



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

This month, residents throughout the City of Los Angeles will celebrate Halloween. Southwest Division is committed to provide the highest level of service to the residents of this community, and also meet the special challenges of this day. Children, along with their parents, are expected to be out in record numbers as they venture through the area neighborhoods "trick-or-treating" and enjoying local festivities. As such, Southwest Division cordially invites you to an "Open House Halloween Celebration" on October 31, 2009, 11am-6pm. This event will take place at Southwest Community Police Station, located at 1546 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard. Members of this community are encouraged to come out and tour this facility and meet the Command Staff, Detectives, Officers and Administrative staff that so proudly serve you. This year, Southwest Division is also planning to provide a safe Haunted House as an alternative to traditional activities. There will be plenty of helpful information, tricks, treats and fun for all! We hope that you will provide us with the opportunity to personally meet you, however should you decide to do something different, we urge you to be careful and enjoy a Happy Halloween.

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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

In the first 9 months of the year, Senior Lead Officer Sanchez is pleased to report that the Adams Boulevard neighborhood has experienced considerably low statistics in all crime categories. Additionally, there were no reported crime clusters (5 or more crimes in one reporting district).

Crime Tip-Halloween Safety

Halloween with the LAPD

Halloween has been celebrated on October 31st in the United States since the early 1800's and is traditionally a family-oriented holiday when children get to dress up and enjoy candy and other treats. In order to assist the Los Angeles community in enjoying this fun-filled holiday as safely as possible, the Los Angeles Police Department has compiled the following Halloween safety tips for children and their parents

1. Children should trick-or-treat during daylight hours.
2. Children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.
3. Children should never eat any treats until they have been examined.
4. All fruit should be cut and closely examined before eating.
5. Advise children that they should never enter strangers' homes.
6. Never invite children into your home.
7. Children should never accept rides from strangers.
8. Children should never take shortcuts through backyards or alleys.
9. Set a specific time limit for your children to be out on Halloween night.
10. Give wrapped homemade treats only to children you know.
11. Instruct children not to stray from their group.
12. A responsible adult should escort children while trick-or-treating.
13. Adult escorts should carry flashlights.
14. Don't leave your home unattended on Halloween night.
15. Keep pets inside your home, or other safe place on Halloween night.
16. Children should walk, not run, during their trick-or-treat activities.
17. Parents should know what route their children will be taking.
18. All costumes should be made of light-colored, fireproof material.
19. Children should wear proper fitting, comfortable costumes and shoes.
20. Props such as toy guns or swords should be made of pliable material.
21. Realistic replica firearms should never be used.
22. Masks should not be worn if they impair vision.
23. Wigs should be fireproof and should not restrict vision.
24. Children should always use sidewalks, not the street, for walking.
25. Children should look

3SLO15- WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

The month of September has been very busy for criminals in the West Adams Area. Unfortunately, there was a homicide that occurred on September 14, 2009, in the 3100 block of S. Normandie Avenue. Suspects fired multiple shots at the victim from a 4 door sedan. The victim succumbed to his injuries at scene. If anyone has any information about this incident please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter at (323) 387-9617.

Also, during the week of September 13, 2009, a residence was burglarized on the 1500 block of 23rd St. There was a second burglary at the 1600 block of 23rd St. during the same week. On September 18, 2009, Officer Barrera and Vasquez conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a stop sign violation. During the traffic stop the officers noticed that the individuals inside the vehicle were in possession of stolen televisions, and additional stolen property. Southwest Burglary Detectives discovered that these individuals were responsible for the burglaries in the area and they were arrested for their crime.



On September 2, 2009 Officer Hauter partnered up with Sanitation and removed trash and debris from your neighborhoods and alleys. She responded to the following areas:

Adams Blvd/Normandie Ave., 27th St./LaSalle Ave., Hobart Blvd./Adams Blvd., 24th St./Raymond Ave., 27th St. and Kenwood Ave., 25th St./Congress St., Budlong St./Adams Blvd., 22nd St./Congress St., 27th St./Dalton Ave. If you observe any debris problems or if you have seen anyone spray painting in your

neighborhood, Officer Hauter wants to hear about it.

3SLO31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

Residential burglaries within the Jefferson Park area always a major concern. Currently, burglaries are trending downward. This decrease is due to the hard work of Officers assigned to Southwest Area.

Two such individuals, Officer Chavez and Officer Wong along with numerous other Southwest personnel, apprehended a residential burglar as he exited a residence on the 3500 block of Norton Av on 09/09/09. As a result of their quick action and superb follow-up, burglaries have remained relatively flat in this area.

On 09-24-09 at approximately 4:05 pm a shooting occurred in the 4300 block of Montclair Street. For unknown reasons the suspects, an unknown number of males in a beige or brown vehicle drove by the location and fired two shots at the victim. The victim sustained two gunshot wounds to his legs. The suspects fled the location and are still at-large. Anyone having any information on this incident should immediately contact Southwest Community Police Station at (213) 485-2582

Recently, I have been receiving numerous complaints regarding prostitution activity along Jefferson Bl from LaBrea Av to Western Av and along Western Av between Jefferson Bl and 27th St. The activity typically occurs 7 days a week from early morning through late evening and is especially problematic at Jefferson Bl/Field Av, Jefferson Bl/Farmdale Av, Jefferson Bl/Wellington Rd. and Jefferson Bl/12th-9th Av.

Upon becoming aware of this activity citizens should, (only if it is safe), obtain as much information about all individuals and vehicles involved. Important information to record would be

the gender and build of persons involved as well as the race and age and clothing. Many of the prostitutes do not work alone but rather are controlled by a pimp who is often parked in a vehicle nearby. If you observe any vehicles record the make, model, vehicle type, color and license plate number.

If the situation rises to the level of an emergency, immediately call 9-1-1 and relay all of the information you have recorded. If the situation is not life-threatening, contact the below listed department resources:

LAPD non-emergency number:
(1-877-ASK LAPD)

Southwest Area Vice Unit: (213) 485-2593

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.

[Crime Tip-Gang Awareness](#)

The first and most important step is to become aware of gangs, gang members, and their activities. Individuals armed with this basic knowledge are better able to avoid becoming victims of a gang attack.

Prevention is the key to controlling gang activity. Gangs attempt to instill fear. They intimidate rivals and citizens alike. The gang's power grows through the use of fear and intimidation. They can be countered by citizen action groups such as the Neighborhood Watch. A neighborhood that is united and dedicated in a spirit of cooperation toward

stopping crime and violence will greatly hamper gang efforts to flourish. Everyone has the responsibility to overcome apathy and fear. We must work toward a solution to the gang problem. Parents and educators who suspect gang activity should:

Talk to the child or teenager and discuss the consequences of being in a gang.

Talk to school officials and counselors inquiring if they are aware of campus problems and if there are any school programs that might help.

Contact government agencies such as your local law enforcement agency or juvenile authority. They may have a crime prevention or gang specialist who can give you valuable guidance. The Los Angeles Police Department has a number of programs which may be of assistance to families dealing with gang affiliated youths

Seek advice from religious leaders. They may know of programs that help neighborhood children stay out of gangs

Report and immediately remove any graffiti in your neighborhood or local school grounds. The longer it remains, the more it attracts gang members

Take action – this is the most important step you can take as an individual, a group or an organization. Do not ignore the signs of gang activity.

When gang related incidents occur, cooperate with authorities. Your help and cooperation may prevent others from becoming victims of gang violence. NON-EMERGENCY information concerning gang crimes, wanted suspects, or any gang activity should be referred to their local police stations. **For EMERGENCIES only, call 9-1-1.**

Contact your local law enforcement agency for up-to-date information. The Los Angeles Police Department has a number of highly trained gang prevention and enforcement specialists that can help your family or neighborhood fight gang activity. Its crime prevention or gang specialists can help your neighborhood plan ways to fight gang activity. They can help you organize:

A Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood.

A graffiti abatement or clean-up program

An intervention program for a young person at risk or involved in gang activity

Other alternatives to gang involvement include locations where organized and supervised programs are offered. The following suggestions may provide a starting point for concerned parents:

Recreation and Parks Department

Youth Gang Service

3SLO41-BALWIN HILLS/VISTA AND VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

Overall crime throughout Southwest Division is down 13% and residential burglaries are down 12%. While these numbers are great, it is still necessary to remain vigilant in regards to the safety of our community.

Recently the Baldwin Hills has experienced an increase in Residential Burglaries. The common thread between many of these incidents is that many of the residents were left unsecured. Even the smallest opening of a window will give someone access to your property.

SLO Beard also reports that the Baldwin Hills community is still experiencing a large number of house parties which continue to disturb the residents of this area. There are several residences that have been identified as locations where party goers are being charged to attend. SLO Beard is requesting that these particular locations be reported to him in order to identify and address this issue.

Crime Tip-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 and 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 if you are out of town. 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. If your block does not have one, start a Block Club. If it does, join.

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, JEFFERSON PARK

Basic car area 3A55 has experienced an increase in graffiti. Operation Clean Sweep (OCS) operates a graffiti hotline, 800 / 611-CITY (or 800 / 611-2489), through which residents may report graffiti. Work orders are referred to community-based graffiti removal programs contracted through OCS.

These agencies supervise community volunteers, as well as juveniles and adults who have received community service time from the courts.

Work is performed using paint, chemical solvents or sandblasting, depending on the type of surface.

All services are free of charge.

To report Graffiti within the City of Los Angeles, please follow these steps:

Note the details of the graffiti, including the street, the cross street, the surface, and the color.

Report the graffiti online by clicking on the On-line Graffiti Removal Request Form link below, or call the graffiti hotline at:

800 / 611- 2489

[3SLO57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE](#)

[Crime Trends](#)

Southwest Officers that are assigned to the USC Q-Unit have been working very hard to reduce crime and provide a safe environment for the community. During the month of September crime has decreased, but burglary from motor vehicle crimes is still prevalent. Please make sure that you are locking your vehicles and keeping valuables out of sight. This will deter criminals from breaking into your vehicle. Additionally, this area has received numerous "Loud Party" complaints. Senior Lead Officer Garner is working with the property management companies to reduce these incidents.

[Crime Tip-Crime Awareness](#)

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, and checkbook 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 need to change a few habits. Even if you answered "no" and made a perfect score, read on. 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 subway 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. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

[3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK AND THE CRENSHAW CORRIDOR](#)

[Crime Trends](#)

On the evening of 9/22/09, the Get-It-N-Go restaurant, located in the 4300 block of Crenshaw Blvd was robbed, in a take-over style robbery.

While nobody was seriously injured, the suspects eluded capture. Southwest Robbery detectives are actively investigating the case. If anyone has any information about this incident, please contact Senior Lead officer Sasajima at 323-387-9618.

Daytime residential burglaries have continued to occur, though not nearly in the numbers we saw in the early summer months. Senior Lead Officer Sasajima continues to encourage residents to ensure all windows and doors are secured, when leaving home, and to establish communication with neighbors to report any suspicious activity or persons.

[Crime Tips-Firearm Awareness](#)

Weapons in the Home

When we talk about violence, we can't ignore weapons. Nine out of ten murders involve a weapon - eight of ten involve a firearm. Most robberies involve the use of a weapon, most frequently a handgun.

One in seven teens has reported carrying a weapon - like a bat, club, gun, or knife - at some time to protect himself. Weapons can make violence more deadly and less personal. A gun in the home increases the likelihood of homicide three times and the likelihood of suicide five times.

Reduce the risk

Think long and hard about having weapons, especially firearms, in your home. Studies show that a firearm in the home is more than forty times as likely to hurt or kill a family member as to stop a crime.

Look at other ways to protect yourself and your home. Invest in top-grade locks, jamming devices for doors and windows, a dog, or an alarm system. Start or join a Neighborhood Watch. Check with the police, the YMCA/YWCA, or the recreation department about a self-defense class.

If you do choose to own firearms - handguns, rifles, or shotguns - make sure they are safely stored. That means unloaded, trigger-locked, and in a locked gun case or pistol box, with ammunition separately locked. Store keys out of reach of children, away from weapons and ammunition. Check frequently to make sure this storage remains secure.

For More Information:

[Center to Prevent Handgun Violence](#)

1225 Eye Street, NW, Room 1100
Washington, DC 20005
202-289-7319

[National School Safety Center](#)

141 Duesenberg Drive, Ste 11
Westlake Village, CA 91362
805-373-9977

[3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE](#)

[Crime Trends:](#)

In the past few weeks, the Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle problem that the Vermont Square area had been experiencing in the past has decreased. The combination of flyers being handed out at block club and neighborhood council meetings as well as being placed on cars in the neighborhood has helped in getting the word out. Also, the hard work done by officers from both Office of Operations and Southwest Divisions had an impact on the number of Burglary /Theft from Motor Vehicle problem as well.

On 09/22/09 Southwest officers made an arrest of (2) known Street Villain gang members for a street robbery that occurred at King Bl/Walton Av. The victim was a man who was in the neighborhood to apply for a job. The suspects took the victim's money and threatened him. The suspects were taken into custody shortly after the incident and booked for robbery.

Crime Tip

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.

CRENSHAW BALDWIN HILLS PLAZA

The Crenshaw Mall (located at 3650 Martin L. King Blvd) is provided security by twenty five uniformed security officers; who are employed by the **Investigative Protection Company/IPC**. IPC, provides constant parking lot vehicular patrol, foot beat patrol, and has a state of the art camera system. The LAPD 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 the community of the location to provide a safe and enjoyable shopping experience.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS*

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 Garner. ****Note-WUPCC will not be meeting during the summer break. We look forward to reconvening in the fall.**

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, November 2, 2009, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sgt. Michael Goosby at 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 month at 6:00 pm. For boundaries of these block clubs please call Senior Lead Officer Salazar 323-387-9617.

Senior Lead Officer Thomsen would like to see more community members participate in the following 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.*

On Oct 8th and Oct the 22nd starting at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm there will be live performing high school bands, on the first floor of the mall, in front of Sears. Contact Senior Lead Officer Southern for further details.

From Oct 15th, to Oct 19th, Circus Vargas will be on mall property; located between Wells Fargo Bank and Sears. Come to the white and red tent for tickets. Contact Senior Lead Officer Southern for further details.

The annual arrival of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza Pumpkin Patch will also take place on the first floor of the mall, in front of Sears. Contact Senior Lead Officer Southern for further details.

The Voices of 90037, neighborhood council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 6:30 pm at Normandie Elementary School and the Central Area neighborhood council meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2009, 6:30 pm at 6050 S. Western Avenue. For further information, contact Senior Lead Officer Anderson.

After a nice summer break, Baldwin Village Community In Action (BVCIA) along with Baldwin Village Seniors will resume meeting in the month of September. The meetings will be held at Jim Gilliam Park, the third Wednesday of every month. The Baldwin Village Seniors meet at 1:00 pm and BVCIA meets at 6PM.

Also, Crenshaw Manor Neighborhood Watch meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6PM. For additional information, contact Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

Do you like fresh produce? Well First A.M.E Church has just started a Farmer's Market located at Western Ave and Adams Blvd. It is held every Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. They have a beautiful selection of fresh produce!

Officer Hauter will be starting the new, "Businesses of West Adams Corridor." The first meeting will be meeting on October 1, 2009 at 1662 West Adams Blvd. at 11:00 am. This is a watch created for businesses along Adams Blvd. from Vermont Ave. to Western Ave. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to come together and work with the community, police, and other resources. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

On Friday October 23rd, Nike will be hosting The Nike + Human Race 10k. See www.nike.com for additional registration information.

On Saturday October 31st Southwest Community Police Station will be hosting an open house between the Hours of 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. The open house will also feature a haunted house operating between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

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