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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

As autumn arrives, the winds of change begin to blow. Leaves wither and fall; the air becomes chilled and damp; and LAPD Captains are moved to different assignments. This is my final week as the Patrol Captain at Southwest Community Police Station, and I would be remiss, should I not take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to the home I have enjoyed sharing during the past year and a half.

The partnership shared with the Southwest Community has been a rich and rewarding one. As one of the busiest divisions in the City of Los Angeles, we have shared numerous challenges fighting crime and seeking to keep the residents, business-persons and other stakeholders of the Southwest Community safe, and facilitating the best quality of life our resources permit. The Community has arisen to the challenges, and supported our efforts in advisory, collaborative, and impressive ways. The results are that crime is still down and our efforts are not ceasing.

The men and women assigned to the Southwest Area, sworn and civilian, are doing an outstanding job, keeping this a safe place to live and to work. Combined efforts between the Southwest Community and the University of Southern California, have their infancy, that may impact the face of police statistical analysis and resource deployment in the future. I trust these programs will continue.

It has been an honor to serve with a Commanding Officer, in the person of Captain III Steve K. Zipperman, whose leadership and commitment have been stellar. Working with him, alongside the fine personnel, and the collective stakeholders of the Southwest Area has been a memorable experience.

Best Regards!

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CRIME PREVENTION

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 community of the Southwest Area.

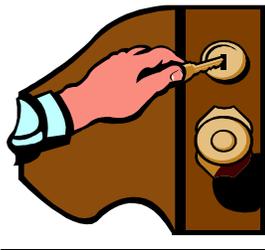
3SLO1-ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

In the first 9 months of the year, the Adams Boulevard Neighborhood experienced considerably low incidents of crime. Senior Lead Officer(SLO) Sanchez is happy to report that overall, crime is still down and there were no reported crime clusters(5 or more crimes in one reporting district) in this area.

Unfortunately, the Adams Boulevard Neighborhood has experienced an up – tic in Burglary From Motor Vehicles (BFMV), between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., in the Target parking lot and on the property of the Baldwin Recreational Park. Please remember to lock your car, remove all valuables and park in a well lit area.

This community also experienced an up –tic in Residential Burglaries, however Southwest Division has made significant arrests related to these crimes. Residents are reminded to lock your doors and windows, especially when you leave your home unattended.



Crime Tips-Vehicle Theft

Park carefully

Don't leave an auto in unattended public parking lots for an extended period. A car is five times more likely

to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or attended lot.

If possible, park your car in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys.

Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car and your home. If you have to leave your keys with a parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.

At night, park in well-lit areas with lots of people around.

Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

Operation I.D.

With an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "CA") on cassette players and other valuable items.



Record your vehicle identification number (located on a small metal plate on the dashboard of newer cars) and store it in a safe place. Keep the vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, not in your car.

Use anti-theft devices

When buying a car, check the manufacturer's list of anti-theft options, such as interior hood and trunk releases, locking steering columns and others.

Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:

Interior hood lock release.

Second ignition switch or “kill switch” to prevent electrical current from reaching the coil distributor.

Fuel switch to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor

3SLO15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

During the month of September, the West Adams area saw an increase of Street Robberies on Adams Boulevard between Western Avenue and Normandie Avenue. Senior Lead Officer Hauter reports the robbery problem was quickly resolved after an arrest made by two Senior Lead Officers who booked a Swan Gang member for an Attempt Robbery at Jefferson and Normandie.



Also, Southwest patrol officers made an outstanding arrest of a Burglary From Motor Vehicle(BFMV) suspect on Hobart Street. Since this arrest, auto theft crime has gone down significantly in this community.

If anyone has information on either of these incidents, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter (323) 387-9617.



Special Thanks to Assemblyman Mike Davis for hosting his Annual Town Hall meeting on September 18, 2010. It was great to be a part of such a wonderful event.

3SLO19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Salazar reports that Exposition Park Area is experiencing a high number of Grand Theft Autos. This area covers Exposition Boulevard on the North to Martin Luther King Boulevard to the South, and Normandie on the West to Vermont on the East. In response to this spike in crime, Southwest Division will be running high visibility patrol cars and Detectives will be conducting follow up investigations for all individuals on parole and probation for Grand Theft Auto. Be sure to lock and secure your vehicles, and remember to remove valuables in plain sight.



Crime Tips-Halloween Safety

- 1. Children should trick-or-treat during daylight hours.**
- 2. Children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.**
- 3. Children should never eat any treats until they have been examined.**
- 4. All fruit should be cut and closely examined before eating.**
- 5. Advise children that they should never enter strangers' homes.**
- 6. Never invite children into your home.**
- 7. Children should never accept rides from strangers.**
- 8. Children should never take shortcuts through backyards or alleys.**

9. Set a specific time limit for your children to be out on Halloween night.
10. Give wrapped homemade treats only to children you know.
11. Instruct children not to stray from their group.
12. A responsible adult should escort children while trick-or-treating.
13. Adult escorts should carry flashlights.
14. Don't leave your home unattended on Halloween night.
15. Keep pets inside your home, or other safe place on Halloween night.
16. Children should walk, not run, during their trick-or-treat activities.
17. Parents should know what route their children will be taking.
18. All costumes should be made of light-colored, fireproof material.
19. Children should wear proper fitting, comfortable costumes and shoes.
20. Props such as toy guns or swords should be made of pliable material.
21. Realistic replica firearms should never be used.
22. Masks should not be worn if they impair vision.
23. Wigs should be fireproof and should not restrict vision.
24. Children should always use sidewalks, not the street, for walking.
25. Children should look in all directions before crossing the street



**3SLO41-BALDWIN HILLS/VISTA;
VILLAGE GREEN**

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Beard has received a few complaints regarding transients drinking in public and loitering at the bus stop located at LaBrea/Rodeo. If you have any further information regarding this problem, please contact SLO Beard at 323/387-9621.



SLO Beard commends all community members who attended a very successful block club training session that took place on July 21st, 2010. It was great to see many faces from the area block clubs at this meeting. Great job! Keep up the good work!

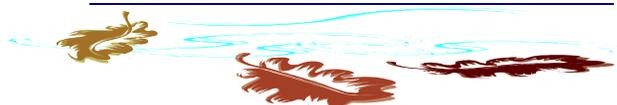
Crime Tips-Secure Your Property

Senior Lead Officer beard reports crime is down however, it is still very important for all community members to remain vigilant and lock and secure their residences and vehicles. With the holiday season approaching, it is very important for residents to not leave items recently purchased items in plain sight in their vehicles. This is an open invitation for criminals to break into the vehicle, take the property and make you a victim of crime.

**3SLO55-JEFFERSON PARK/WESTERN
CORRIDOR**

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Olega reports an increase in Burglaries that occur during the day. A trend of very young juveniles have been observed prowling around area properties. Residents should consider maintaining relationships with neighbors and surrounding residents to watch out for one another. Residents are also advised to report any suspicious activity to 911.



Crime Tips-Helpful Phone Numbers

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

Senior Lead Officer(SLO) Garner noticed an increase in Robberies during the month of September. The Robbery suspects have varied descriptions, but the location has primarily been west of Vermont. LAPD has increased officers, focusing on pedestrian stops in this area. USC students are reminded to walk in pairs and do utilize campus cruisers during the evening hours. USC Students should be aware of their surroundings and be alert while walking in the area. If you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call the Department of Public Safety(DPS). Both DPS and LAPD will respond.

Crime Tips-Driving

Avoid driving alone or at night.

Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.

If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.

Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.

Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.

Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.



Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.

Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.

Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.

When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.

3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK/ CRENSHAW CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Sasajima reports that throughout the month of September, Southwest Officers have been successful in apprehending at least 11 suspects caught in the act of residential burglaries within the division. Many of the suspects captured have been high school aged teens, who were truant from school. Two arrests were made on the 4100 block of Van Ness Avenue on September 16, 2010 at approximately 1130 AM, as a result of quick reporting by neighbors of suspicious activity on their street. Plain clothes officers quickly checked the area and observed the suspects as they exited a side window to a residence. The suspects were quickly captured and Southwest Burglary Detectives have

possibly linked them with several other burglaries that have occurred in the area.



Crime Tips-Halloween Safety

Props, such as toy guns, swords and knives should be made of soft rubber, Styrofoam, cardboard or other pliable material. Replica firearms that could be mistaken for real firearms should be avoided. If your child carries a jack-o'-lantern, a flashlight should be placed inside, not a candle. Children should use non-allergenic facial makeup instead of masks. Consider applying a thin coat of cold cream before application of any makeup. The makeup will come off easier if you do this. Masks can restrict vision. If your child wears a mask, make sure he/she removes it when he/she crosses a street. Children should attend an adult-supervised Halloween parties or events, instead of going out to trick or treat.



Children should look in all directions before crossing the street and should obey all traffic signals. Children should always walk on sidewalks and not on streets. Children should cross streets at corners. They should never cross streets between parked cars, in the middle of blocks or diagonally across intersections; and streets in rural areas without sidewalks should be

avoided. If there are no sidewalks, children should stay as far left of the roadway as possible and walk facing traffic. Halloween is a time for ghosts and goblins and fun with your friends. Almost everybody is nice, but sometimes a few people play mean tricks on children at Halloween. These tricks include putting dangerous things in candy and treats.

SUBSTATION-CRENSHAW PLAZA

Crime Trends

Senior lead Officer Anderson reports an increase in vehicle thefts in the area between Vermont Avenue and the 10 freeway and between King Boulevard and Vernon Avenue. The vehicle thefts have been occurring at night and have primarily been Honda, Civics. Furthermore, a lot of the vehicles have been recovered with the stereos missing.



Please ensure you park in a well lighted area. Ensure you lock and secure your vehicle, and don't leave anything of value in plain view. Also, report any suspicious activity.

Crime Tips

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.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD 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.

The 26th Place Block Club is looking to expand their block club. If you live in the area of 26th Place and Cimarron Street you are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter.



The plaza proudly welcomes the Crenshaw Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market will be held in the parking area near Stocker and Santa Rosalia every Saturday from 10pm 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.

Do you live in the community of Harvard Street, between Adams and Jefferson? Senior Lead Officer Hauter is looking to start another block club in that particular area. If you are interested, please email Officer Hauter at 35896@LAPD.LACITY.ORG.

Jim Gilliam Park located at 4000 S. La Brea Ave offers free afterschool activities for children of all ages. If you are interested and would like to find out more information regarding these activities, please contact Denise Stansell (Director) at 323/291-5928.

A new mentoring program will also be offered at Jim Gilliam Park. If you would like to find out more information regarding the new mentoring program, please call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

If you reside in the area of Cloverdale Avenue, south of Coliseum Street and would like to get involved with a community block club, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard at 323/387-9621.

The solution starts with you. Get involved! The 3800 block of Cloverdale has officially started a block club. There was a rather small turn out at the first meeting. If you live in this area and would like to get more involved please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard 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 Salazar 323/387-9616.

Renovations are complete at Martin Luther King Park. Go check out the new baseball field, playground, basketball and tennis courts. Also, Join the new University Little League at Martin

Luther King Park. Sign-Up Now! Contact Raul Claros at 310/ 844-5591.

Come join the Community Village Project. Be the change in your neighborhood. Create a safe park for our children to play. Clean up and take pride in our neighborhood. Make our community healthier and safer by removing harmful and irresponsible businesses. For more information call Karume at 323/750-9087 x263.

The area of Burnside Avenue south of Coliseum and the 5700 block of Bowcroft Street are starting block clubs. If you reside in either of these areas and would like to get more involved in your community, please contact SLO Beard for more information.

Also, the Raymond Block Club will be hosting a Halloween Harvest festival on October 31, 2010. For additional information, contact SLO Hauter at 323/387-9617.

The Central Area Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010. 6:30 pm at 6050 S. Western Avenue. For additional information, contact SLO Anderson at 323/387-9623.

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

Southwest Community Police Station is hosting a carnival on the Halloween weekend. Please bring your friends and family to this fun event. Proceeds will benefit the Southwest Community and Youth Programs. Hope to see you all there!!

