Pacific Area Neighborhood News

May 2011

Captains Message

Seniors currently comprise 4.5% of the population of California. Seniors are currently enjoying healthier lives, and by the year 2020, it is predicted 16% of California's population will be sixty years old or older. Seniors often worry about crime, but according to the crime statistics in Pacific Area, seniors are victims of crime less often than younger people. The problem is that the effect of crime on seniors is often more severe than on their younger counterparts.

Elder abuse has become a serious problem in our communities. Elder abuse is the mistreatment or neglect of an older person, usually by a relative or other caregiver. Most often, cases of elder abuse go unreported. Many victims are ashamed or unable to report abuse. Many are even fearful of what may happen if they do. Elder abuse is not just physical abuse but also personal neglect, financial exploitation, psychological abuse, and rights violations to name a few. Knowing what signs to look for and who to contact if you suspect abuse will help eradicate the problem.

By being alert to situations that could lead to abuse of an elderly person you may be able to prevent serious injury or save a life. Pacific Area Detectives urge everyone to look for these possible signs of elder abuse:

- Any unusual unexplained bumps, bruises or cuts.
- Unusual changes in behavior.
- If you do not hear from elderly friends or family member for several days.
- If strangers, or someone you have never seen before, at an elder's homes: they may be attempting to take advantage of them.
- If an elderly friend's home is unusually unkempt or filthy.
- If they seem malnourished or not receiving their proper medications.

Additional information can be obtained from Pacific Area Senior Lead Officers, your area's Agency on Aging, or Adult Protective Services. Everyone has a moral obligation to report suspected cases of elder abuse to the Police or other social service agencies. The elderly have earned the right to have their home be a place of comfort, not a source of punishment and fear.

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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	9
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	16
Grand Theft Autos	7
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	23

- During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. It is human nature to sometimes disagree, how you handle the problem is what really counts. We must learn we can settle problems or disagreements without resorting to violence. When tempers heat up, try to calm down. Walk away, take some deep breaths, calm down and once you can think clearly talk to one another. Tell each other what you need and be willing to compromise. Find a solution that both parties can live with. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

- 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.

Reminder

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**
  Thursday, May 12, 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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	3
Grand Theft Auto	3
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	10
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	19

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime this period has continued to decrease but petty theft is on the rise. Most petty theft suspects seek easy targets. They are 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

- Banking safety tips:

  While at the teller's window count your money and place it in your purse or pocket before you leave the window. Make a complete turn. Check your surroundings for any suspicious characters.

- **PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING**
  Tuesday, May 17, 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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	10
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	24
Grand Theft Auto	11
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	13

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 has continued to increase in Burglary (Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles). We must STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle; it only tempts BFMV suspects to burglarize your vehicle. Lock all items of value inside your truck or anywhere out of sight. Always lock and secure doors, windows and vents whenever you are away from your vehicle. For additional security for your vehicle attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic, GTA suspects hate to be seen committing their crimes. Install sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest light. 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

- Ready teller safety tips:

  At a ready teller machine look over the area before you approach the banking device. Attempt to use well-lit machines that are away from hedges and other items of concealment. Stand sideways never turn your back completely to the street.

Reminder

- **A25 MAR VISTA FAMILY N/W MEETING**
  Tuesday, May 3, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Mar Vista Family Center
  5070 Slauson Av., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A27 Palms District</u>
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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0

Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	14
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	14
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	11

- During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime this period was reduced almost across the board but GTA is still high. Your attitude and actions are the keys to preventing GTA. Anytime your vehicles is unattended lock and secure it, it only takes professional GTA suspects less than a few minutes to remove your property. Attempt to park in well lit areas for extra protection. Never store or hide spare keys to your vehicle anywhere on the car GTA suspects know all the hiding places. 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

- Victims assistance safety tips:

  If someone you know is the victim of a crime; offer to listen, never blame them for what happened. Help them obtain information on victim assistance program nearest you.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, April 4, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
  I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
  3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A45 Marina District</u>
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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	10
Grand Theft Auto	13
Homicide	0

Sex Crime	0
Theft	19

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has continued to be a problem in our area. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's knowledge or consent. Petty theft suspects are often called opportunist because they take whatever they find left unsecured or lying around. Teach family members to place all items such as toys, tools, gardening equipment in their proper place. Secure your garage or storage bin at all times. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tip

- Report crime safety tips:

  Reporting crime is essential, even attempted crimes. Any information on robberies even attempted ones can help police establish patterns and eventually make arrests. Also cooperate with the police and prosecutors after the arrest has been made for prosecution.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
  Tuesday, May 31, 2011 @ 7:30 a.m.
  Chase Burton Park

<u>Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District</u>
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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	5
Grand Theft Auto	4
Sex	0
Homicides	0
Theft	11

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has continued to decrease but BFMV has spiked. The number one safety rule we must do to cut BFMV is STOP leaving items of value

(money, laptops, etc.) in plain sight inside your vehicle. Do not use your vehicle glove-box as a traveling safe it is the first place suspects look. Lock and secure your vehicle whenever it is unattended, it takes less than a minute to open an unlocked door and remove property. Anyone whom observes an attack in progress calls the police right away and helps protect a life from being destroyed.

Safety Tip

- Walking safety tips:

  Plan your walk route and walk confidently. Do not walk in isolated areas, especially at night. If you feel you are being followed, walk into a store and ask for help, never walk into an isolated place.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, May 11, 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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	22
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	20
Grand Theft Auto	8
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	1
Theft	14

- During this rating period Homicide has become a problem in our area. We had a homicide occur in our area possibly gang related. Unknown suspects drove up next to victim and fired numerous rounds. Victim was hit several times and unknown suspects speed away in an unknown vehicle. Victim expired due to his injuries. Anyone with information regarding this homicide contact Pacific Area Homicide Detectives at (310) 482-6369. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Vehicle safety tips:

  A motor vehicle is stolen every 20 seconds in the United States each year. Your attitudes and actions are keys to preventing GTA. Whenever your vehicle is unattended lock and secure it, close all vents and windows.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
  Thursday, May 19, 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 April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	4
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	16
Robbery	0
Burglary (Residential/Business)	17
Grand Theft Auto	10
Sexual Crime	2
Homicide	0
Theft	27

- During this rating period Rape (Acquaintances) has become a problem in our area. Date rape is a sexual act committed against your will by someone you know. Date rape is not about healthy sexual desire, it is sexual assault. When you are about to go with a new person make it clear what you expect or want beforehand. Avoid alcohol and other drugs, by consuming them it makes it harder for you to stay in control of the situation. Avoid secluded places such as closed parks, schools alleys. If you observe any suspicious activity or people loitering in the neighborhood looking into vehicles call the police right away. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

- Fitness safety tips:

Beware of fitness fraud and vanity gimmicks. There are no known products or services (yet) that can; make you taller, make you younger, or reduce weight by using creams, wraps, belts, vibrators, an sweat baths.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING
Thursday, May 12, 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.

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, May 4, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING
Thursday, May 5, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Delatori

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Garcia

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING
Thursday, May 12, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Officer Newson

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Newson

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray
Sgt. Merlo

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, May 19, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, May 31, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.
Chase Burton Park
SLO Cruz

Wisdom for the month of May

"Lifelong dreams maybe delayed but never crushed."