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Ten Year Anniversary of September 11, 2001

On this the ten-year anniversary of 9-11, the morning and events of 9-11 will come to mind as we think of the thousands who lost their lives that morning. And with that, the terrorist's attacks of 9-11 created a new world of police work, counter-terrorism. The responsibility of counter-terrorism is now every officers responsibility and mission. In addition to the law enforcement community, the community as a whole is responsible to be vigilant, cognizant and courageous to report suspected terrorist activities. In the past decade, terrorist activities and terrorist cells have been identified and brought to justice by information received from the community. You and your fellow community members can report behaviors that make you feel uncomfortable or do not look right (suspicious behaviors). A simple observation, a single report, can lead to actions that may stop a terrorist attack.

What Activities Should I Report?

Here are examples of behaviors and activities to report:

- People drawing and measuring important buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security or building.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or packages left unattended.
- Cars or trucks left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings.
- Intruders in secure areas where they are not supposed to be.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.

- Questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP travel schedules without a right of need to know.
- Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

To report any suspected activity you can call *iWatch* at 1.877.A.THREAT (1.877.284.7328) or via email at www.iWATCH.org.

iWATCH, iREPORT, I KEEP US SAFE



To the families of 9-11, those who have served their country in the past decade and to those that gave their lives serving the country, your sacrifices are in the hearts and minds of all us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Grateful Hearts

Please join us at the 7th Annual **LAFD** & **LAPD** food faire & fundraiser, Grateful Hearts : Thursday **October 6, 2011, from 11:30 – 2:00** on Oxnard Street between Owensmouth Avenue and AMC Place. There will be lots of great food and live music!

Town Hall Meeting

This year's Town Hall Meeting is October 13, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the West Valley Christian Church, 22450 Sherman Way, West Hills. This is the one time a year that all your Community Relations Office, Senior Lead Officers and Command Staff come together to discuss the concerns of the community. Please place this on your calendars!

Topanga Area Memorial Golf Tournament

We are excited to announce that Topanga is having its Inaugural "Topanga Area Memorial Golf Tournament" at the Woodland Hills Country Club on October 17, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Local radio personality from KFI Tim Conway Jr. is the celebrity guest. This golf tournament is in memory of fallen LAPD Officer & United States Marine Reserve Staff Sergeant Joshua Cullins. For those interested in signing up for the golf tournament, please check out our website at www.lapdtopangapolice.com. We hope to see you there.

SENIOR LEAD OFFICER NEWS

News from SLO Dennis Cunningham (A1):

With school back in session it is a good time to remind your children to be cautious of people they do not know. Here are some tips from the Center for Abducted Children:

*Travel with a friend, or better yet, a group of friends when riding your bike, walking to or from school, or other destinations.

*If a stranger offers you a ride somewhere, say NO, and run away! Adults should define "stranger" and give safety tip examples to help youth, especially young ones, know what you mean.

*If someone follows you on foot, get away as quickly as you can. Go to someone's house you know, or run to other people, or just run away!



*If someone is following you in a car, turn around and go in the OPPOSITE direction or take a path where a car would not go.

*Never leave school or any other extracurricular activity or event with someone who makes you feel uncomfortable. Moms or dads should tell their youngster that it is okay in these circumstances to not ride home, but that also means adults should have an established communications method along with these safety tip guidelines so that the child does not end up stranded or alone.

*If a stranger tells you that there is an emergency or that a family member is hurt or that a pet has been in an accident, always check with your mom or dad or other trusted adults. This is a common trick used by many molesters or kidnappers.

News from SLO Alex Padron (A5):

Hello Folks! There are so many outstanding arrests made by your officers that I did not want to overlook any of them. So, let's go back to August 29 at 9:00 p.m. when Officers Azodi and Moore received a radio call of a male threatening suicide and armed with a shotgun in the 7300 block of Jordan Avenue. When the officers arrived, they spoke to a roommate who advised she heard the male state, "It's time..it's time." The roommate walked over to his bedroom and saw he was loading his shotgun. She immediately called 911. The subject was depressed over money issues. Azodi and Moore developed a plan to make telephonic contact with the distraught male from a position of cover so as not to endanger themselves. When they called the subject out, he stepped outside and was detained for a mental hold without incident. Later, during a protective sweep of the suspect's room, they observed an illegal assault rifle (an AK-47) which is banned in California, was recovered by officers. They are commended for their dedication and attention to detail in that they removed an extremely dangerous weapon off the streets.

News from SLO Brent Rygh (A73):

Traffic Enforcement:

"That cop was a jerk, he gave me a ticket!"

Summer vacation is over for kids and school is back in session. This time of year our office gets an overwhelming number of complaints about traffic violations, particularly around schools. Nearly every school in the valley has some sort of traffic problem, often caused by people coming and going from the

school. As parents try to work in a new routine dropping kids off at school in the hectic morning trip to work, tempers flare and people make some poor choices about how they drive.

We are stepping up our enforcement around schools to impact this problem early in the school year. Traffic enforcement that occurs near a school will almost certainly result in tickets. The safety of our youth is paramount and aggressive driving will simply not be tolerated. This holds especially true for drivers with kids in the car. Not only is the child at risk, but they are also learning driving skills that they will emulate in a few years as they begin to drive themselves.

I ask the parents, teachers, school administrators, and residents surrounding our schools to please take note of the people that repeatedly violate our traffic laws in front of school. Get the location and the vehicle license plate information where these violations are occurring and either call Valley Traffic Division at (818) 644-8000, or send this information to your Senior Lead Officer so we can put a stop to it. No one likes to get cited for a traffic violation, but we would rather issue a citation versus investigate a traffic accident where a child is hurt.

News from SLO Sean Dinse (A97):

On September 11, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., I was woken-up by my wife who told me that a plane just crashed into the World Trade Center. She turned on the television and the news reported that American Airline Flight No. 11 hit the North Tower at 8:46 a.m. The first thing that came to my mind was what a tragic accident.

Minutes later, I couldn't believe what I saw; I watched as United Airline Flight #175 crashed into the South Tower. At this moment, I knew that this was no accident and that we had just been attacked. I later learned that American Airline Flight #77 hit the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight #93 plowed into a Pennsylvania field after the passengers stormed the cockpit.

This day changed my life and the lives of every American. As part of that change we have created systems to assist with preventing this from ever happening again. As we can see worldwide, terrorism continues to reign terror in other countries. We as Americans must stay alert and be ready to report

suspicious activity. It is everyone's responsibility to report suspicious activity whether terrorist related or not. We must never allow what happened on September 11th to happen again. Remember, what you see or hear might be the piece of the puzzle that unravels another terrorist attack in America.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS NEWS

I'm Officer Melissa Olsen and I am in charge of the Topanga Area Jeopardy Program. Jeopardy is a program of the Los Angeles Police Department which focuses on at-risk juveniles between the ages of 9-17. The program runs after school Monday - Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For more information about Jeopardy, please call me at (818) 756-3185 or email me at or 30734@lapd.lacity.org.

The Cadet Program is a youth volunteer service program for young men and women ages 14 to 20½ years. This program provides participants with discipline, critical thinking and teamwork exercises, opportunities for leadership, and physical fitness training. The Topanga Cadets continues to accept applications for the program. Topanga Cadets hold weekly meetings every Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Topanga Police Station. If you are interested in applying, visit us at our Tuesday meeting at 5:30 pm. There you can obtain an application and observe a meeting. Contact Youth Services Officer Archambault at (818) 756-3182 for more information. You can also visit www.LAPDCadets.com.

The Deputy Auxiliary Police (DAP) program is similar to the Cadet program, but it for younger children, ages 9 through 13 years. At the age of 14 they are encouraged to join the Cadet Program. The DAP program allows children to participate in activities that instill a sense of community pride, self-discipline and leadership ability in an overall positive environment. This program is supervised by Police Officers. The children accepted into the DAP program must be doing well in school, have no record of serious arrests or convictions, maintain good moral character and demonstrate a willingness to serve the community. DAP Officers and members meet every Wednesday from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Topanga Community Police Station.

THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
DEPARTMENT TOPANGA COMMUNITY
POLICE STATION PRESENTS THE
INAUGURAL

TOPANGA AREA POLICE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

IN MEMORY OF FALLEN LAPD
OFFICER & UNITED STATES
MARINE RESERVE STAFF
SERGEANT JOSHUA CULLINS

WITH SPECIAL GUEST KFI RADIO
HOST TIM CONWAY JR.

WOODLAND HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
21150 DUMETZ ROAD, WOODLAND HILLS

OCTOBER 17, 2011

CHECK-IN 8:30 AM | SHOTGUN START 10:00
AM | AWARD DINNER 4:00 PM

\$165.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART PARTICIPATION
GIFT, DINNER, 1 ENTRY FOR THE DRAWING
CONTEST 1 ENTRY FOR THE PUTTING CONTEST &
HOLE IN ONE CONTEST AWARDS PRESENTATION
FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE TEAMS

MULLIGAN PACKAGES & ADDITIONAL TICKETS FOR
DRAWING CONTEST AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON DAY
OF EVENT

*** SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ***

PLATINUM - \$2,500 (TOURNAMENT SPONSOR)

- Sponsor name on banner and all publications
 - Tee sign on 5 holes
 - One foursome for Golf (Awards dinner included)
 - Optional "Adopt an Officer" to golf with your team
- GOLD - \$1000

Sponsor name on banner and all publications

- Tee sign on 3 holes
- One foursome for Golf (Awards dinner included)
- Optional "Adopt an Officer" to golf with your team

SILVER - \$500

Tee sign on 2 holes

- 1 entry in the golf tournament (Award dinner included)

BRONZE - \$250

- One Tee Sign
- Two tickets to the Awards Dinner

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the "Officer Joshua Cullins Memorial" at
Topanga Station, as well as a portion will be donated to Josh's High School,
Royal High, in Simi Valley, CA. The remaining proceeds will benefit the
Topanga Area Station Fund.

**Douglas
Emmett**



are proud to present...



"GRATEFUL HEARTS" SEVENTH ANNUAL LAFD & LAPD FOOD FAIRE & FUNDRAISER

**Thursday, October 6, 2011
11:30 - 2:00**

**Oxnard Street between
Owensmouth and AMC Place**

LIVE MUSIC

HELLERHIGHWATER AND

SAMPLE FABULOUS FOOD FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS

- Dunk Tank
- Fire Trucks
- Police Command Vehicles
- Mother of all Barbecues

**Funds raised directly benefit LAFD Battalion 17 and LAPD
Topanga Police Station.**