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North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



Another year has come and gone. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I am looking forward to another great year here in the North Hollywood Area. At the beginning of last year we set out to reduce Part I crime by 5 percent, with an emphasis on reducing burglary/theft from

motor vehicles. I am proud to report that we actually reduced Part I crime by 10 percent. We also had a 19 percent reduction in burglary/theft from motor vehicles. That equals more than 400 vehicles that

were not broken into over the year. I know that this was due not only because of the efforts of our officers, but your efforts as a community to assist us in hardening the target. Please keep up the positive work.

Our "Hats Off" campaign has also led to a significant reduction in robbery. We experienced a 23 percent reduction in this violent crime. Please see the below community announcement detailing this program.

If you'd like to start a Neighborhood, Apartment, or Business Watch program in your neighborhood, please contact the Senior Lead Office, at (818) 755-7679. All of these various Watch programs are helpful in combating this problem, and reminding these groups of this simple safety measure is critical. We are hopeful that with these efforts, and ongoing involvement by community members, we will be successful in our struggle against these property crimes.

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Community Announcements



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Hats Off To Fight Crime

North Hollywood unveiled a new pilot program called, Hats Off to Fight Crime. The purpose of the program is to reduce robbery and violence in retail establishments.

Many commercial robberies in the City of Los Angeles occur with suspects concealing their faces with hats, hoodies, or helmets. The 8” by 10” full-color sticker is available to any North Hollywood-based business. It is placed near the entrance(s) of the business as a reminder to customers to remove their head apparel before entering.

Refusing to remove head apparel does not constitute a crime in of itself, but business owners do have the right to refuse service to persons so dressed. California law makes the obstruction or intimidation of businesses or its employees a misdemeanor (See §602.1 California Penal Code). Therefore, business owners have discretion with who they choose to serve based on apparel and the threat of criminal activity.

Businesses interested in the “Hats Off” program can contact the LAPD, North Hollywood Community Police Station, Robbery Detectives Mahoney or Hammer at (818) 623-4061.

Nixle

Nixle is a valuable tool in updating the public as to police activity in their neighborhoods, as well as a tool to combat crime. Nixle utilizes text messaging as its primary method in communicating with the public, and has already shown itself to be extremely effective in distributing information, in real time, to impacted communities. We strongly encourage anyone living or working in North Hollywood to sign up for Nixle. Any interested party can sign up at LAPDonline.org.

Crime Briefing

Part I Crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, are down 10 percent year to date.

Violent crimes are down 11 percent for 2011. This includes a 23 percent reduction in robberies. Aggravated assaults did rise 6 percent.

Property crimes are down 9 percent, which includes a 19 percent reduction in Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles and a 10 percent reduction in burglary.



Crime Prevention Tips

Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle in plain sight. This is the most prevalent crime and the easiest to prevent. If the suspects do not see anything, they will move on to the next vehicle. Don't be the easy target. Suspects are looking for GPS systems, iPods, cell phones, laptop computers, purses and wallets, etc.

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Basic Car 15A3

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Current Crime Trends

During this period the only increase in Part I crime was grand theft auto. All other Part I crimes, including robberies, burglaries, aggravated assaults, burglary/theft from motor vehicles and petty thefts were on the decline.

Community Events

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Church of San Pablo

Valerio Street/Tujunga Avenue

Monday, January 9, 2012

7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Pentecostal Church

Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

7:00 pm

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting

Arminta Elementary Street Elementary

11530 Strathern Street

Thursday, January 19, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Current Crime Trends

Based on past crime ratings and most recent statistics, Part I crime numbers remained low; however, there was a slight increase in thefts, grand theft auto and vehicle break-ins. Significant search warrant service for specific gang members and their residents within the basic car area and outlining vicinities resulted in successful outcomes, which will hopefully reduce gang-related crimes. The Vanowen apartment complex continues to be an area personnel focus, utilizing specialized units and proactive enforcement.

Area 2012 goals will be discussed and determined by area, Council District, and Community forums in the early part of 2012. Remember to sign up for the A21 Website to keep apprised of upcoming meetings and current crime trends.

Community Events

15A21 Area Meeting

North Hollywood Community Police Station

Community Room

11640 Burbank Boulevard

Saturday, January 7, 2012

1:00 p.m.

North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

2012 Schedule Pending ... Please see A21 Website for calendar.

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Basic Car 15A27

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Current Crime Trends

Based on the current crime statistics, my basic car area had a slight decrease in Part 1 crimes for the year. Thank you for making this possible. Please continue to remember to lock and secure your home and your vehicles.

Community Events:

Lankershim Business Watch Meeting
6620 Lankershim Boulevard
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
1:00 pm

Cleon Neighborhood Watch
6635 Cleon Avenue
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
1:00 pm

Basic Car 15A33

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Current Crime Trends

Based on the current crime trends crime is slightly down this period; grand theft autos (auto thefts) are slightly higher. I will be changing my basic car area meeting from the Third Tuesday of the month to the first Saturday of every other month, starting

January 7, 2012. This meeting will merge with the basic car meeting for 15SLO21.

With the holidays upon us, please continue to Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It!

Community Events

Basic Car 15A33 Neighborhood Watch

North Hollywood Community Room
11640 Burbank Boulevard
Saturday January 7, 2012
1:00 pm

Basic Car 15A39

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Current Crime Trends

During the last crime rating period, property crime continued to be reported in my basic car area; however, there was a significant decrease in reported crime. Additionally, the area along Lankershim Boulevard experienced a cluster of reported crimes, with a large decrease overall due to the additional proactive police enforcement. Area personnel and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will continue to monitor the area around the MTA, which is centrally located within the crime clusters.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police. As always, video and photos are encouraged to be sent to my e-mail address at 32740@lapd.lacity.org

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Community Events

Mid Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Counsel North Hollywood Park – Senior Center

Chandler Boulevard and Tujunga Avenue
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
6:30 pm

Basic Car 15A43

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Current Crime Trends

Based on the year end crime statistics, our area experienced a dramatic decrease in overall crime. I want to thank all of you for going the extra mile in making this happen, and remaining vigilant of your surroundings. Happy Holidays!

Community Events

Valley Village Neighborhood Watch

Colfax Elementary School
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
6:30 pm

Basic Car 15A67

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Current Crime Trends

As we close out 2011, the area continued to see a good reduction in crime for the year. Crime was reduced in

burglary, car thefts, overall thefts, with the biggest reduction in vehicle break-ins. Additionally, the area experienced a great reduction of crime in the NoHo Arts area. Neighborhood Watch groups expanded in several areas within the NoHo Arts Area, as well as the Greater Toluca Lake area.

I look forward to a good start to 2012 and working with the community to continue our efforts towards a crime free neighborhood.

Community Events

Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting

Toluca Elementary
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard
Tuesday, January 17, 2012
7:00 pm

Basic Car 15A85

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Current Crime Trends

On December 17th (sometime in the middle of the night) the area had three vehicles broken into in the vicinity of the Dona's. Significantly, two cars had wallets in them and one car had a briefcase; property was obviously visible and taken. Again, as a reminder, please take your personal belongings out of your cars. burglary/theft from motor vehicle occurrences continued in Fryman Park; four vehicles were broken into during the last three weeks. Notably, many of the victims' purses were on the passenger seat in plain view. Remember to hide your belongings, no matter where you are parked.

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On December 10, 2011, an “Elder Distraction Burglary” occurred at the 4400 block of Irvine Avenue. Suspects knocked on the door of an 87-year-old woman and told her they were working on her neighbor’s fence in the backyard and needed to take some measurements. Suspects “distracted” the victim as they entered her backyard, while others made their way into her house and took property. The suspects were five to six male Hispanics, 20-25 years of age, and driving a grey unknown SUV.

Community Events

Studio City Resident Association Meeting

Beverly Garland Hotel
4222 Vineland Avenue
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
7:30 pm