

Pacific Area Neighborhood News

August 2011

Captains Message

As I attend meetings and social events in Pacific Area I am often approached by concerned citizens about crime in their neighborhood and what can they do about it. My best answer is always "*Neighborhood Watch*".

Neighborhood Watch programs are still the most effective means available for keeping crime out of neighborhoods. Pacific Area Neighborhood Watch programs unite officers with local organizations and individual residents in a community-wide effort to recognize and reduce crime. Neighbors working together with officers are a formidable crime fighting team.

In this working partnership with Pacific Area Officers some ground rules have to be in place. The community is the eyes and ears of the team, observing and obtaining vital information. Pacific Area Officers are the hands-on apprehension of the team. They have the training and equipment to affect an arrest. By adhering to this rule we can form a dynamic crime fighting team in your neighborhood.

Contact the Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer in your area at (310) 202-4515, and they will assist you in starting a program in your neighborhood. A Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer will be available to assist at your first meeting and discuss crime concerns and quality of life issues specific to your neighborhood or community.

It is my belief that belonging to your Neighborhood Watch group will be enjoyable and fun. By working together, we can continue to make Pacific Area one of the safest communities in Los Angeles.

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 July 1, 2011 through July 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	14
Robbery	7
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Autos	7
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	45

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Last period aggravated assault was our main focus of concern and we cut that problem in half. This period Petty Theft needs our attention. Petty theft is the taking of property without owners consent. Petty theft is often a crime opportunity, meaning the suspect observes property he or she may desire and just takes it. Teach your family to place all items of value away (Garage, Storage-box, Basement, etc.) in their proper place. Lock and secure all doors and windows along with any storage areas. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

- Home safety tips:

Remove advertisements from your front porch or door as quickly as possible. An accumulation of fliers is a very good indicator to a burglary suspect that no one is home.

Reminder

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**
Thursday, August 11, 2011 @ 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	0
Grand Theft Auto	2
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	6
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has continued to be a problem in our area. I am proud to say overall crime for the third consecutive period has continued to decrease. Petty theft continues to be a problem in our area. Petty theft suspects often times described as opportunist criminals because they take what is left outside or unsecured items that are usual hand held small items. Teach family members to place all items where they belong, lock and secure all items in the garage or storage bin. Lock and secure your property any time it is not occupied. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Hotel safety tips:

Never automatically open your hotel door for anyone. Prior to opening the door, verify who is on the other side. Hotel employees should have identification such as maintenance or repair employees.

- **PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING**
 Tuesday, August 16, 2011 @ 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	13
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	7
Homicide	1
Sex	0

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 had a Homicide occur in our area. Suspect and victim were in a verbal dispute on Lincoln Bl. at Superba Av. that escalated into a physical altercation. During the altercation victim sustained massive head trauma and expired. If you have any information regarding this homicide contact Pacific Homicide Detectives at (310) 482-6369. 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

- Pickpocket safety tips:

Pickpockets usually work in teams of two or three people. Beware of staged distractions, the suspect may drop something in front of you or cause a loud commotion near you, as a distraction, the other member of the criminal team pickpockets your valuables and walks away.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
Wednesday, August 10, 2011 @ 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	14
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	17
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	17

- During this rating period Grand theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime across the board has remained constant with a spike in Grand theft Auto. Improved technology has helped relegate the number of GTA's

which are lower than in previous years but more work has to be done. Lock all doors and windows whenever your vehicle is unattended. Attempt to park in well lit-areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle, it cannot help protect your automobile if it is not used. 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

- Robbery safety tips:

Robbery can occur anywhere on the streets, at work, near your home, in stores etc. Be smart use caution; be cognizant of your surroundings. Robbery is often associated with other crimes such as rape, thefts, GTA and assaults.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
Wednesday, August 3, 2011 @ 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	18
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	16
Grand Theft Auto	15
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	29

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. During the summer months we leave windows and patio doors open for ventilation thus creating opportunities for burglary suspects. Whenever you leave home lock and secure all doors and windows. Second story windows should also be secured; burglary suspects can often gain access via second story entry points. Install sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest ample lighting for fear of being seen committing their crime. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tip

- Vehicle safety tips:

Record the make, model, year, color and license number of your vehicle. Keep this information in a safe place. This will assist you if your vehicle is ever stolen, or impounded.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
Tuesday, August 30, 2011 @ 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	3
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	6
Grand Theft Auto	5
Sex	0
Homicides	0
Theft	7

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime continued to decrease across the board but Petty Theft has begun to rise. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's consent. That is why it is often a crime associated with opportunity and desire. Never leave items of value lying around your home unsecured. Teach family members to place their items in a locked and secured location such as the garage, storage-bin, etc. Anyone whom observes an attack in progress calls the police right away and helps protect a life from being destroyed.

Safety Tip

- Parking safety tips:

Always take your parking lot ticket with you, by leaving it in your vehicle allows GTA suspects to exit the parking lot without being challenged. Most GTA suspects know if they attempt to leave a parking lot without a ticket the attendant will ask for proof of ownership.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 @ 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	24
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	17
Grand Theft Auto	7
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	22

- During this rating period Rape (Acquaintances) has become a problem in our area. On the 8600 Airport Blvd. an unknown suspect raped victim while she was unconscious and intoxicated. Avoid drinking large amounts of alcohol and other drugs while out among the public or with people you do not completely trust or know. The alcohol you consume often cloud judgment and slow responses. Never leave your drink alone or drink something you did not open yourself. Someone can slip date rape drugs into your drink. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Rental car safety tips:

Ensure the vehicle you rent is nondescript. The exterior of the vehicle should be free of rental agency decals, stickers, and other company logos. These visual cues alert criminals to your visitor/ tourist status.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**

Thursday, August 18, 2011 @ 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	29
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Auto	4
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	19

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. BFMV has become a major problem in our area. We must STOP leaving items of value in plain sight in your vehicle. Place items of value in your truck or under the seat. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

- Travel safety tips:

Never leave your luggage unattended, not even for a moment, and beware of distractions. While waiting for a room reservation or departing to another destination, keep all of your property in plain view.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, August 11, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room

12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2011

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, August 3, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Thursday, August 4, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Delatori

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Garcia

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, August 11, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Newson

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Newson

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray
Sgt. Merlo

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, August 17, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station

SLO Garcia

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Chase Burton Park

SLO Cruz

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, August 31, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles

SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of August

“Excellence is not a singular act, but a habit. You are what you repeatedly do.”

S. Oneal

