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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

As the Area Commanding Officer at Southwest Community Police Station, my goal is to ensure that you are able to live in a safe environment and to help provide you with the quality of life that you so deserve. Southwest officers are committed to serving you with relentless dedication, however we need *your* help. That's why I encourage you to become involved. The City of Los Angeles provides numerous opportunities and a wealth of resources to the business owners and residents of this community. As a reminder, the Southwest Senior Lead Officers are available to assist and help you resolve any ongoing problems you may be experiencing. Our combined efforts have and will continue to impact this community with insurmountable results.

I have a clear understanding of the importance of our community partnership and therefore encourage you to become involved in addressing crime, and quality of life issues in Southwest.

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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 Southwest Division.

3SLO1-ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Sanchez reports that during the first four months of this year, this area has had an inconsiderably low number of reported crimes in all categories.

Unfortunately, this month, there was a homicide in the 5400 Block Blackwelder Ave. The victim was riding his bicycle when he was shot. He later died at the hospital as a result of his wounds. If you were present during the shooting and you have any information related to this crime, please call Senior Lead Officer Sanchez at 213 847-5944 or 323 387-9615.

This area also experienced a spike in burglaries. Please remember to lock your windows and doors when you leave your residence for *any* amount of time. Also, just a reminder that if you reside his area and are going to be away from home for an *extended* period(i.e. vacation), please notify SLO Sanchez so that he might be able to arrange for extra patrol while you are away.

Test Your "Street Smarts" IQ: Do you...

- ? Jog or walk by yourself early in the morning or late at night when the streets are quiet and deserted?
- ? Stuff your purse with cash, keys, credit cards, check book - and then leave it wide open on a counter, your desk, the floor?
- ? Put your wallet in a jacket, which you then hang up or throw over a chair?

- ? Let your mind wander - thinking about your job, or all the things you have to do - when walking or driving?
- ? Think it's a waste of time to lock your car when you'll be back in a few minutes?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you should consider making a few changes so that you don't become a victim. Even if you answered "no" and your score was perfect, continue reading. Spend a few minutes now to prevent trouble later.

Basic Street Sense

- ? Wherever you are - on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or train - stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- ? Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.
- ? Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- ? Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Become familiar with the locations of the local police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

On Foot

- ? Stick to well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through, parking lots, or alleys.
- ? Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry or clothing.
- ? Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
- ? Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.

- ? Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you're uneasy about people nearby.
- ? Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.
- ? Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- ? If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant, or lighted house. If you're scared, yell for help.
- ? Have to work late? Make sure there are others in the building, and ask someone - such as a colleague or security guard - to walk you to your car or transit stop.

3SLO19-NORTH UNIVERSITY PARK

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Salazar reports that there has been a slight uptick in robberies on Martin Luther King Blvd., between Normandie Ave and Vermont Ave. Southwest and Metropolitan Divisions will collaborate to form a Robbery Task Force in the near future to help combat this increase. This area has also seen a slight increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicles. Our Bike unit has been aggressively working the area. We will continue to put out crime prevention fliers in the area.

There has been a trend of Grand Theft Auto these past few weeks in the area between Dalton Ave and Budlong Ave, from Exposition Blvd to Martin Luther King Blvd. Southwest will continue to provide extra patrol in this area. If you have any information related to these crimes

We continue to have a problem with the alley north of Martin Luther King Blvd., between Normandie Ave and Budlong Ave. This alley is plagued with illegal dumping and graffiti. We continue to clean up as the problem continues. If you are aware of active illegal dumping we encourage you to call immediately 1-877-ASK-LAPD. If the problem already exists, please call 311, to help keep our community clean.

3SLO31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends/Statistics

In the last newsletter Senior Lead Officer Biondo reported that there had been an increase in both, Grand Theft Auto (GTA), incidents, as well as Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TMV). SLO Biondo is pleased to report that due to hard work and quick response, officers made an outstanding arrest of a BFMV suspect during the week of 03-29-09. Since that time, no BTFMV incidents have been reported within the area previously outlined.

Additionally, during the week of 04-12-09, Southwest Area Auto Detectives made two significant arrests of GTA suspects. Since that time, no GTA incidents have been reported in the areas discussed in the last newsletter. Even though arrests have been made, we all need to remain vigilant as it relates to our property and personal safety. Make sure your vehicles and residences are always locked/secured and important personal items, (electronics; currency) are not left unattended in vehicles. Lastly, be a good neighbor. Look out for each other. If you see suspicious activity either persons or vehicles, gather as much information as you can safely, and report it to police immediately.

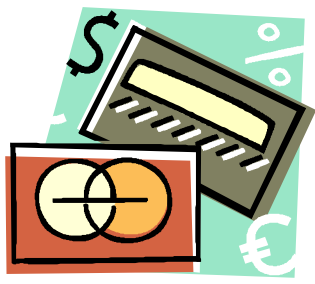
You may have heard about two business robberies that occurred in the area of Adams Bl and Western Av, Specifically 2705 Western and 2619 Western, (the Little Caesars and Pizza Moon restaurants respectively). In both of those

instances the same individual robbed one location, (Pizza Moon) and then a short time later, robbed the second one, (Little Caesars). Suspects are still being sought in these incidents. If you have any information please call Southwest Area Robbery Detectives at (213) 485-2561.

If you see graffiti or bulky items discarded, especially in alleys, contact 3-1-1 for removal. You'll be given a reference number. Keep this number handy as if the request is not completed in a timely manner, you can forward the location and reference number to me and I can follow-up with the appropriate city department.

Identity Theft Awareness

- ? Identity theft is a growing problem and strikes in many forms. It can occur after a wallet or purse has been lost and the items recovered by unscrupulous persons, when a residence is burglarized and sensitive personal information is removed or reviewed, or as recyclers scavenge through trash cans. A few simple precautions may prevent days months or even years of headaches.



- ? Empty your mailbox regularly and promptly. Discard all unwanted mail containing personally sensitive information by shredding it completely, (a cross-cut style shredder is best). This makes it immensely more difficult for criminals to piece together discarded information.

- ? Keep all sensitive and personal information in a safe place. Consider a sturdy strongbox or safe. Make sure it is fire resistant.
- ? If you are concerned about your mail being left unattended at your residence, consider a Post Office Box. Additionally, you can contact your local post office and have them hold all of your mail for pick-up. Immediately report all thefts of mail to the police department and the United States Postal Inspector.
- ? **Never** give out your account numbers or any identifying information on phone calls in which you did not initiate the contact.
- ? Do not preprint checks or other documents with unique identifiers such as your driver's license or social security number.
- ? Each year, contact each of the 3 credit bureaus, (TransUnion, Equifax and Experian), and request a free copy of your credit report from each agency. Review them carefully for any errors or any unauthorized credit opened in your name. Also, review the reports against one another for further inaccuracies
- ? Consider requesting a Fraud Alert from each of the bureaus. This alert requires that whenever credit is opened in your name, identification verification will be required.
- ? To place a fraud alert on your credit file, contact each of the Credit Reporting Bureaus at the following numbers:
 - ? TransUnion-1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

? Experian-1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

? Equifax-1-800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

3SLO41-BALWIN HILLS/VISTA AND VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Kevan Beard reports that crime is down in the Baldwin Hills/Vista and Village Green areas, however there was one reported residential burglary. Several computers, jewelry and cash were taken. Southwest Detectives are diligently working to locate suspects associated with this crime.

SLO Beard continues to notice an ongoing trend of residents leaving their garage doors open during all hours of the day. This is an open invitation for people to enter the garage and take items. Please take the extra few minutes to lock and secure their garage and property to insure that you do not become a victim of a crime.



Good news for the residents of this community. Due to the recent installation of red curbs and no parking signs in areas within the Baldwin Hills there has been a decrease in the number of citizen complaints about people leaving trash and debris in the area when they park their

vehicles. SLO Beard has noticed an increase in parked motor homes and trailers in the area. Although it is not illegal, the owners of these recreational vehicles should be aware that parking vehicles for more than 72 hours can result in a citation as well as the vehicle being impounded.

Neighborhood Watch Events:

? Officer Beard has established several new block clubs in the area and is always looking to start more. If you are interested in starting a new block club or need information about block clubs please contact him at 323-387-9621

? If you have information on crime that is occurring in your neighborhood you can contact the Southwest Division Crime Tip Line at 213-485-7492.

? The LAPD is also accepting anonymous crime tips via cell phone. You can text your information to CRIMES (274637) and begin your message with the letters LAPD

3SLO55-WESTERN CORRIDOR AND JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Olega advised this community experienced an increase in thefts from motor vehicles. Residents are reminded to be on the lookout for criminal activity and secure all vehicles and belongings. Also, do not leave electronic devices and other valuables in plain view.

Are you experiencing problems with the local street vendors? LAPD in conjunction with the Department of Health have continued their

efforts to help eliminate and control illegal street vending. Contact SLO Olega for assistance.

Neighborhood Watch Events

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 holding harmful and irresponsible businesses accountable. For more information call Karume at 323 750-9087 x263.

Great News! Southwest Division is pleased to announce that the Bethune Regional Library is now open. Go and see the new facility at 3900 Western Ave.

City of Los Angeles Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development(GRYD) and the Brotherhood Crusade is held its Community Open House Reception on March 31, 2009, at the EXPO Center, 3980 Menlo Ave, Los Angeles. If you are interested in this program please contact SLO Olega at 213 847-5800.

Crime Tips:

The costs to clean up illegal dumping in the City of Los Angeles exceeded \$11,000,000.00 last year. Do your part to help clean up the city and report illegal dumping. Money spent on cleaning up trash can better utilized for education and community programs.

Report all illegal dumping activity by calling 311. If you observe a illegal dumping in progress, phone 213 928-8223(English) or 213 928-8222(Spanish). City of Los Angeles offers a \$1,000 reward for the identification of suspects

involved in illegal dumping and graffiti. For further information, please visit www.LAPDonline.org and enter illegal Dumping & Graffiti Reward in the search box.

3SLO57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Lets welcome newly appointed Senior Lead Officer, Nichol Garner to Basic Car 3A57. Also, we want to acknowledge SLO Munson for her outstanding service to the Southwest Area and Basic Car 3A57 as she moves on to a position with the Office of the Chief of Police.

During the month of April, we experienced an increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicles (BFMV), in parking structures both on and off campus. In particular, there was a sharp increase in BFMV crimes in the parking structure under the Tuscany Apartments located on Figueroa.

Southwest Division has have obtained photos of a possible suspect from the video cameras, yet that suspect has not yet been identified. In our ongoing effort to combat property crimes, it is imperative that all personal property be secured in your vehicle out of sight. Even the slightest enticement such as change in the cup holder or a GPS bracket left secured to the front window will be enough to cause a suspect looking for an opportunity to break into your vehicle to look for other personal items.

Neighborhood Watch Events

Update! The newly formed USC Student Group, the West University Park Community Council, (WUPCC), will *not* be meeting during the summer break. We look forward to reconvening

in the fall and will announce the date of the next meeting in the future.

Crime Tips

The transient population in and around the USC area remains a safety concern for law enforcement. Understandably, students are generous and want to help seemingly “down and out” individuals. However, we caution you to refrain from direct contact with transients and or homeless individuals. Should you care to participate in homeless outreach, there are safe

and lawful shelters and programs available. Many of the transients we frequently have contact with have extensive criminal records and drug abuse problems. Our objective is to keep you safe, so please use caution. You will find the following tip very helpful. Always lock your apartment or house. Especially when living with multiple roommates, make sure you have a policy of always securing your residence during the day and at night. Many thieves around USC are opportunists and are looking for unlocked doors to walk in and take property.

3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Baldwin Village has experienced some burglaries in apartment buildings near Jim Gilliam Park. If community members observe suspicious activity when individuals enter apartment buildings where they do not reside, please call police. It is important for community members to meet their neighbors and to create a neighborhood watch. Some burglaries that have occurred have been during the middle of the day while homeowners are at work or school. It is also important that the manager or property owner of the apartment building completes a trespass order, so it can be properly filed at the

police station. The trespass order is a tool the police need to arrest people that are trespassing on private property. If you would like additional information on trespass orders, please contact Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323 387-9614.

Community members are still reporting problems with the Crenshaw Cruisers whom are usually active on Saturday nights. Southwest Division has worked in partnership with the California Highway Patrol to address this problem. Together they will continue to work on the cruiser problem and issue traffic citations.

The Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Unit (CLEAR) has done an outstanding job suppressing crime in the area of Baldwin Village. The officers have continued to target locations where narcotics are being sold and gang members are “hanging out”. If community members have any information that will assist the police regarding these problems, please contact Senior Lead Officer Thomsen.

Neighborhood Watch Events

Senior Lead Officer Thomsen encourages young students that have an interest in working in public safety to join the Southwest Explorers. This program gives the youth in the community a chance to learn about leadership and team work. If anyone is interested, please contact Officer Gonzalez or Officer Rock in the Southwest Community Relations Office at 213-847-5800.

Attention Dorsey High School students. SLO Thomsen will continue the Community Clean-Up Task Force. Students that need to make up detention hours towards graduation are encouraged to participate, please contact Senior Lead Officer Thomsen for more information.

Crime Tip

SLO Thomsen's "Tip of the Month": Motorized mini bikes can be dangerous if not operated properly and should not be used on public property. Violators will be cited and may have their property impounded.

Do you have information regarding a crime that occurred in your neighborhood? If so, call the Southwest Division Crime Tip Hotline (213) 485-7492.

Remember, all Baldwin Village community members are encouraged to contact SLO Thomsen to report ongoing crime, including illegal vendors, loitering gangs and narcotic activity.

3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK AND THE CRENSHAW CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

Lets welcome newly appointed Senior Lead Officer Sunny Sasajima to Basic Car 3A73 as SLO Tracy Hauter moves to Basic Car 3A15. As a Safer Cities II Officer, SLO Sasajima is knowledgeable with the crime and quality of life issues in Basic Car 3A73.

Once again Senior Lead Officer Hauter is happy to report the crime in Leimert Park is down and there is very little crime to report in the area. SLO Hauter's focus in this month's newsletter is on a quality of life issue many of you face every day: "Loud Noise." This past month I have received numerous phone calls from citizens reporting that they can't sleep or that they are bothered by the loud noise coming from their neighbor's house.

Crime Tip

Did you know it is a violation of Los Angeles Municipal Codes Section 41.57 to permit or allow any loud or raucous noise upon any private property, street alley or sidewalk, or in any public park or other public place or property. The term "Loud and Raucous Noise" is defined as any sound amplified by electrical, mechanical, or other device such as volume, intensity or carrying power to unreasonably interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons, or to unreasonably annoy, disturb, impair, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of other persons within or upon any location. Everyone deserves a little peace and quiet, so please be cognizant of others when you are leaving early in the morning for work, or throwing a birthday party late at night. If you are in fact experiencing problems with noise around your house, please contact SLO Hauter at (323) 387-9618.

Neighborhood Watch Events

Attention parents of students that attend Crenshaw High School. Twice a month, Senior Lead Officer Hauter meets with Crenshaw High School administration staff. Recently, there has been a problem with students leaving school during school hours. As a result, Los Angeles City Attorney Sharee Sanders and SLO Hauter are giving consideration to a new truancy program at Crenshaw High School, however we need your help too. It is important that you sit down with your kids and stress the importance of them staying in school. Together, we can try to prevent this problem from becoming a major issue.

SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Trends:

Senior Lead Officer Anderson and the patrol officers assigned to the Vermont Square Park area have been working tirelessly to reduce crime and make it a safe environment for everybody.

Southwest officers were flagged down by a male who was from out of town and had just been robbed at Vermont Av/King Bl. The victim gave the vehicle description to the officers who found the vehicle just blocks away and arrested the occupants for robbery. Thanks to good cooperation between citizens and officers, three violent criminals are now off the streets of the Vermont Square area.

Crime is down in our area. However we still experience vehicle thefts during night time hours of early 90's Toyotas and Hondas. As a reminder lock your car, park in a well lit area and don't leave items in plain view. Report any suspicious persons looking into vehicles.

Neighborhood Watch Events

The voices of 90037, neighborhood council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 6:30 pm at Normandie Elementary School.

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.

SUBSTATION-CRENSHAW MALL

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Southern is deployed at the Crenshaw Mall (located at 3650 Martin L. King Blvd). The "Mall" provides twenty five uniformed security officers, who are employed by the

Investigative Protection Company /IPC. IPC, provides constant parking lot patrol, foot beat patrol, and has a state of the art camera system. The LAPD

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY AWARENESS

To reduce the chance of your property being burglarized, consider these preventative measures:



- ? Keep shrubs and trees trimmed. Foliage that provides privacy for your home also allows criminals to attack your property unnoticed and undisturbed.
- ? Each day take the time to double check that all doors and windows are locked/secured before leaving.
- ? Consider an alarm, especially one that is linked with a monitoring service. If you opt to place an alarm in your home, be sure you obtain an alarm permit from the city.
- ? Consider installing more lighting around your property. Purchasing lighting with timers and/or motion sensors will negate the necessity of remembering to turn on/off lighting.
- ? Remember to make arrangements to have mail picked up and newspaper service suspended. Uncollected mail/newspapers can be a sign to would-be burglars that a residence is unoccupied.
- ? Network with neighbors. Consider having someone you trust keep an eye on your residence when you are away. Ask them to immediately report any suspicious activity or persons to the police.
- ? Become involved. Start a Block Club.

- ? **Stay Alert!** Be tuned-in to your surroundings; don't be taken by surprise. Be aware and prepared, even in your own neighborhood.
- ? **Stand Tall!** Walk confidently, don't show fear, don't look like a victim.
- ? **Trust Your Instincts!** If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and get help if necessary.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS*

- ? TURN IN YOUR GUNS, NO QUESTIONS ASKED. On Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10a.m. to 3 p.m., turn in a gun and receive a Visa or Ralph's Gift Card. Participants will be given a \$100 gift card for handguns and a \$200 gift card for assault weapons. **The appointed location for the 2009 Anonymous Gun Buyback Program will be just South of King Blvd, between Marlton Road and Buckingham Road. For additional information call 1-877-LAPD-247.**

Substation (located on the first floor of the mall, next to Sears) is staffed with six uniformed LAPD Officers, who work with IPC, mall management, and community members to provide a safe and enjoyable shopping experience. Should you have any questions, SLO Southern may be contacted at (213)847-1276.

Crime Tip

The three general rules to promote Senior Crime Prevention are:

- ? 1st Annual University Little League Opening Day Ceremony was Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 10:00am. However, they are still accepting applications. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Olega or Raul Claros at (310)844-5591.
- ? The newly formed USC Student Group, the West University Park Community Council, (WUPCC), will be holding its regularly scheduled meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the DPS office at 6:00 p.m.

For additional information contact Senior Lead Officer Munson. ***Note-WUPCC will not be meeting during the summer break. We look forward to reconvening in the fall.*

month at 6:00 pm. For boundaries of these block clubs please call Senior Lead Officer Salazar 323-387-9617.

? Attention all Audubon Middle School parents! Audubon recently held Boot Camp orientation on April 18, 2009. This Boot Camp is *free* of charge and runs for eight weeks, every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. This is a very successful program for troubled youths that attend Audubon. For further information on this program, please contact Officer E. Rocha @ 213/485-2582.

? 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) meets the first Monday of every month at the Child Guidance Center, 3787 S. Vermont Avenue. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2009, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Allen-Stallworth, CPAB coordinator @ 213/847-5800.

? 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 Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Estrella Block Club meets the third Wednesday of every

? Calling all shoppers! Shop at the Crenshaw Mall and help your child's school raise funds now through the month of May 2009. Help your child's school earn money towards after school programs, computers, books, supplies, musical instruments and other items that help provide an even better education! Simply patronize the merchants of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza. Take our receipts to Customer Service, where the school of your choice will be credited with one point for every dollar spent in the mall. During the month of June 2009, three schools with the highest number of accumulated points will receive cash donations totaling five thousand dollars. Contact Senior Lead Officer Southern for further information on this event.

? Senior Lead Officer Thomsen would like to see more community members participate in the following two neighborhood watch programs that meet at Jim Gilliam Park, 4000 S. La Brea Ave:

**Baldwin Village Community in Action meets every month on the third Wednesday at 6PM.*

**Jim Gilliam Park Seniors (Senior Citizens) meets every month on the third Wednesday at 1PM.*

**The Crenshaw Manor Neighborhood Watch Program meets every month on the first Wednesday at 6PM at 3939 Marlton Drive.*

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

attending any event.