Pacific Area Neighborhood News

February 2012

Captains Message

The Pacific Area team recognizes its immense responsibility to all those who visit, work and reside in Pacific Division. In 2012, the Pacific Area team will maintain its intense focus on violent crime. With the same precision and tenacity, the Pacific Area team will also focus our efforts on property crimes. In 2011, we honed our crime fighting strategies and implemented tactics which we will continue to build upon and refine to ensure analysis and follow up to help work towards our 2012 goals. To that end, it's our goal to further enhance a Full-Spectrum approach to our crime fighting strategies, utilizing both inside and outside resources available to the Department.

Each of Pacific's goals either collectively or indirectly will guide our team of dedicated law enforcement professionals who are committed to each other, the community and the Department in our relentless pursuit of achieving both the Pacific Area and Department 2012 goals. Our greatest asset is and always has been a healthy, engaged employee, who balances a sense of ownership with compassion and discretion.

Collectively, these are the Pacific Area Team's expectations and mandates while providing quality service and treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Goal No. 1: Commitment to Constitutional Policing

Goal No. 2: Five Percent Reduction in Part I Crime

Goal No. 3: Commitment to Youth Programs

Goal No. 4: Commitment to Community Policing

Goal No. 5: Prevention of Terrorist Incidents

Goal No. 6: Employee Wellness

JON F. PETERS, Captain Commanding Officer Pacific Community Police Station

District News

Note: The crime statistics quoted are taken from a report published weekly by the City Of Los Angeles' Information Resources Division. These statistics are the most current available and represent the period of December 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3968 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	7
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Autos	6
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	22

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Overall crime has increased in several categories with the biggest spike in BFMV. We have absolutely STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicles. Do not leave use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place BFMV suspects look after they gain entry to your vehicle. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic, BFMV suspects heat to be seen committing their crime. Lock any storage area or garage when it is unoccupied. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

Safety Tips

Lighting Safety Tip

• Lights and timer switches can be used when you leave home for extended periods of time, whether that is a week, a weekend or even just one night. Ask a trusted neighbor or family member to keep an eye on your property, and give them an emergency contact number to call you.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3970 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo – (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	12
Robbery	1
Grand Theft Auto	1
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	3
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	5

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has decreased in several categories across the board except BFMV. BFMV is one of the few crimes that can be completely stopped by you and you alone, just stop leaving items of value in your vehicles in plain sight. After parking for the evening remove all items of value (money, lap-tops, purse/wallet, etc.) and take them inside with you. If you have items of value that must be left in your vehicle place them out of sight (trunk or under your seat). If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

• Keys Safety Tips:

Consider giving a family member or trusted friend spare keys to your home, when you plan to be away for an extended amount of time. Get the person to remove newspapers and mail daily for you.

• PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. Pacific Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Marci Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3973 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	24
Grand Theft Auto	14
Homicide	0
Sex	0

Theft 12

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area (A25). Crime this period has begun to rise across the board with the largest gain in residential burglaries. Remember most burglary suspects seek easy targets thus the harder you make your home to break into the less likely you become a victim. Install sturdy doors with deadbolt locks for additional protection. Install window locks or pegs to prevent easy access to your home. Install motion sensors around your property, burglars detest lights for fear of being seen. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool against crime. If you observe any suspicious or criminal activities call the police right away.

Safety Tip

• Emergency Keys Safety Tips:

Do not be tempted to keep a key to your home or vehicle in a "secret" hiding place as burglars know where to look and could easily find them.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A27 Palms District

Senior Lead Officer Juan Ceja - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3975 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	15
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	15
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	7

• During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has continued to be a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has decreased in several categories but we still have too many GTA's in our area. Be cognizant of your surroundings if you feel uneasy about where you parked your vehicle, move it your instincts are most likely right. Whenever your vehicles are

unattended lock and secure all doors, windows and vents. GTA suspects often do not need to break in they often gain entry through unlocked doors. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. If you park in public parking lots do not tell the attendant how long you intend to be away. Please contact the Los Angeles Police Department at (877) ASK-LAPD, to report any suspicious activity or 911 to report any crimes in progress.

Safety Tips

• Garden Safety Tips:

Your garden is an attractive opportunity for thieves, and is often easier for them to access. Make sure you lock and secure valuables in a good quality storage shed or garage, do not forget your garden tools and ladders can easily be used to break into your home.

Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A45 Marina District

Senior Lead Officer Gregg Jacobus - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3971 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	25
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	23
Grand Theft Auto	3
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	15

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business)) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has increased in several categories but residential burglary has become our number one nemesis. Home security and common sense go hand in hand when it comes to protecting your property. Always keep your doors locked even when you are home. Use deadbolt locks on sturdy doors and door frames. Secure sliding glass doors with track locks for added protection. Install ample lighting around your property and place them out of reach so bulbs cannot be easily broken. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

• Insurance Safety Tips:

It is important to prepare for the worst, so be sure you have adequate insurance to cover any losses should you be unfortunate enough to have your home broken into while you are away. Be sure to purchase insurance from a reputable company and read the small print.

Reminder

 LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, February 28, 2012 @ 7:30 a.m.
 Chase Burton Park

Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3972 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - Cell Phone # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	10
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Auto	5
Sex	0
Homicides	0
Theft	8

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has remained low but we have increased slightly in several categories. Petty theft is the taking of property without owners consent. Petty theft is often a crime of opportunity for suspects meaning they remove items that have been left unsecured by their owners. Teach family members to place items of value back in storage bins or garage when they finish with them. Leaving tools and toys lying around your property only tempts petty theft suspects to remove your valuables. Anyone whom observes an attack in progress calls the police right away and helps protect a life from being destroyed.

Safety Tip

• Neighborhood Security Safety Tips:

Do a neighborhood security survey; make sure all street lights are working properly. Parks and playgrounds should not have overgrown trees and shrubs that suspects can use to hide behind while they wait on their next victim.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Police Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor

Senior Lead Officer Ruben Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3976 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	20
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	15
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	17

• During this rating period Rape (Date) has become a problem in our area. Rape is a sexual act committed against a person's will; it is a violent crime that needs to be stop. Most rapes are committed by people the victims know. This may be a date, acquaintance, co-worker, boss, family member, ex-partner or neighbor. There is no typical rapist they come from all economic and ethnic background. Before you attend a date make your limitations clear before you get into a sexual situation. If possible meet your (new) date at a public location and get to know them before give them your address. Avoid secluded places, such as closed parks or deserted beaches. Do not leave your drink alone or drink something you did not get or open yourself. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

• Environmental Design Safety Tips:

Explore crime prevention through environmental design. Community members can make it easier to see within and between buildings by removing any fences between living areas and parking lots.

Reminder

• Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m. LASO Sub-Station Ladera Shopping Center

Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District

Senior Lead Officer Tony Ramos - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3978 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo- # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011:

Robbery 3 Burglary (Residential/Business) 11 Grand Theft Auto 13 Sexual Crime 1 Homicide 0	Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary (Residential/Business) 11 Grand Theft Auto 13 Sexual Crime 1 Homicide 1	Burglary / Theft from vehicle	18
Grand Theft Auto 13 Sexual Crime 1 Homicide 0	Robbery	3
Sexual Crime 1 Homicide 0	Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Homicide 0	Grand Theft Auto	13
	Sexual Crime	1
Theft 14	Homicide	0
There	Theft	14

• During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. In several categories crime was reduced but we still have work to do. Many GTA suspects do not need to break in your vehicle they gain entry via unlocked doors. Attempt to park in well-lit areas where there is plenty of passer-by pedestrian traffic. Arm and deploy any anti-theft devices you have for your vehicle for extra protection. Whenever your vehicle is unattended, lock and secure your doors and windows. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

• Home Lighting Safety Tips:

Consider motion sensor floodlights around your property especially over garage and shed doors, entryways and ground-level windows.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2012

Note: All event and meeting information is subject to change. To confirm dates, times, and locations call your Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4587. Events will be added or updated as new information is received.

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja*

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m. Loc. TBA SLO Garcia

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Thursday, February 2, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Officer Delatori*

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Garcia*

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Officer Newson*

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles Officer Newson

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray *Sgt. Merlo*

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, February 16, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station *SLO Garcia*

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park *SLO Cruz*

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

Wisdom for the month of February

"You have to expect great things of yourself before you can achieve greatness."

Michael "Air" Jordan