



VAN NUYS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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The LAPD and the Community

Many members of our community are concerned about campaign promises made by President Donald Trump. There has been voiced concern about statements made about immigration and the potential deportation of undocumented immigrants living in the United States of America.

The Los Angeles Police Department focuses its resources to enforce local and State laws. The Federal government takes on the responsibility of enforcing Federal laws, including immigration rules and regulations. The LAPD established a formal policy in 1979 that prohibits our police officers from initiating contact with a person *solely based* on that person's suspected immigration status. This policy has been a critical part of the Department's community-based policing strategy over the past 40 years because, as the primary police agency responsible for preventing and reducing crime in Los Angeles, we must rely on the cooperation and partnership of all the diverse communities in Los Angeles if we hope to have safe neighborhoods. Victims of crime, especially those who can be exploited because of their immigration status and are vulnerable to harm, must not fear calling the police for help. Witnesses to crime similarly must not fear calling the police or testifying against an accused in criminal courts, if we are to keep our communities safe.

However, The LAPD does not shield individuals who are involved in criminal activity from potential immigration sanctions brought by the Federal government. When a suspect of a crime is arrested and transported to an LAPD jail facility, his or her booking fingerprints are available to Federal authorities, who have the option to obtain a criminal warrant or other court order to hold or transfer the arrestee to Federal custody. Moreover, if an officer comes into contact with a person with an outstanding warrant for violations of Federal criminal laws, once the warrant is confirmed the individual will be arrested and transferred to Federal custody. Arrestees who are in LAPD detention facilities, however, will not be held beyond what is allowed under Federal and State law.

The LAPD remains committed to its proven strategy of reducing violent crime and property offenses through community partnerships and Community-Based policing efforts. By promoting fair and impartial policing based on constitutional policing principals, the LAPD has not only earned the public's trust, but has built positive relationships that enable the most vulnerable in our communities to seek help when they are victimized by criminals. Moving forward the LAPD will continue this approach to fulfill our obligation to protect the City of Los Angeles, just as the Federal government and its agencies will continue their own enforcement strategies in compliance with the Federal laws and regulations within its jurisdiction.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Please come out and help shape the future of your community

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council: General meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Marvin Braude Constituents Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys, CA.

Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council: General meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m., at Valley College, located at 5800 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, CA.

Valley Glen Neighborhood Association: General meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of every even numbered month at 7 p.m., at Concorde College located at 12412 Victory Blvd, classroom 003.

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council: General meeting is the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at Sherman Oaks Elementary School located at 14755 Greenleaf Street.

Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce: General meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Devry Building located at 15301 Ventura Blvd.

Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce/Government Community Affairs Committee: Committee meeting is the last Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m., at Bamboo Restaurant located at 14010 Ventura Blvd.

Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association: General meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at Notre Dame High School located at 13645 Riverside Drive.

Van Nuys Clergy Council Meeting: General meeting is the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m., at the Denny's located at 5525 Sepulveda Blvd.



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WHO TO CONTACT

For crimes in progress dial: 911.

To report any suspicious activity or persons by calling the Los Angeles Police Department Non-Emergency phone number at: **877-ASK-LAPD (877-275-5273)**.

Keep our community clean! Call: 311 or visit <http://lacity.org/MyLA311/index.htm> to report graffiti, bulky items on the street or sidewalks, and shopping carts in the area. You can also download the MyLA311 Smartphone Mobile Application to submit your report. Keeping the streets clean shows the criminals that we have pride in our community and we will not tolerate their activities.

If you would like information on resources available to support or counsel victims of domestic violence, call the City of Los Angeles “211” support number (option 7) or www.211LA.org.

For more information about domestic violence see the LAPD webpage, where you will find online information and resources to go to: http://www.lapdonline.org/get_informed/content_basic_view/8893

Also, you can contact The National Domestic Violence Hotline **(800-799-7233)** and Domestic Abuse Center, 14402 Haynes St., Van Nuys, CA 91401; **(818) 904-1700** (not a 24-hour hotline)

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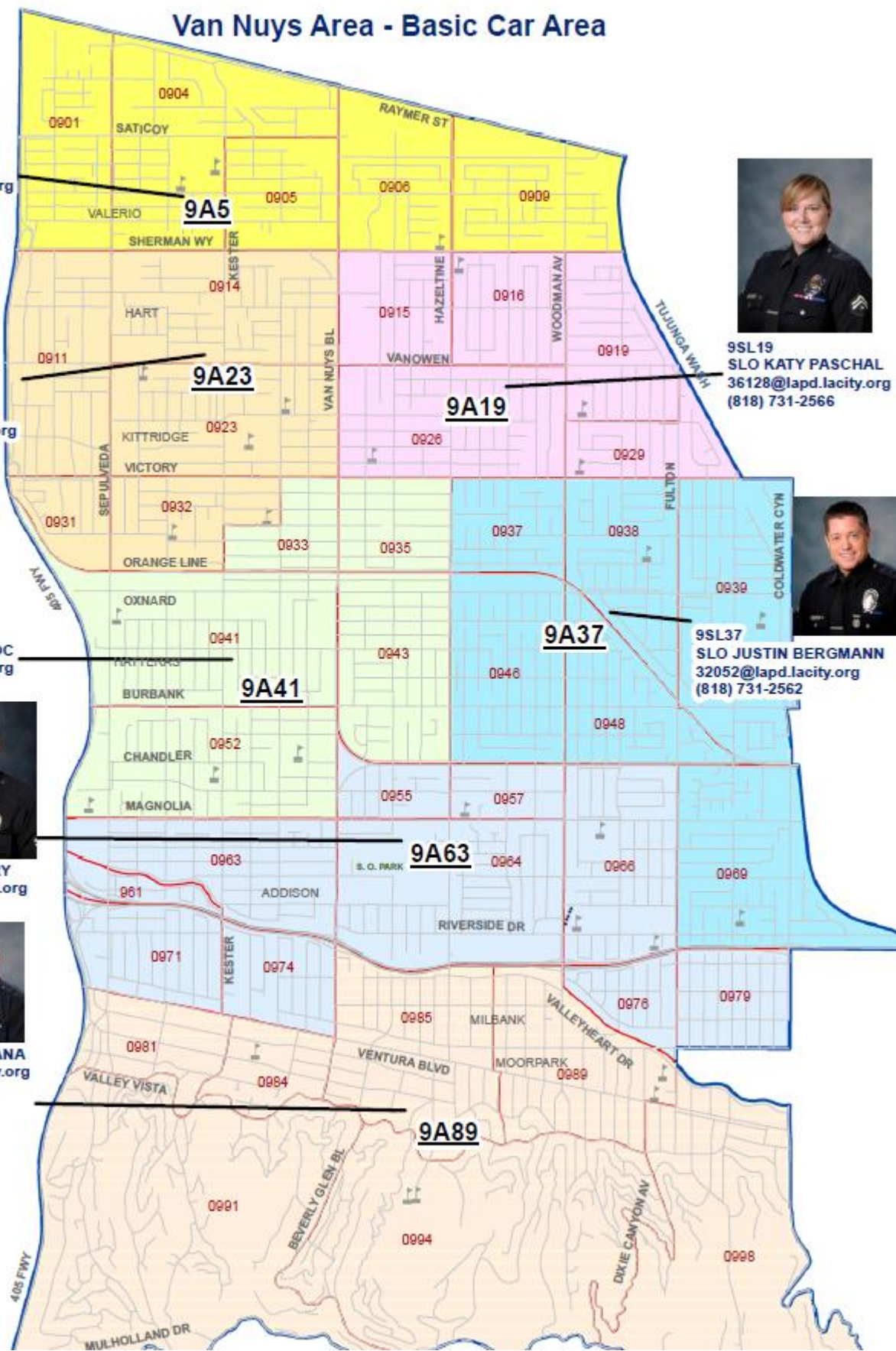
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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE “BIG ONE”

Are you prepared for the next natural disaster? Whether it is a brush fire, earthquake, or tornado (Yes I said tornado...we have experienced the occasional tornado), you and your family need to be prepared.

The Red Cross website (<http://www.redcross.org/>) breaks down what you need to prepare your family, home, and workplace for the next natural disaster. It is very simple to get ready. Some of the things you will need to do are:

- Identify two ways to escape from every room in the home.
- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.
- Select a safe location away from the home where your family can meet after escaping.
- Consider purchasing and storing escape ladders for rooms above ground level and make sure to learn how to use them.
- If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out.
- If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke.
- Before escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second escape route.
- If smoke, heat or flames block both of your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Place a rolled towel underneath the door. Signal for help by waving a brightly colored cloth or shining a flashlight at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and let them know your exact location inside the home.
- Once you've escaped, stay out.

It is a good idea to have (3) three days of food and water for each person in your house. Please remember that the LAPD and LAFD, or any City agency may not be able to get to you immediately, if not for a few days. It is important for you and your family to be self-sufficient. Gas, electricity, and water may be turned off or disabled, due to the natural disaster. Having sufficient food and water will put you and your family ahead of the game.



HELPING TO KEEP L.A.'S FINEST AT ITS BEST

Join

The Mid-Valley Police Council Today

For more information on how to join

Go To

www.midvalleypolicecouncil.org

The mission of the Mid-Valley Police Council is to increase the effectiveness and morale of the officers and staff of the LAPD – Van Nuys Police Station by raising money for services, materials, and equipment not generally supplied by the City of Los Angeles.

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Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 6:30pm
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PREVENTING CRIME IN YOUR AREA

It's true that anyone can become a victim of crime, but there are some very basic things that you can do to deter criminals from choosing you. People generally think of their homes as safe havens, where the outside world cannot get to them, but statistics constantly show that crime and home invasions are on the rise all over the United States. Do what you can to make your home as safe as possible. It all starts by becoming more active with your neighborhood.

Crime In Your Neighborhood

One of the best ways to ensure that a burglar does not target your house for a break in is to make your entire block a highly secure area. This involves working with your neighbors so that everyone watches out for each other. Think of your block as a mini community, and you can rely on your neighbors to keep you safe just as much as they can rely on you. Meet the people who live nearby, and get to know their names, what cars they have and exchange phone numbers. Keep a list of this contact information near a phone, so you can call anyone on your block should the need arise. Consider starting an official Neighborhood Watch Group and working with local law enforcement agencies to help watch over everyone in your neighborhood.

Watch For Strangers

Once you get to know the people around you, you will be better prepared to notice strangers who seem to be hanging around a lot. Seeing someone you don't know walk down your street once is not at all unusual, but if that same person were to be lingering and going back and forth on your block frequently, they may be casing the neighborhood and looking for a home to rob. Similarly, if you note an unfamiliar car that is spending a lot of time driving on your street, it could be an indication that criminals are looking for potential targets. Warn a neighbor if you see someone looking at their home, and don't be afraid to call the police to report suspicious behavior. As it is often said, the best way to avoid being victimized by crime is to prevent it from happening.

Deter Criminals From Choosing Your Home

Even a well watched neighborhood can be struck by crime. A burglar looks for the easiest target possible, so it is up to you to make your house difficult to break into. The first step is keeping exterior and interior lights on during the night. Criminals prefer a cover of darkness, and will gravitate towards a home that has no lights on at all.

When you go out for the night, keep a television on, or play a radio inside the house. This will give the appearance that someone is still home, which is a great deterrent to criminals. Experts often recommend choosing a talk station for the radio to give the impression that a conversation is taking place inside. A law breaker may still attempt to break into your home if they become reasonably certain they can do so without being noticed. Continue on to the second part of this article to find out some methods of making sure they can't get in.

“Community Awareness is the Key to Crime Prevention”

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PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

The officers and detectives here at Van Nuys Station will need YOUR help this year. Property crimes are, by far, the type of crimes that affect the Valley Glen area most. Burglary from vehicles, along with commercial and residential burglaries are significant problems that continue to plague our community. These are crimes of opportunity and can only be greatly reduced by YOU the community member.

On average, 40-60 percent of home burglaries, and upwards of 80 percent of car burglaries could have been prevented by the victim of each crime. TELL YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES, TO FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES:

1. ***LOCK YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS*** when you leave the house. Close your blinds/drapes so no one can see into your house.
2. ***DON'T LEAVE EXPENSIVE ITEMS OUT.*** Put them in a drawer, safe, or somewhere else out of sight.
3. ***TAKE YOUR ELECTRONIC ITEMS OUT OF YOUR CAR!*** Your Cell phones, computer tablets, and other portable electronics are .
4. ***LOCK YOUR CAR AND PARK IT IN A GARAGE OR LIGHTED AREA.*** Make it difficult to get into your car. If it is outside, make your car as visible as possible.

If we can get everyone to follow these simple rules, we can help to reduce the incidence of crime in the Valley Glen area and continue to make it the place to be in the San Fernando Valley.

JOIN THE VAN NUYS COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

The Van Nuys Area Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) is a civilian advisory board that works in conjunction with the LAPD-Van Nuys Area. Their mission is to solve problems that are of concern to the community and to support the officers of the Van Nuys Area in reducing crime and the fear of crime in the Van Nuys area.

If you are interested in finding out what C-PAB is all about, you are invited to attend their monthly meetings at Van Nuys Station. The Van Nuys C-PAB meets at 7:00 p.m., on the second Wednesday of every month. If you live in the communities of Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, and Valley Glen, you are welcome to come to the police station and meet the board. For more information, please call Sergeant Tony Valadez, at (818) 374-9409.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
Van Nuys Police Station – Community Room
6240 Sylmar Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91401

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Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting (The last Thursday of each month at 6:30pm):

February 23, 2017, at 6:30pm

Sherman Oaks Library - 14245 Moorpark St. Sherman Oaks. CA

HOUSE BURGLARIES IN THE AREA

We have seen a rising trend in residential burglaries all along the southern end of the San Fernando Valley, including the communities of Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, and Woodland Hills. It is very important that you spread the word to all of your neighbors to be vigilant to unusual activities in your neighborhoods. There are several things you can do to protect your property.

LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS:

Residential burglaries can be prevented simply by locking your doors and windows when you and your family are away. Most of these crimes are crimes of opportunity. An open window, even on the second floor, is an invitation to a would-be burglar to target your home. Many people leave their garage doors open when they are home. Property in the garage become easy pickings for anyone passing by. If the garage is attached to the house, the door leading into the house is most likely unlocked. The house is now in danger of a burglar entering and taking purses, money, electronics or other valuable property while the property owner is in the house.

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN:

The bad guy wants a quick and easy way to get into and out of your house, even if everything is locked. Make it difficult for the burglar to get in. Plant thorny bushes under all of your ground floor windows. Make it hurt if the burglar wants to smash a window to get into your house. Don't hide your property with high hedges or dense, low hanging trees. Make the front door and any side gates easy to see from the street.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS:

Get to know your neighbors. You don't have to be best friends, but get to know your neighbors. Know what cars they drive and if they are home during the day. It's not being nosy. This basic information can help if you see something out of the ordinary occurring at their house. If there is an established Neighborhood Watch program, JOIN IT. If there is not one, consider starting one. Officer Berry and Officer Saldana can help you in starting a Neighborhood Watch program.

