

Captain's Message

Seniors currently comprise 4.5 percent of the population of California. Seniors are enjoying longer, healthier lives, and by the year 2020, 16 percent of California's population will be 60 years of age or older. Seniors often worry about crime. The truth is, seniors are victims of crime less often than younger people, but the effect of crime on seniors is often more severe. *Additionally, seniors are faced daily with the problems of elder abuse, fraud and crimes in convalescent homes.*

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, 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.

These rules will help you develop a "**crime prevention**" attitude. Also, the following are some specific crime prevention tips that may apply in your lives. These crime prevention tips are meant to protect you, your possessions and your income.

AT HOME

- Never open the door to strangers; always insist on proper identification.
- If someone comes to your door with an emergency (for example, a traffic accident or an injury), **DON'T LET HIM OR HER IN!** Call 9-1-1 for them!

SECURE YOUR HOME

- Use deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Always keep your doors locked. Have a peephole in the door so you can see a caller without opening it.
- Don't rely on security chains; a determined assailant can easily break them.
- Protect windows and other points of entry with good locks or other security devices (such as a length of wooden doweling placed in a track to prevent a window or sliding glass door from opening). Mark and record your personal property.
- When you go out, make your home sound and appear occupied by using an automatic

timer to turn on interior lights and a radio. Keep the outside premises well lit at night.

- Do not leave your key under the mat or in a flowerpot. Use outdoor lighting, shrubbery and fencing to help secure your home.
- Consider electronic surveillance systems, alarm systems and/or a dog to enhance your home security. Consult with your Area Senior Lead Officer for personalized home security tips.

If you believe you have been swindled, call the police, your State or local Consumer Affairs Office, the District Attorney's Office, or your State Attorney General. Con artists count on the reluctance of their victims to acknowledge they have been tricked. Don't delay, report them right away. If you never report the incident, con artists will cheat again and again.

PROTECT YOUR INCOME

- Be sure the person who handles your money can be trusted;
- Take the greatest care when signing any loan contracts;
- Understand completely what you are getting into; and
- If you are not totally confident in the transaction, **DON'T SIGN ANYTHING!** Wait and talk it over with someone you trust.

FRAUD AND CON-GAMES

If you are offered a deal that sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Most people think they could not be tricked, fooled or conned into handing over money for fraudulent deals. But it happens often. Con artists are experts in human psychology and behavior.

They know how to gain your confidence with smooth talk and a self-assured manner. High-pressure sales are another ploy used by con artists. You can't recognize a con artist by the way someone looks or dresses, but you can be on the alert for con artists and consumer frauds.

Telemarketing is a common method of stealing from senior citizens. Telephone fraud con artists spend a lot of time "polishing" their lines for enticing seniors to buy. Here are some tips that can alert you to Telemarketing scams:

- You must act now!
- You've won a "free" gift or vacation.
- Pay only postage and handling.
- You must send money, give a credit card number, a bank account number or have a check picked up by a carrier before you have a chance to carefully consider the offer.

- You don't need to research their company with anyone, including a lawyer, accountant, Better Business Bureau or other consumer protection agency.
- You don't need written information about their company or references.
- You can't afford to miss this "high profit, no risk" offer.

REMEMBER! The most successful con games are old schemes with new twists. There are many schemes and variations to the same scheme. If you hear these or similar lines, investigate further.

ELDER ABUSE

Elder abuse crosses all social, economic and ethnic lines. Any elderly person can become a victim. It is important to become aware of the possibility of elder abuse and recognize signs that might suggest its occurrence. Knowing what to look for and who to contact, if you suspect abuse, will help in correcting the situation. This awareness will enable you to help yourself, friends or family members who may be in trouble.

Fortunately, not all older persons experience this type of treatment. Nevertheless, elder abuse is a frightening and real issue. By being alert to situations that could lead to abuse of an elderly person, you may be able to prevent a serious injury or save a life.

- Look for any unusual unexplained bumps, bruises or cuts;
- Look for unusual changes in behavior;
- If you don't hear from elderly friends for several days stop by and check on them;
- Be alert of salesmen at elderly friends' homes. If elderly friends tell you about someone inappropriately spending their money, report it to the police; and
- Notice if elderly friends' homes are unusually unkempt or filthy; notice if they begin to look malnourished; or if they are not receiving proper medication. If necessary, notify the proper authority.

If elder abuse is suspected, contact the following entity:

- Elder Abuse Hotline for Los Angeles County: 800-992-1660

Community Relations Information

Community Relations Office (323) 342-4140
Senior Lead Office (323) 342-4130

Lock It, Hide It, Keep It,

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) launched a new campaign aimed at informing the public of burglary and theft from motor vehicles (BTFV and BFMV), and providing a few simple steps to keep from becoming victims of these crimes.

Taking a few extra seconds to properly store your belongings can help to eliminate this crime. There is no good reason to be the victim of a BTFV or BFMV. The average cost of a BTFV to each victim is roughly \$1885.00.

Video taken during actual Bait Car Sting Operations can be viewed on the Department's website at www.lapdonline.org. The video is evidence that objects left in plain sight, in unlocked vehicles, are a crime of opportunity for many criminals.

The message is simple:

- **Lock It:** Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended and take your valuables with you.
- **Hide It:** Hide your valuables in your trunk, under the seats, in the glove box, or other compartments within the vehicle. Ideally, take your property with you.
- **Keep It:** Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.

Loud Parties

While peaceful family parties are part of our Southern California lifestyle, some parties are unlawful and even dangerous. In the past, young party-goers have been killed at residential parties that had been advertised by flyers at local high schools. Gang members enter the party and problems often can be fatal.

Potential party planners should be aware that it is illegal to charge admission for any party, to furnish alcohol to minors, to disturb the peace, or to produce amplified music audible beyond 150 feet from the property line. They also need to remember that they are responsible for the nature of their party and the conduct of their party-goers.

You can contact the Hollenbeck Area police to report loud parties at (323) 342-4100 or call 877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273). As always, if there is an emergency, please call 911.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is defined as abuse committed against a spouse, co-habitant, former co-habitant, or a person with whom the victim has had a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship. Domestic violence may begin with angry words, a shove or a slap. It may escalate into a pattern of assaults and controlling behavior including physical, sexual and psychological attacks against the victim, children, property and/or pets.

Research has shown that this pattern of control and abuse increases in frequency and severity over time. Studies have shown that arrest, jail, probation and Restraining Orders deter many abusers from physically abusing their partners.

A domestic violence hotline for counseling, referrals and assistance can be reached 24 hours, every day. You will not be asked for a name or address and you can remain anonymous. The L. A. Domestic Violence Safety Plan Hotline is (1-800) 978-3600.

Abandoned Properties

Identifying abandoned properties in your area can go a long way in making your neighborhood a safer place to live. Abandoned properties attract criminal/gang activity and are an eyesore for your neighborhood. If you suspect a location is abandoned and see unusual activity, make sure you contact the Hollenbeck Area police to report it, at (323) 342-4100 or call 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273). As always, if there is an emergency, please call 911.

Community Relations Information

Community Relations Office (323) 342-4140

Montecito Heights / Hermon (4A3)
Officer Richard Contreras
Phone (213) 793-0748

Current Crime Trend

For the period covering March 24, 2013 to April 20, 2013 there were 3 violent crimes reported and 17 property crimes reported. Our violent crime stats saw a 50% decrease in the last four weeks compared to the month prior. Our property crime stats have decreased 23% from the month prior.

Our property crime problems continue to be an issue in our areas. Grand Theft Auto and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles are our primary concerns.

Keep track of the crimes in your neighborhood by logging on to www.Crimemapping.com and www.Nixle.com.

Community Events

Please don't forget to **Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It.**

Please continue to LOCK your doors to your vehicles. Don't forget to HIDE your personal belongings as well. This may very well KEEP you from becoming a victim of theft.

Don't forget to attend our Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) meetings every third Wednesday of the month at our police station at 6 P.M.

Here are a few LA City Resources

Stored / Abandoned Vehicles

1-800-ABANDON (1-800-222-6366)

<http://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/la/complaintform.jsp?complainttype=1>

Graffiti Removal Request Form

<http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org/welcome.cfm?CFID=216&CFTOKEN=EA389268-D626-4405-A0097A9AD7D462FA>

Illegal Dumping Pick up Request form

http://san.lacity.org/solid_resources/refuse/SR_IllegalDumping.html

El Sereno-University Hills (4A9)

Senior Lead Officer Steve Morales
Phone (213) 793-0749

Current Crime Trend

The El Sereno basic car (4A9) has had a decrease in violent crime for the last four week period (3-24-13/4-20-13). There were six reported violent crimes. There were five aggravated assaults and one robbery. The robbery was a street robbery and occurred at Eastern Av and Gambier St. A bicycle was taken and verbal threats were used. There were no shots fired on the aggravated assaults. On the aggravated assault that occurred on the 2700 block of Bullard Av a handgun was pointed at victim but no shots were fired.

Property crime increased with 31 crimes in this period. There were 16 GTA's (grand theft autos), two burglaries, five BTFV's (burglary or theft from vehicles) and eight plain thefts. There were no patterns or similar suspects.

Hollenbeck Division as a whole has had an increase in property crime. The main issues are stolen vehicles and thefts.

Crime Tip

Older model Hondas and Toyotas vehicles are particularly targeted. If you own one of these vehicles, please use some type of security device. A steering wheel lock device can be obtained through Hollenbeck Community Relations.

To check the crime in your area, go to WWW.LAPDCRIMEMAPS.ORG.

Lincoln Heights (4A15)
Senior Lead Officer Austin Fernald
(213) 793-0750

During the month of April 2013 the Lincoln Heights Community had its second reported homicide of the year. On April 14, 2013 the victim was near his girlfriend's residence in the 2400 block of Eastlake when he was approached by possible rival gang members, the victim was shot several times and expired from his wounds. Hollenbeck Homicide Detectives are investigating the crime.

Grand theft automobile is still up from last year by 5%, with Honda's and Toyota's making up most of the vehicles taken. Theft of personal property is down 23%. You are encouraged to lock and secure your vehicle whenever it's left unattended.

Additional Information

If you have complaints that are transient related you can contact Officer Medina, who assignment is to work on transient/homeless complaints. He can be reached at (213) 793-0751.

Central Boyle Heights (4A53)
Senior Lead Officer Dan Rios
Phone (213) 793-0753

Current Crime Trend

For the period covering March 31, 2013 to April 26, 2013, there were 5 violent crimes and 13 property crimes reported. This is a decrease in violent and property crime.

Community Events

On Thursday May 16, 2013 East LA Community Corporation will be hosting "A Taste of Boyle

Heights" at the Mariachi Plaza located at 1831 E. 1st Street. For more information, contact ELAC at (323) 269-4214 Ext.230.

Crime Tip

Vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts continue to be a concern in the Hollenbeck area. Toyotas and Hondas continue to be the suspect's choice of vehicle. We are promoting the Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It campaign. We strongly encourage community members to not leave valuables in their vehicles that might catch the attention of a criminal!

If you see anything suspicious, please call us. For non-emergency calls, call 877-ASK LAPD, (1-877 275-5273). For crimes in progress call 911, for all other services, 311.

Eastern Boyle Heights (4A59)
Senior Lead Officer Oscar Casini
Phone (213) 793-0752

Current Crime Trends

The current crime statistics reported that violent crime (i.e. Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery, etc.) from April 14, 2013 through April 20, 2013 showed 1 violent crime during this period.

The current crime statistics reported that property crime (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle) from April 14, 2013 through April 20, 2013 showed 4 crimes.

We currently have nine Homicides year to date.

There shows no pattern of crime in either property or violent crime.

Crime Tip

*Get real time neighborhood specific crime alerts and information

*Get news and notices concerning your community

*Get police department and neighborhood watch information

For the above information log onto E-Policing at www.lapdpolicing.org

Community Events

The Hillside Village Block Captain Meeting will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at

6:00 P.M. The meeting will take place at Absolute tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

The Hillside Village Home Owners Association will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Absolute Tow, 4760 Valley Bl.

The Winter St. Neighborhood Watch will be hosting their meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. Please call Jose Huizar's 14 district Office (323-526-3059) for the meeting location.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Senior Lead Officer Casini at (213) 793-0752

Hollenbeck Community Station, 323-342-4100
2111 E. 1st St. Los Angeles, Calif. 90033.

Western Boyle Heights (4A71)
Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon
Phone (213) 422-1060

Current Crime Trends

There was a slight decrease in violent crime. The current statistics reported seven violent crimes. In which four were robberies and three were aggravated assaults. The previous crime period reported eight violent crimes.

Property Crime

There was a slight decrease in property crimes (i.e. Burglary, Grand Theft Auto, and Burglary from Motor Vehicle). There were 21 reported property crimes. In which one was a theft, 10 were grand theft auto, 8 were burglary from vehicle and 2 were Burglaries. The previous crime period reported 33 property crimes. The most commonly stolen vehicle in Hollenbeck continues to be Toyota and Honda.

Just a reminder, please keep in mind, our Hide it, Lock it, and Keep it campaign.

Be more involved in communicating with your neighbors and your community leaders and report any unusual activity. This will help reduce the amount of crime taking place in your neighborhood. If you believe illegal activity is occurring in your area (gang activity, narcotics activity.) please give me a call at (213) 422-1060 or e-mail me at

25867@lapd.lacity.org, all Information is confidential.
For non-emergency police assistance call 1-877-ASK

LAPD. Let us try to keep our community clean by calling 311 for trash and bulky items.

Southern Boyle Heights Area (4A97)
Senior Lead Officer Joel Perez
Phone (213) 793-0754

Current Crime Trends

For the period covering March 24, through April 20, 2013 there were 10 violent and 40 property crimes reported. This accounts for an average of 1.1 violent and 4.07 property crimes per week. Grand Theft Auto continues to be the biggest property crime for the Southern Boyle Heights Area. The last two weeks of this reporting period the number of GTA's has reduced. This is due to the increased patrol presence and several GTA arrest. Remember to lock and secure your vehicle and always secure personal items in the trunk or keep them at home.



Hollenbeck Area Volunteers

Become a Los Angeles Police Department, Hollenbeck Area Volunteer. Since its inception in 1979, Volunteer Programs have become an important part of the Los Angeles Police Department. This Volunteer Program consists of community citizens taking an active role in community policing. Through the years, Volunteers have proven community assistance is needed to solve its growing problem of crimes. To start processing, it is required that you complete a Hollenbeck Area Volunteer application. Once the Volunteer Office receives your application, it will be processed and you will be scheduled for an interview.

General Qualifications

Age Requirements:

You must be at least 18 years of age by day one of your first assignment. There is no maximum age limit for the Los Angeles Police Department Hollenbeck Area Volunteer Program.

Health:

You must be in good Health and free from conditions that would restrict your ability to perform all aspects of the Volunteer classifications.

Background:

You cannot have any serious police record or history of criminal or improper conduct, poor employment record, military or driving record which would affect suitability for volunteer work.

Training:

Hollenbeck Area Volunteers will receive training in;

Basic Law;

Volunteering for a law enforcement agency;

Police crime report writing;

Communicating with the public;

Assisting the Department in the event of civil unrest;

Job Opportunities

After successful completion of the Volunteer training, the citizen volunteer's job is to assist officers at the police station's front desk, and working alongside officers at community events.

Hollenbeck Area (04)

2111 E. 1st Street

Los Angeles, California 90033

Area Captain's Office	(323) 342-4110 FAX (323) 224-0123
Patrol Captain's Office	(323) 342-4110
Front Desk	(323) 342-4100
Records Unit	(323) 342-4150 FAX (323) 342-4141
Community Relations Unit	(323) 323-4140
Detective Desk	(323) 342-8900

Community –Police Advisory Board

The Community Police Advisory Boards (C-PAB) is a group of civilian volunteers from the residential and business community of an Area. The role of the C-PAB is to advise the Area Commanding Officer regarding crime and quality of life issues that affect the community. Additionally, C-PAB members disseminate information received from the Department back to the community.

Each of the 21 geographic Areas (community police stations) throughout Los Angeles has its own C-PAB. Each C-PAB has two co-chairs, one is the Area Commanding Officer while the second is a civilian member voted on by the membership. (C-PAB monthly meetings are open to the public) For more information about becoming a member, contact the Senior Lead Officer assigned to your concerned area or Officer Anthony Macklin, Hollenbeck C-PAB Coordinator, at (323) 342-4144.

**HOLLENBECK COMMUNITY
POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING**

The next meeting will be May 15th, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hollenbeck Community room.