMING COMMUNITY</u> <u>AND NEIGHBORHOOD</u> 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.

August 20, 2011 is the Budlong, Juliet, and Catalina Resource Fair. Time and location to be determined in the near future. Contact Senior Lead Officer Hauter at (323)387-9617.

Install a car alarm

The Wisconsin Street Block Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. For additional information, please contact SLO Sam Salazar at (323)387-9616.



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 10am 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.

The Voices of 90037 neighborhood council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 6:30 pm at Normandie Av elementary school. For more information, contact Senior Lead Officer Anderson at (323)387-9623.

The Central Area neighborhood council meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2011, 6:30 pm at 6050 S. Western Av. Please contact Senior Lead Officer Anderson 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 Thomsen (213) 847-5800.



Happy Father's Day June 19, 2011

On Saturday June 4th USC Kid Watch is hosting the annual Kid Watch Event. It will be held on USC campus in the Founders Park between the hours of 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. At this event there will be a Petting zoo along with various other arts and crafts for children along with lunch. Contact Senior Lead Officer Garner for additional information.

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

The Los Angeles Police Department – Southwest Area invites you to follow us on twitter @LAPD_SOUTHWEST to get up-to-the minute information. We will be posting Public Service Announcements (PSA) from our Senior Lead Officers (SLOs), traffic information, upcoming community events, and messages from our divisional command staff.



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