



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

The City of Los Angeles is experiencing some difficult times due to unforeseen budget cuts. Although, we may face financial challenges, it is during these times when families, co-workers, business leaders, Clergy, schools, communities, and law enforcement, should continue to unite as "ONE" and make a collaborative effort to "Protect and Serve" our great community.

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.

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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

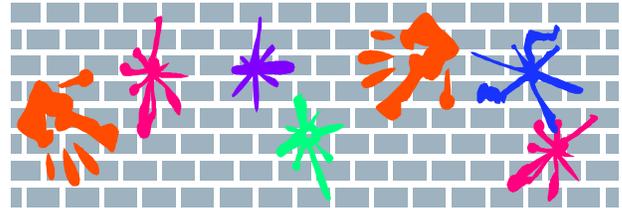
In the first 8 months of the year, this area experienced considerably low crime in all crime categories. Additionally, there were no reported crime clusters (5 or more crimes in one reporting district or area). Unfortunately, the Adams Boulevard community did experience burglaries on Rodeo Road between La Brea and Clyde Avenue. There were also burglaries reported on Cochran Avenue between Blackwelder and Hauser. Please remember to lock your windows and doors when you leave for work in the morning. If you are going to be on vacation for a lengthy time, please notify Senior Lead Officer Sanchez so he could provide extra patrol for you while you are on vacation.

Crime Tip-Graffiti Awareness

Graffiti is often the first sign that gangs are taking over a neighborhood. Gangs use graffiti as their street "telegraph," sending messages about turf and advertising their exploits. Graffiti identifies territorial boundaries, lists members, and communicates with rival gangs. The gang says "This place belongs to us."

A community's first step in taking back its streets from gangs is getting rid of graffiti immediately. This power struggle can't be won overnight, but persistent communities working in partnership with law enforcement almost always emerge as victors. Once the graffiti is gone, use landscape designs (such as prickly

shrubs or closely planted hedges), building materials (such as hard-to-mark surfaces), lighting, or fences to discourage vandalism.



You Can Help Prevent Vandalism

- ? Educate the public, especially young people, about the costs of vandalism.
- ? Clean up vandalism as soon as it happens -- replace signs, repair playground equipment, paint over graffiti.
- ? If you see anyone committing vandalism, report it to the police, school authorities, or someone who can take action.
- ? Remember, vandalism is a crime.
- ? Protect your house or apartment from vandalism by using good lighting and locking gates and garages.
- ? Support recreational programs for young people in your community. Volunteer your time, donate money or supplies, and help in any way you can.

Take a Stand!

- ? Tap into the energy and idealism of youth. Involve young people in all vandalism prevention efforts.
- ? Organize a graffiti clean-up project in your neighborhood.
- ? Work with Neighborhood Watch and ask the city or a local business for cleaning supplies and paint.

- ? Work with schools or the arts community to paint murals on areas that are vulnerable to graffiti. Make it a contest for teens.
- ? Adopt a street or park, perhaps in cooperation with a church or business. Plant trees, bushes, and flowers. Repair equipment and install trash containers. Organize a monthly park patrol to clean up litter and keep an eye on things.
- ? Ask police or a city agency to start a hotline for reporting vandalism.
- ? Have a community meeting on vandalism to discuss its victims, costs, and solutions.

3SLO15- WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Crime is still down in the West Adams area, however there have been numerous concerns coming from the residents of this area. There have been gang members loitering, drinking, and smoking narcotics in Benny Potter Park. Southwest Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Unit (CLEAR) Officers Felipe Rodriguez and Kenneth Sanchez are aggressively working to address this problem. During the month of August, Officers Rodriguez and Sanchez arrested five gang members from the Black P-Stones gang. As a result of these arrests, the number of incidents at the park has diminished drastically.

Also during the month of August, Senior Lead Officer Hauter has been working aggressively to address the graffiti problem in the area of 22nd Street and La Salle Avenue. This area has been infested with graffiti that reads: "SBHK." Most of you may be wondering what, "SBHK" stands

for. "SBHK" is an acronym for "Sick Blooded Hispanic Krew." This is a newly identified "tagging" crew that has been vandalizing various properties within the community. Officer Hauter is closely monitoring their activity and has cited six of their crew members for graffiti tools, and markers. If you see this acronym on your property or in your neighborhood, please contact Officer Hauter.

Officer Hauter would like to thank everyone for their participation in National Night Out. It was great to see everyone come out together. Special thanks to Marco Flores from ANNA (West Adams Area) for also hosting a National Night Out event at his beautiful home.

Officer Hauter would also like to thank everyone from the Budlong, Juliet, and Catalina Block Club (BJC). BJC hosted a wonderful resource fair on August 8th, 2009. It was a great success. Thank you for all the hard work!

Officer Hauter is still looking for community members to join the 22nd St. Block Club. If you live in the area and are interested please contact her at 323/387-9617.

3SLO31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

While burglaries overall are down dramatically from 2008, this area continues to experience burglary activity. The majority of the residential burglaries occurred during late morning through early afternoon. Officers have increased the frequency of patrols in those areas where the aforementioned incidents have been occurring. Even though a significant number of arrests have been made (up 7.0 % from the same period last year), we still need your help. 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.



On August 22, 2009, at approximately 10:00 pm, a shooting occurred in the area of 29th-Rimpau Boulevard. For unknown reasons, the victim was shot and unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. The suspect fled the location and is still at-large. Anyone having any information on this incident should immediately contact Southwest Community Police Station at (213) 485-2582.

Recently, Senior Lead Officer Biondo has received numerous complaints regarding both chronically loud private parties, (usually taking place at a private residence) and underground “after hour” pay parties, (usually involving rented commercial space). Citizens may utilize some or all of the following resources to obtain additional information or to report illegal party activity.

Call the LAPD non-emergency number (1-877-ASK LAPD) to report the incident; or

The Southwest Area Vice Unit (213) 485-2593; or

The Department of Building and Safety
888-524-2845 or 888-LA4BUILD; or

The Noise Enforcement Team(NET). NET is a Department unit comprised of specially trained officers deployed Citywide to aggressively enforce the Los Angeles Noise Ordinance. These officers utilize specialized equipment to monitor noise complaints where the situation is ongoing, aggravated, or where voluntary compliance cannot be achieved. All calls to NET should be made during normal business hours at 213-847-3398.

Crime Tip-Real Estate Fraud

Real estate schemes, scams, and fraud all constitute a form of theft which criminals use to steal your home or real property. Adhering to the principle that a person’s home is their castle, this is possibly the most devastating form of victimization. The Los Angeles Police Department will investigate complaints of real estate fraud and the Los Angeles County District Attorney will prosecute these offenders to the fullest extent of the law.

Con artists may use several methods to swindle you in a real estate fraud scheme. Foreclosure bailout, home equity fraud, home renovation scams, rental fraud, and deceptive timeshare scams, are just a few types of real estate fraud which may be performed.



Effects of Fraud

The crime of fraud is a personal violation. Although there is no serious physical injury, many victims of con artists suffer emotional harm by losing the following:

1. Financial security
2. Family home
3. Business
4. Inheritance
5. Retirement savings or children's educational funds
6. Professional or personal credibility

Conclusion

Victims of fraud come from a variety of racial, religious, socioeconomic, educational backgrounds, age, and gender. Some swindlers deliberately seek out families that may have limited means or financial difficulties, figuring such persons may be particularly receptive to a proposal that offers fast and large profits. Your first step as a victim should be to report the incident to your local police department.

Agencies that may be able to assist you are:

Los Angeles Police Department
Financial Crimes Division
Real Estate Fraud Unit
150 N. Los Angeles Street
Room #302
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-847-2749

Los Angeles County District Attorney
Bureau of Investigation
Real Estate Fraud Unit
201 N. Figueroa Street, 16th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-580-3200

California Department of Real Estate
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 350
Los Angeles, CA 90013
213-620-2072

California Association of Realtors
525 S. Virgil Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020
213-739-8200

Los Angeles County Bar Association
P.O. Box 55020
Los Angeles, CA 90055
213-243-1525

Department of Corporations
Financial Services Division
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 750
Los Angeles, CA 90013
213-576-7500

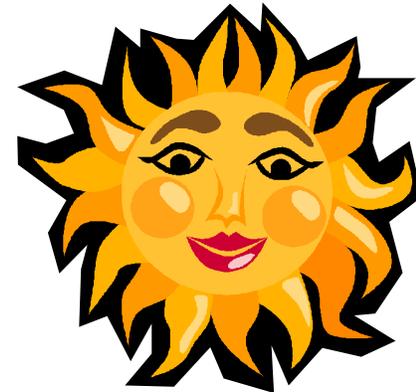
If you need additional information, please contact any of the above mentioned agencies. You may also report instances of real estate fraud that occur in the City of Los Angeles to the Los Angeles Police Department by calling the Los Angeles Police Department toll free at **1-877-LAWFULL** (1-877-529-3855).

3SLO41-BALWIN HILLS/VISTA AND VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

The Village Green community experienced an attempted sexual assault that took place during the day. This crime is still under investigation. One significant element to consider is that during the commission of this crime, the resident left their sliding patio door unsecured, allowing the suspect access to their home. Senior Lead Officer(SLO) Beard recommends that even if you are present in your residence, you should keep your doors and windows locked.

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.



GENERAL HEAT WAVE EMERGENCY TIPS

Dress for the heat: Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or use an umbrella. Also, it takes 4 to 7 days to get used to unusual heat. If you know you'll be exposed to hot temperatures, spend more time each day in the heat for about a week before beginning your task.

Drink water. Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Keep your drinking water cool by keeping it in the refrigerator. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body.

Eat small meals and eat more often: Avoid foods high in protein, which increase metabolic heat.

Salt tablets: Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m. Stay indoors when possible.

Shower: Take a shower twice a day, once in the morning and once during the heat of the day.

As always, please consult with a qualified physician to determine what is best for you!

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.

3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Southwest officers assigned to the Baldwin Village area have been working hard to reduce crime and provide a safe and peaceful environment. The Baldwin Village area has had problems with burglary from motor vehicles. The streets that are being targeted are: Hillcrest Drive between Santo Tomas Drive and Santa Rosalia Drive. Also, Ursula Ave, Gibraltar Ave,

and Stevely. It is important to lock and secure your vehicles at all times. Also, do not leave valuable items inside your vehicles.

Also, Gloria Home residents have reported burglaries that are occurring during day time hours. Make sure that windows and doors are secured before leaving your residence. Please report any suspicious activity.

The LAPD Safer Cities Unit along with the California Highway Patrol have continued to work Crenshaw Boulevard. They have done a phenomenal job reducing the cruiser problem.

Crime Tip-Crime Awareness

The Los Angeles Police Department has noted an increase in vehicle burglaries within the area of Baldwin Village. We are asking that you assist us in our efforts to abate this type of crime by alerting your family members and neighbors of the following:

An increase in vehicle burglaries is occurring in this area.

*Suspect(s) are forcefully entering vehicles to primarily steal expensive items **left in plain view**.*

Suspects often work in pairs or small groups.

Suspects often loiter in the area on foot or drive repeatedly in the same area while passing up available parking spaces.

What can you do?

Conceal valuable items (phone, purse, briefcase, laptop computer, personal electronic devices, etc.) from view.

Record the license plate number or description of a suspicious vehicle /person.

Call the Police Department and report any suspicious activity.

The Southwest Police Officers will be conducting the following activities, at various times in this area:

Increased patrol checks.

Covert surveillance operations.

Soliciting support from local neighborhood watch groups.

Thank you for your support and vigilance. Additional safety and crime related information is available at the Southwest Police Station. Any further questions, please contact Southwest Auto Detectives, Detective Allen at (213) 485-6777 or for information about neighborhood watch call Southwest Community Relations at (213) 847-5800.

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

On the evening of 8/19/09, an argument at MLK-Crenshaw led to a stabbing and cutting of two victims. One victim was transported to a local hospital, while the other was treated by paramedics at scene. Officers responding to the scene canvassed the area and detained a suspect, who was later arrested and booked for Attempt Murder.

Also, there has been a noticeable increase in vehicle thefts in the area bordered by Martin Luther King Boulevard, Van Ness, Vernon and Sutro. This crime usually occurs during the late evening through the early morning hours. Residents are reminded to ensure vehicles are secured and maintain vigilance in their respective neighborhoods.

Crime Tips for Kids-Back to School

Work out a safe route to school with your parents. Choose the quickest way with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards. Stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around.

Whenever possible, walk to and from school with a friend, neighbor, brother, or sister. Don't go by yourself.

Be sure you know your home phone number (including area code) and address, the numbers of your parents at work and of another trusted adult, and how to use 911 for emergencies.

Never talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your parents don't know well and trust.

If you ride a bike or skate to school, wear a helmet. And don't forget to lock up your bike with a sturdy lock wherever you leave it.

If you're home alone, check in with a parent or neighbor as soon as you walk in the door.

Let parents and friends know if you stay late after school. Get permission first, if you want to play with a friend instead of going home.

If you see anyone doing something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right--- a stranger hanging around the school playground, a bigger kid bullying younger children, vandalism, or graffiti---tell your parents, a teacher, or another trusted adult.

3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Trends:

In the Vermont Square Park area there has been an increase in Burglaries from Motor Vehicles(BFMV). These crimes have been occurring during evening hours, until approximately 2:00 am., in the area of the Manual Arts High and as far east as the 110 freeway. Residents are advised there will be an increased police presence during the hours of darkness in the area.



As a reminder, try to park your vehicle in a well lighted area. Do not leave anything of value in plain view inside your vehicle. Ensure you lock and secure your vehicle. Please report any suspicious persons looking into parked vehicles.

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.

Crime Tip-Tourist Crime/Sightseeing Crime Prevention:

Cash: Do not carry large amounts of cash. If you must carry cash, never display large amounts. When possible, carry cash substitutes such as traveler's checks or credit cards. Keep a written record of your traveler's checks and credit card numbers, and keep them in a safe place..

Luggage: Remove old flight tags from your luggage. Old flight tags can cause confusion and misdirect your luggage. Band your luggage as a safeguard against pilferage while in transit. Locked luggage can be easily opened by luggage handlers or professional thieves. Placing a band, strap or tie around luggage, or seal on the zipper, is an effective deterrent against theft. Be sure to provide adequate identification on the outside and inside of your luggage. In the event your luggage is misdirected, proper

identification will ensure prompt recovery and forwarding.

Sightseeing Crime Prevention: Make note of your passport number. If it becomes lost or stolen, knowing your passport number will facilitate getting a new passport. Prior to your day of sightseeing, obtain directions at the hotel for those attractions you intend to visit. Never discuss your sightseeing schedule in the presence of strangers. When possible, travel with another person or group while sightseeing or shopping. During the evening, always travel on well-lighted streets.

Pickpockets: Pickpockets usually work in teams of two or three people. They take their time, stalk their victims, and strike when the victims are most vulnerable. Always be aware of staged distractions. Pickpockets may drop something in front of you, or cause a loud commotion near you, as a distraction. Once you are distracted, the other pickpocket steals your valuables and walks away. If you are jostled, bumped, or crowded by anyone, consider that a pickpocket may be in action. If your pocket is picked, call out immediately for assistance and warn others.

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, September 14, 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.*

This month, the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association will be awarding the "Officer Filbert Cuesta" scholarship to a Baldwin Village community member that attended Dorsey High School. Officer Cuesta was killed in the line of duty on August 9, 1998. (www.lapdonline.org). If you are interested in attending this event, please call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

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 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.

The Voices of 90037, neighborhood council meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 6:30 pm at Normandie Elementary School. The Central Area neighborhood council meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009, 6:30 pm at 6050 S. Western Av. Please contact Senior Lead Officer Anderson for further information at 323/387-9623.

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