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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

This month marks the end to a very warm summer, the beginning of another school year, and the celebration of Labor Day. Traditionally, Labor Day is observed as a holiday to honor working people. This is especially significant as this country continues to face a harsh economy and astonishing unemployment rates. Even so, families continue to persevere, and remain focused on the tasks at hand.

As the Commanding Officer of Southwest Area, it is still my goal is to ensure the safety of our officers and you, the community, so that our shared vision of consistent crime reduction will continue to be realized as we move forward towards the end of the year.

Crime is still down in Southwest Division. Officers have worked hard to make this area a safer place to work and live. Your involvement has also been instrumental because we could not have been successful without your support.

I want you to know that the officers of this division will continue to work day and night to pursue the safe and peaceful communities you deserve, but I also encourage you to stay involved as we continue to build foundations for a better future.

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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

3SLO1-ADAMS BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Sanchez reports that during the first eight months of the year, the Adams Boulevard Neighborhood has had a considerably low number of reported crimes and there were no reported crime clusters (5 or more crimes in any one reporting district). Unfortunately, this area has experienced an increase in Burglary From Motor Vehicles (BFMV), between the hours of 11:00A.M. and 5:P.M. The burglaries are occurring at the Target parking lot and Baldwin Recreation Park. Please remember to lock your car, remove all valuables and park in a well lit area.

Crime Tips- Vehicle Theft Prevention

You can prevent vehicle theft! Most cars are taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. Close all windows — professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings your protection against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions:

Lock up

An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.

Lock the trunk or tailgate.

Be sure vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight.

When you park the car, remove cellular phones, cassette players and other valuable possessions. Do not leave gift-wrapped packages or cameras lying on the seat. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.

Lock your car even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station, convenience store or mini-mall.

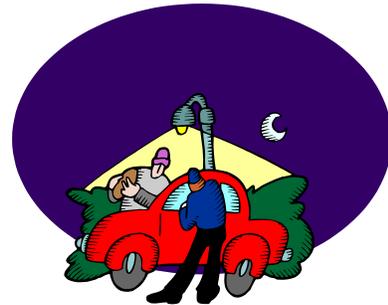
Park carefully

Don't leave an auto in unattended public parking lots for an extended period. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or attended lot.

If possible, park your car in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys.

Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car and your home. If you have to leave your keys with a parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.

At night, park in well-lit areas with lots of people around.



Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

Operation I.D.

With an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "CA") on cassette players and other valuable items.

Record your vehicle identification number (located on a small metal plate on the dashboard of newer cars) and store it in a safe place. Keep the vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, not in your car.

3SLO15-WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Hauter reports that during the week of August 16, 2010, there were two shootings in the area of Crenshaw and Adams Boulevards. The first shooting occurred at 9:20 PM on Adams east of Crenshaw Boulevard. The suspects drove up to the victim and produced a handgun firing several rounds into the victim's vehicle. Southwest Gang Detectives are looking for a 2001-2002, light blue, 4-door, Mitsubishi Galant.

The second shooting occurred at 10:50 PM in the 4300 block of Adams Boulevard. The suspects drove up to the victim and fired several rounds and then drove away. The suspect's vehicle was described as a black, 4-door, Cadillac Escalade Truck, with a silver stripe along the rear quarter panel of the vehicle.

If anyone has information on either of these crimes, please contact Senior Lead Officer Tracy Hauter at (323) 387-9617.



Senior Lead Officer Hauter would like to thank the Budlong, Juliet, and Catalina(BJC) Block Clubs for the amazing resource fair that took place August 14th. There was a great community involvement and Los Angeles City resources such as Neighborhood Councils, Sanitation, Department of Transportation, and USC Department of Public Safety did their part too! BJC did an outstanding job of putting this together and those of you who didn't make it, make sure and put it on your calendar next year.

3SLO31-JEFFERSON PARK

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Biondo reports that during the month of August there were many exciting community events within the Jefferson Park Area. The National Night Out celebration was held on August 3rd followed by the West Boulevard Block Club party on August 14th and the Nosey Eye Block Club party on August 21st. Additionally, on August 14th and 15th Southwest Area and Vineyard Park played host to the Prime Minister of Belize, whom was met with enthusiastic crowds, a sponsored breakfast and a Town hall meeting at the park. It was an outstanding display of community involvement. Good job Jefferson Park!

Crime Tips-Elder Abuse

Elder Abuse is a growing problem in the United States. According to the best available estimates, between 1 and 2 million Americans age 65 or older have been injured, exploited, or otherwise

mistreated by someone on whom they depended for care or protection.

"Elder physical abuse" is defined as a situation where any person who has the care or custody of, or who stands in a position of trust with an elder, willfully inflicts upon that elder any cruel or inhuman corporal punishment or injury. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, direct beatings, sexual assault, unreasonable physical constraint, or prolonged deprivation of food or water.



Abuse of an Elder Adult

Every person who, under circumstances and conditions likely to produce great bodily harm or death, willfully and unlawfully inflicts on an elder

adult of 65 years of age or older, with knowledge that said person was an elder adult of 65 years of age or older, unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering, is guilty of a violation of Section 368(a) of the Penal Code (PC), a felony.

"Great bodily harm" refers to significant or substantial bodily injury or damage; it does not refer to trivial or insignificant injury or moderate harm. Actual bodily harm is not a necessary element of the crime. If such bodily harm is inflicted, its nature and extent are to be considered in connection with all the evidence in determining whether the means used and the manner in which it was used were such that they were likely to produce great bodily harm.

Reporting Elder Abuse

Any elder or dependent adult care custodian, health practitioner, or employee of a county adult protective services agency or a local law enforcement agency is a **mandated** reporter.

Any person who is not a mandated reporter under WIC Section 15630, who knows, or reasonably suspects, that an elder or a dependent adult has been the victim of abuse, may report that abuse to a long-term care ombudsman program or local law enforcement agency when the abuse is alleged to have occurred in a long-term care facility. **Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15631(A).**



Any person who is not a mandated reporter under WIC Section 15630, who knows, or reasonably suspects, that an elder or a dependent adult has been the victim of abuse in any place other than a long-term care facility may report the abuse to the county Adult Protective Services (APS) agency or local law enforcement agency. **Welfare and Institution Code Section 15631(B).**

3SLO55-JEFFERSON PARK/WESTERN CORRIDOR

Crime Trends

The Jefferson Park and Western Corridor has experienced an increase in burglaries that occur during the daylight hours. Senior Lead officer Olega reports a trend of very young juveniles that have been reported to be prowling around residential properties in these areas during the day. Residents are encouraged to maintain good relationships with their neighbors and report any suspicious activity to 911.

Crime Tips-Burglary and Theft Prevention

You can help us to reduce crimes and protect your valuable property by employing the following tips regularly:

Lock doors and windows every time you go out.

Lock your windows at during the day and at night.

Don't leave cash and jewelry in plain sight. Lock up your valuables. Consider purchasing a safe that can't be moved easily.

Make use of a safe deposit box if you don't have a safe.



Close pet doors whenever possible.

Trim bushes and trees so that your house and front door are visible from the street

Leave lights on at night. Buy timers for your lights and set them in a random pattern.

Keep a radio or TV on during the day

Install motion lights around your property

Vary your times of arrival and departure whenever possible.

Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business or store.

Always roll up the windows and lock your car even in hot weather.

Invest in alarm systems and anti-theft vehicle devices.



Never leave your keys in the ignition, not even in a locked garage. Beware of Hide-a- key boxes.

Personal identification documents, credit cards or vehicle ownership title should not be in your car.

Park your cars in well lit areas.

Keep a copy of your license plate and vehicle identification 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)**

[3SLO57-UNIVERSITY VILLAGE](#)

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer Garner reports an increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicles (BFMV) in the University Village area during the month of August. As a result, LAPD units and USC police have increased pedestrian stops in this area. Residents are advised to lock your car doors and do not leave valuables in plain sight. If you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call the police.

Crime Tips-Drug Abuse and Children

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.

What do you say?

Tell them that you love them and you want them to be healthy and happy.

Say you do not find alcohol and other illegal drugs acceptable.

Many parents never state this simple principle. Explain how this use hurts people. Physical harm - for example, AIDS, slowed growth, impaired coordination, accidents.

Discuss the legal issues. A conviction for a drug offense can lead to time in prison or cost someone a job, driver's license, or college loan.

Talk about positive, drug-free alternatives, and how you can explore them together. Some ideas include sports, reading, movies, bike rides, hikes, camping, cooking, games, and concerts. Involve your kids' friends.



How do you say it?

Calmly and openly - don't exaggerate. The facts speak for themselves.

Face to face - exchange information and try to understand each other's point of view. Be an active listener and let your child talk about fears and concerns. Don't interrupt and don't preach.

3SLO63-BALDWIN VILLAGE

Crime Trends

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Thomsen reports that the Baldwin Village Area has experienced robberies near the area of Coliseum Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard. If you are a victim of a robbery, it is important to contact police. The good news is that the Baldwin Village Footbeat Officers arrested 4 robbery suspects that were involved in one incident near the above mentioned location. Southwest Division is working to combat this problem, however it is important that the community remain involved. If you have any information that may lead to an arrest, please contact Senior Lead Officer Thomsen 323-387-9614. Keep in mind that all information given to police is kept confidential.

Also, last month SLO Thomsen reported Burglaries From Motor Vehicles that were occurring near Hillcrest Elementary School. Good News! Southwest morning watch patrol officers made an arrest of a suspect near the 4600 block of Coliseum Street. This arrest would have not been possible without the help of the community. Thank you to all the community members that called police and helped with the apprehension of this burglary suspect. Job well done!

Crime Tips-Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween 2010 is right around the corner! Parents please remember to talk to your children and help them understand the importance of being safe while trick or treating. Senior Lead Officer Thomsen has provided some safety tips. Please share these tips with your children.

Set Clear Rules

As parents it's important to set clear rules and expectations for your children on Halloween night. Set a clear curfew. Agree on a trick-or-treating route so you will know where your children are at all times.

Tricks

Halloween seems to be the one time of year that good kids think its okay to do bad things. Talk to your children about the consequences of vandalism, graffiti, theft, or destruction of property. Smashing pumpkins, stealing candy from smaller children,

egging houses/cars, and other destructive acts may seem harmless to inexperienced kids, but they could have far-reaching consequences, emotionally for the victims and legally for the perpetrators. Keep your children out of trouble by clearly letting them know about the consequences of their actions.

Costumes

It's fun to dress up on Halloween, but some costumes can present safety hazards if they are overly cumbersome, awkward, or restrict a child's vision. These costumes can present a tripping hazard or prevent children from seeing well enough to avoid dangerous objects in the dark. No child wants to sprain an ankle on Halloween and go home early without collecting all the candy booty they can. As well, make sure that any props (fake knives, swords, sticks, etc.) the children carry are soft or pliable enough to not cause injury if they are fallen upon.



Safety

Because so many children and families will be out in the dark on Halloween night, basic safety tips are even more important. Make sure younger children are always accompanied by an adult or teenaged sibling with a flashlight. Look both ways before you cross the street. Wear reflective clothing or carry a glow stick to alert drivers to your presence.

Overall, it's simply important to make sure that you and your children exercise good judgment and follow basic safe guidelines, so you can all have a good time.

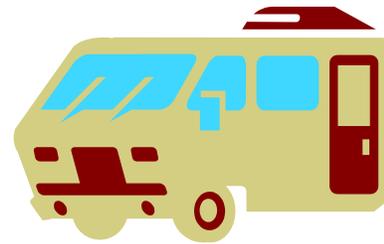
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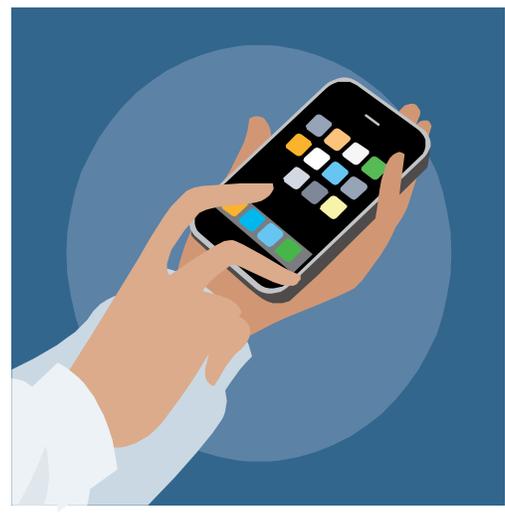
Senior Lead Officer Sasajima is happy to report that during the month of August, there was a noticeable

decrease in property crimes in the Leimert Park and Crenshaw Corridor communities. Unfortunately, there were still a couple reported incidents of vehicles thefts and residential burglaries. To date, there does not appear to be a pattern regarding these incidents.

Also, residents have reported various individuals sleeping in vehicles and motor homes throughout the Leimert Park community. Los Angeles Municipal Code prohibits persons from sleeping in motor vehicles upon city streets. If there appears to be any such persons in your neighborhood, please contact SLO Sasajima with the vehicle description and times the vehicle/person has been observed.



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 PLAZA

Crime Trends

There have been several petty thefts at the Wal-Mart and Sears stores. Partnerships with the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Plaza, Wal-Mart/Sears store security and the LAPD resulted in several arrests and bookings of these suspects.

Police Officer Rogers has been made aware of several thefts occurring in the mall. Victims are purchasing items from one store and then continue to shop in other stores. Suspects are watching the victims and waiting for them to leave their shopping carts unattended. Once the victim's walk away from their shopping carts, the suspects are removing previously purchased items from the cart. Always be aware of your surroundings and keep an eye on your personal property. Southwest Foot Beat units will continue to walk patrol around the inside court yard of the mall as well as the parking lots and surrounding areas.

Crime Tips-Burglary from Motor Vehicle

Mall parking lots continue to be a problem in regards to vehicles getting broken into. Not all occurrences can be stopped, but here are a few tips that can help to minimize this problem.

Always lock your doors and completed roll up ALL windows

Be aware of your surroundings, such as people loitering or even looking into parked cars

Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight

Always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas, when possible

Install a car alarm

Notify the police if you see anyone or anything suspicious

Remember, there is no guarantee that your car will not be broken into, but taking precautionary measures can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of burglary from Motor Vehicle.

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) usually 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.

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.



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.

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.

Southwest Station is planning to host a carnival on Halloween weekend. Please bring your friends and family to this great event. The carnival will be located in front of the Southwest Police Station. Hope to see you all there!!



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