



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Every day the Los Angeles Police Department recognizes the importance of the volunteers that are deployed in various assignments at divisions throughout the city. Their assistance enables our employees to perform their jobs in a more efficient and productive manner. At the same time, it's an opportunity for volunteers to experience some of the daily activities and functions within a law enforcement agency. I appreciate every volunteer that freely gives of their time to assist our sworn and civilian staff here at Southwest Division. Their essential support and community service has proven to be invaluable and it has not gone unnoticed.

The Department continues to accept applications for volunteers. I encourage anyone interested in this form of public service to contact our community Relations Office for additional information. It's an experience you will never forget!

In solidarity,

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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 5 months of the year, the Adams Boulevard Neighborhood has experienced considerably low crime. Furthermore, there were no reported crime clusters (5 or more crimes in one specific area). Thanks to every community member and officer whose hard work and support can be attributed to this success. Let's keep up the great work!

Crime Tips-Southwest Jeopardy (A Youth Program)

The Jeopardy Program is a gang prevention/intervention program for boys and girls ages 8 through 17 and their parents. Jeopardy combines the strength of the community, neighborhood schools and the police department to effect positive, lifelong attitudinal changes in the young people so as to have a positive impact on the community.

Jeopardy targets "at risk" children, offering a variety of educational and physical projects, from tutoring to martial arts. The goals of the Jeopardy Program are:

- Decrease truancy
- Improve grades
- Increase graduation rates
- Improve self-esteem
- Decrease the risk of gang involvement
- Improve conflict resolution and other life-affirming skills
- Improve and demonstrate goal-setting skills
- Improve reading and writing

- Decrease violent and other inappropriate behavior

The Jeopardy Program Works by:

1. Identifying the children that need help
2. Notifying their parents and holding a family interview
3. Referring families to local community counseling agencies
4. Holding monthly family seminars
5. Offering alternative activities to be selected by each child
6. Monitoring the children monthly for at least one year

How You Can Become Involved

The Los Angeles Police Department's Jeopardy Program is dedicated to helping children avoid a life of crime and gangs. As a community, we must realize that the continually growing gang problem is not going to disappear on its own. The children of our community need to know that there are alternatives to gangs; places where they can belong, meet new friends, feel safe and develop physically and mentally. These young people need to know that there are concerned adults who will care about them now and in the future. Here are some things that you can do to help:

- Volunteer your time as a tutor, sports coach, fund-raiser or class instructor (computers, crafts, photography, etc.)
- Donate equipment such as tables, chairs, chalkboards, art supplies, books, sports equipment, computers, printers, video games, televisions, pens and pencils, notebooks, paper, board games and puzzles
- Offer a job to a young man or woman involved in the Jeopardy program
- Contribute funding to be used to further the solid and effective work of the Jeopardy Program

For more information about the Jeopardy Program in your neighborhood, call 213 847-5800 and speak with Officer Erwin Rocha.

3SLO15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

The West Adams Avenues have been experiencing multiple car burglaries north of Adams. The Suspect is described as a Male, African American, approximately 25-30 years old, 5'10"-6' tall, approximately 170-180 lbs, known to have pigtail braids, and wear dark clothing. The suspect has been force access into vehicles that are parked in carports and using a rock to break vehicle windows. If you would like additional information regarding this crime, please contact Senior Lead Officer Hauter at 323/387-9617.



Also, earlier this month, the Adams/Normandie Area was experiencing a high volume of street robberies along Adams Boulevard. The Suspects were described as four African American males, driving a dark color sedan vehicle, and robbing victims with a blue steal semi-automatic handgun. Thanks to community members that provided information, Southwest Detectives were able to arrest all four suspects. The Southwest Robbery Detectives were able to confirm that these suspects had also committed three additional robberies in the area.



3SLO31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Biondo advises the most serious and shocking crimes are those involving shootings. While overall violent crime has decreased significantly (and shootings show a sharp -18% drop over last year), there have been several shootings within the last four week period.

The following gang related shootings have occurred in Jefferson Park area during the last four week period:

April 11, 2010 at 2:45am. Somerset and Jefferson. Officers observed 2 suspects, (later identified as documented gang members) chasing a victim. Officers detained the suspects and later discovered they had shot another victim. That victim was located and was booked as he had an unregistered firearm in his possession. The victim is possibly affiliated with an unknown gang.

April 12, 2010, at 4:00 pm. Chesapeake and Exposition. Two males walked east from Rancho Cienega Park. A vehicle approached and fired numerous rounds at the suspect and then fled north on Chesapeake in a vehicle. Neither victim was struck. The suspects did not say anything to the victims before shooting at them. The suspect(s) are still outstanding.



April 15, 2010 at 4:00 pm. 2900 Block of Vineyard. Two students from Dorsey High School were parked in the parking lot at Vineyard Park. A lone suspect fired rounds. Each of the victims was struck once. Each of them suffered a graze wound. The suspect is still outstanding.

All of the above incidents are believed to be gang related. Should you have **any** information regarding

any of these incidents please contact Southwest Detectives at 213/485-6571. All information will be handled in a confidential manner.

Crime Tips-Kids and Gang Prevention

Violent crimes deeply affect any community. However violent crimes involving gang members are especially hurtful as many of the suspects and their victims are high school school age or younger. The following information seeks to provide parents with some of the tools necessary to intercede in their child's life **before** they become targeted by gangs for membership.

Talk with other parents

By communicating with other parents, you can support each other and share knowledge that will help spot problems sooner than you can on your own. If you suspect gang activity in your area, contact the police immediately.



Develop positive alternatives

Find out if there are after-school and/or weekend activities for kids at the local schools. Law enforcement agencies including LAPD have a multitude of intervention and activity based programs for youth of all ages. Encourage responsible older kids to tutor/mentor younger ones. Actively solicit and encourage ideas from kids on how they can avoid gangs.

Work with police and other agencies

Report all suspicious activity; set up a Neighborhood Watch or a community patrol; let the police know about gang graffiti; get (and share) the facts on the

gang problem in your community; find out what local services—non-profit as well as government—will work with communities to help avoid gang problems.

WARNING SIGNS!

Look for warning signs

Such as:

Declining grades

Staying out without good reason

"Hanging" with known or suspected gang members

Carrying weapons

Talk to your kids

Many gang members say they joined because the gang offered them support, excitement, caring, protection and a sense of order and purpose. The better you meet these needs, the less need your children will see for gangs.

Here are some proactive positive steps you can take to prevent your child from becoming involved in gang activity. The best time to talk about gangs is before there's a major problem.

- Talk with and listen to your child. Spend some special time with your children.



-Put a high value on education and help your child do his or her best in school. Do everything possible to prevent dropping out.

-Help your kids identify positive role models and heroes—especially people in your community.

-Involve your children in supervised, positive group activities.

-Praise them for doing well and encourage them to do their very best.

-Know what your children are doing and with whom. Know about their friends and their friends' families.

3SLO41-BALWIN HILLS/VISTA AND VILLAGE GREEN

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer(SLO) Beard reports that year to date, crime is down 8.1% citywide. Violent crime is down 13.3% and Property crime is down 6.7%.

Last month, the Baldwin Hills/Vista and village Green communities reported transients drinking in public and loitering at the bus stop located at La Brea and Rodeo Road. Please contact Officer Beard at 323-387-9621 is you have any further information about this problem



Crime Tips-Pool Safety:

With the summer months fast approaching it is important the all residents be aware of pool safety even if you do not have a pool at your house. Your children may attend a party or function at a house that does have a pool. Some simple pool safety tips are:

- Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool.
- Instruct babysitters about potential hazards to young children in and around swimming pools and the need for constant supervision.



- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision
- Have a telephone at poolside to avoid having to leave children unattended in or near the pool to answer a telephone elsewhere. Keep emergency numbers at the poolside telephone.
- Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).
- Keep rescue equipment by the pool.

3SLO55-JEFFERSON PARK/WESTERN CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Olega has seen an increase in reports for Stolen Vehicles and Burglaries From Motor Vehicles (BFMV). Community members are advised to not leave personal items in plain view like laptops and I-pods.

Also, secure all doors and windows. Keep a close eye on any suspicious activity and if necessary, contact the police.



Crime Tips-Helpful Phone Numbers

Graffiti Removal:

(311)

Abandoned Vehicles:

(800/222-6366)

Bulky Item Trash Pick Up (Illegally Dumped Trash):

(800/773-2489)

Department of Health:

(213/351-5110)

Citywide information:

(311)

- 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

3SLO57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Garner reports that Burglary from Motor Vehicles(BFMV) and Theft from Motor Vehicles(TFMV) have increased in and around the USC area this month. Please be mindful and secure your vehicle. Make sure your valuables are out sight or removed from your car. If you see anyone

suspicious in your neighborhood call DPS. DPS and L.A.P.D. will respond.

Crime Tips- Talking with Kids about Drugs:

Don't put off talking to your children about alcohol and other drugs. As early as fourth grade, kids worry about pressures to try drugs. School programs alone aren't enough. Parents must become involved, but most parents aren't sure how to tell their children about drugs. Open communication is one of the most effective tools you can use in helping your child avoid drug use. Talking freely and really listening show children that they mean a great deal to you.

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3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Thomsen has received numerous complaints from the Baldwin Village community regarding juveniles loitering during school hours at the 7-eleven located at Coliseum Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Please call Officer Thomsen at 323-387-9614 if you have any further information regarding this complaint.



NO TRUANCY!

Crime Tips- Identity Theft:

Identity theft is a crime that occurs when someone deceptively uses another person's personal data or identification typically for the purpose of fraudulent financial or economic gain. Identity theft can also be found in cases of criminal activity - identity thieves will use a false identity to commit crimes.

Shred and destroy unwanted documents that contain personal information.

Bring your mail in daily - don't leave mail in your mailbox.

Immediately report lost or stolen credit cards.

Review and monitor your consumer credit reports regularly.

Do not carry your social insurance card or your birth certificate. Keep these tucked away in a safe place.

Be aware and note when your monthly financial statements arrive in the mail. Notify your financial institutions when they don't arrive when expected.

Watch your financial statements and ensure all charges made are yours.

Keep your ATM and Debit Card receipts, do not leave these behind.

Shred every piece of mail containing personal and financial information.

Never reveal your bank account, credit card, mother's maiden name or social insurance number over the phone (unless dealing with a trusted business or organization). Ask the caller to send information by mail.

Keep a list of all your financial accounts such as account numbers, expiry dates, and customer help telephone numbers. Ensure this list is kept in a safe place & use to contact in case of lost or stolen cards.

When creating passwords or PINs, do not use digits of your social insurance number, mother's maiden

name, your birth date, any part of your name (first, middle, last).

Watch your credit card expiry dates, if you don't receive a replacement card prior to the date - contact the issuer.

Consider making your telephone number unlisted or listed without your address.

Sign all new credit cards immediately to prevent someone else from doing so.

Beware of mail or telephone contacts informing you of prizes and awards - especially if they ask for personal or financial account information.

<http://www.identity-theft-tips.com/identity-theft-reduce-the-risk>



3SLO99-VERMONT SQUARE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Anderson reports an increase in graffiti complaints in the Vermont Square neighborhood. Some of the graffiti is gang related and others are just taggers. Please be on the lookout for anyone tagging in the area, especially during evening hours. You can call it in anonymously, but remember to give a detailed description and the specific location. The City of Los Angeles offers a \$1,000 reward to anyone providing information leading to the conviction of a tagger.



Crime Tips-Anonymous Reporting

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

Crime Tip-Senior Crime Prevention

The three general rules to promote Senior Crime Prevention are:

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, and 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.

FARMERS MARKET AT THE PLAZA!

The plaza proudly welcomes the Crenshaw Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market will be held in the parking area near Stocker and Santa Rosalia every Saturday from 10pm to 3pm. The Crenshaw Farmers Market (formerly the Leimert Park Farmers Market) is one of seven markets sponsored by Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles embodying the commitment to make healthy food available in a wide spectrum of the Los Angeles area.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS



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. If you are interested in attending, please contact Toni Rodgers @ 213/847-5800.

Officer Hauter will be holding another Business Watch Meeting on May 20th, 2010. She will be passing out fliers with information regarding the time and location. For additional information, please call Officer Hauter at 323/387-9617.



The 26th Place Block Club is looking to expand their block club. If you live in the area of 26th Place and Cimarron Street you are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter at 323/387-9617.

Do you live in the community of Harvard Street, between Adams and Jefferson? Senior Lead Officer Hauter is looking to start another block club in that particular area. If you are interested, please email Officer Hauter at 35896@LAPD.LACITY.ORG.

Jim Gilliam Park located at 4000 S. La Brea Ave offers free afterschool activities for children of all ages. If you are interested and would like to find out more information regarding these activities, please contact Denise Stansell (Director) at 323/291-5928.

A new mentoring program will also be offered at Jim Gilliam Park. If you would like to find out more information regarding the new mentoring program, please call Senior Lead Officer Thomsen at 323/387-9614.

If you reside in the area of Cloverdale Avenue, south of Coliseum Street and would like to get involved with a community block club, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard at 323/387-9621.

The solution starts with you. Get involved! The 3800 block of Cloverdale has officially started a block club. There was a rather small turn out at the first meeting. If you live in this area and would like to get more involved please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard for additional information.

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 Tuesday 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 323/387-9616.

Renovations are complete at Martin Luther King Park. Go check out the new baseball field, playground, basketball and tennis courts. Also, Join the new University Little League at Martin Luther King Park. Sign-Up Now! Contact Raul Claros at 310/ 844-5591.

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

The area of Burnside Avenue south of Coliseum is starting a block club. If you live in this area and would like to get more involved in your community, please contact Senior Lead Officer Beard for more information.

The Central Area neighborhood council meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6:30 pm. For additional information, please contact SLO Anderson.

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