

Southwest



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

As the new Area Commanding Officer at Southwest Community Police Station, I would like to express my sincere pleasure to become part of the team at an area known for rich tradition and pride with the officers and community alike. I am looking forward to becoming an integral part of our “community partnership” to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for all members of the Southwest Area Community.

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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

Southwest Division experienced an increase in Burglaries and Robberies along the Adams Boulevard Corridor. Please remember to lock your doors and windows when you leave for work. If you reside in this area and are going to be away from home for an extended period, please notify Senior Lead Officer Sanchez so that he might be able to arrange for extra patrol while you are away. **(3A1)**

There has also been an increase in Grand Theft Autos in the area north of Adams Boulevard, between Hoover Street and Figueroa.

Southwest Division has also noticed an increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicles in the area west of the USC campus. Southwest Bike detail has been aggressively working to decrease crime in this area. **(3A19)**



Within the past two (2) months, there has been an increase in residential burglaries in the areas bounded by Crenshaw Boulevard, Farmdale Avenue, Coliseum Street and Exposition Boulevard. Officer Biondo and the officers assigned to that particular area have increased patrol. Additionally, an enforcement sweep was recently completed in that area. Since that time, the reported incidents of residential burglaries have dropped dramatically. **(3A31)**

Within the last 6 weeks, numerous businesses along the Crenshaw Corridor, (specifically Crenshaw Boulevard between Jefferson

Boulevard and the 10 Fwy) have been victims of take-over style robberies. The suspects, all male blacks, (5'09-5'11, approximately 175 lbs), typically wear ski masks and/or hooded sweatshirts, then enter a business armed with handguns. The suspects then demand access to the safe or to high dollar items. To date, no patrons or employees have been injured in any of these crimes. If you see the suspects or have any additional information, you may contact Detective Evans, Southwest Robbery Detectives at (213) 485-2561. **(3A31)**

Recently, several citizens have complained about individuals who rummage through the city trash bins in order to remove recyclables. Some of these individuals leave trash and other discarded items on the street, making a mess of the neighborhood. This nuisance can be avoided by placing your trash bins curbside as close to your scheduled day and time of pickup. As many of these individuals recycle in the early morning hours, placing your bins out closer to pick up time will reduce the window of time the bins are left unattended and also prevent individuals from removing recyclable materials. **(3A31)**

If you see graffiti or bulky items discarded, especially in alleys, contact 3-1-1 for removal. You will be given a reference number. Keep this number handy and if the request is not completed in a timely manner, you can forward the location and reference number to Officer Biondo and he will follow-up with the appropriate city department. **(3A31)**

The Baldwin Hills/Baldwin Vista/Village Green communities have not had any recent incidents of *residential* burglaries which can be attributed to residents taking the time to lock their homes and looking out for each other's homes when neighbors are away. **(3A41)**

Officer Beard has noticed a 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 your garage and property to insure that you do not become a victim of a crime. **(3A41)**



The communities of Baldwin Hills and Village Green have had recent incidents of Burglaries from Motor Vehicles. The common thread of all these *vehicle* burglaries is that all the vehicles were left unlocked and exposed valuables left inside. Please take the time to lock and secure your vehicle and remove any valuables items from sight. **(3A41)**

Officer Beard has been working with the Department of Transportation to address some of the parking issues that are taking place in Baldwin Hills. The Department of Transportation has recently installed red curbs and no parking signs to help reduce the number of people who come into the hills to enjoy the view and leave their trash and debris when they leave. If you have any areas that you feel need

attention, feel free to contact Officer Beard. **(3A41)**

Jefferson Park and the Western Corridor has experienced an increase in gang related shootings. Community members are encouraged to report gang activity and gang locations in their neighborhood to the Southwest Gang Enforcement Unit @ (323)290-2384. If community members observe gang members involved in illegal activity or gathering in large groups they should call 911. **(3A57)**

During the month of February, we have seen an increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicles (BFMV), on Vermont Av between Jefferson Bl and Exposition Bl. We have also seen a rise in BFMV on 28th St, (The Row). Suspects are gaining entry into vehicles parked on public streets or open parking lots by smashing windows and taking small objects such as CDs, cash, small electronics and GPS systems. **(3A57)**

During the last week of February, a significant arrest was made by LAPD in partnership with USC/DPS of a BFMV suspect on Vermont at 36th St at approximately 8:00 in the evening. Witnesses observed a man inside a parked vehicle on the east side of Vermont parked next to USC. They said the man was rummaging through the vehicle and they could see that the back window had been smashed. Believing the individual was trying to steal the car, the witnesses contacted USC/DPS. When officers arrived, they located the male, (suspect), crouched behind a different vehicle further north on Vermont. When officers made eye contact with him, the suspect pretended to be fixing his bicycle. The suspect was detained. A further investigation revealed the suspect was in

possession of CDs removed from the first vehicle, screw drivers used to pry open and break car windows, he was on parole for narcotics abuse, and was positively identified by the witnesses. Without the assistance of the witnesses and the quick response by USC/DPS, this suspect may have eluded capture. **(3A57)**

Due to the shootings in the area of the Baldwin Village, the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Unit (CLEAR) has conducted numerous probation and parole compliance searches with California State Parole and the Los Angeles County Probation Department on Black P Stone gang members. The CLEAR officers have continued to use the injunction and have arrested numerous Black P Stone gang members for injunction violations. If you have any information regarding the shootings, please contact the Gang Enforcement Detail at 323/290-2384. **(3A63)**

The Los Angeles Clean and Green Corp Conservation Group have assisted in picking up the litter in the area of Baldwin Village. The Los Angeles Sanitation has also assisted in picking up the bulky trash items. Senior Lead Officer Thomsen made an arrest of an individual that was illegally dumping bulky trash items at the corner of Santo Tomas Drive and Nicolet Avenue. Community members are encouraged to contact the police when they observe any individuals illegally dumping trash in the area. Also, if the individuals are arrested and are found guilty of illegally dumping trash, the person reporting the crime has an opportunity of being rewarded \$1000.00 **(3A63)**

The Southwest Narcotic Enforcement Detail (NED) has also served warrants at problem

locations, which have resulted in numerous arrests. NED should be commended on outstanding narcotics arrest of a gang member. Narcotics, money, and handguns were seized. If you have any information regarding narcotics being sold in the area, please call NED at 323/290-2975. **(3A63)**

Southwest Division is happy to report that crime is down in Leimert Park. During the month of February, a series of burglaries were occurring in the residential community north of Martin Luther King Boulevard between Van Ness and Crenshaw. Southwest Burglary Detectives, Crime Suppression Detail, and Senior Lead Officer Hauter spent several weeks patrolling the area. Due to their efforts, burglaries have significantly decreased. If you have any information regarding crime in this area, please contact Senior Lead Officer Hauter. **(3A73)**

Also during the month of February, LAPD, Sheriffs, and California Highway Patrol(CHP) formed a joint task force along the Crenshaw Corridor. These agencies focused on our cruising problem, and street racing along Crenshaw Boulevard. The task force was extremely successful and a "Special Thank You" to our partners at the Sheriff's Department and CHP for their participation. **(3A73)**

Are you wondering why you have seen so many California Highway Patrol Officers along Crenshaw Boulevard and in Leimert Park? Well, Southwest is happy to announce the LAPD partnership with the California Highway Patrol. These fine officers will be conducting crime suppression in the Leimert Park area for the next two years. It is very exciting to see two

agencies working together to fight crime in Leimert Park. **(3A73)**

Officers assigned to the Vermont Square Park area have been working tirelessly to reduce crime and make it a safe environment for everybody. Although crime is down, we have experienced a recent rise in vehicle thefts during the evening hours. Remember to park your vehicles in areas where there is sufficient lighting. Do not leave any valuables in plain view of your vehicle. Lock and secure your vehicle and remember late 80's and early 90's Toyotas and Hondas are a favorite of car thieves in our area. **(3A99)**

VEHICLE AWARENESS

DO

- ? **Always lock your car.**
- ? **Keep your windows rolled up.**
- ? **Record the serial number of your stereo and engrave your drivers license number on it.**
- ? **Lock items in the trunk.**
- ? **Park in a well lit area.**

DON'T

- ? **Leave items in plain view.**
- ? **Leave remote garage door**

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.**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS

- ? 1st Annual University Little League Opening Day Ceremony. Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 10:00am. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Olega.

- ? The newly formed USC Student Group, the West University Park Community Council(WUPCC), will be holding a town hall meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm on the USC Campus. For additional information contact Senior Lead Officer Munson.

- ? On March 3, 2009 at 7:00pm, Senior Lead Officer Thomsen will hold a Spanish language community meeting @ Jim Gilliam Park, 4000 S. LaBrea Avenue.

- ? Senior Lead Officer Thomsen will have a Community Service Clean-Up Task Force in Baldwin Village on March 21, 2009, time TBA. The Clean and Green Conservation Corp Group along with Dorsey High School students will be picking up the litter in the area.

- ? Attention all Audubon Middle School parents! Audubon's next boot camp orientation will be held 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.

- ? The Voices of 90037 Neighborhood Council will hold their next meeting on March 11, 2009, at 6:30pm at Normandie Elementary School, 4505 S. Raymond Avenue. Should you have any questions, please contact Senior Lead Officer Anderson .

- ? On Saturday, March 28, 2009 , 10:00 am-2:00pm, City Dental Association will be giving children *free* dental care evaluations, on the second level, near Walmart. For further information, contact Senior Lead Officer Southern at the Crenshaw Mall Substation at 213/847-1276.

- ? Are your kids struggling to complete their homework 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. 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 6:00pm

The Wisconsin Street Block Club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm

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

If you would like to attend or need additional information regarding any of these Block Club meetings, please contact Senior Lead Officer Salazar.

***All dates and times are subject to change. Please call your Senior Lead Officer for verification prior to attending.**