

## North Hollywood Captain's Corner:



As autumn is now in full swing, it's a good time to remind everyone about the potential safety issues associated with this time of year. Primarily, these involve the shortened hours of daylight. Among the more serious potential hazards are traffic accidents while

commuting to or from work. While we are all used to commuting during daylight hours, that is now changing. For many of us, either our morning or evening commute, sometimes both, take place in twilight or darkness. This limits visibility, lowers our

reaction time, and may increase our accident rate. Awareness is key; driving with your lights on, even during twilight, will increase your visibility to others, and may encourage others to emulate your behavior. Our goal here at North Hollywood Area, one that is of course shared by everyone in our community, is to make this season as safe as possible.

In regards to crime, burglary from motor vehicles remains our biggest challenge. As the days become shorter, criminals become emboldened in darkness, it is even more critical that everyone is careful to remove all valuables from their vehicles. Prevention is an extremely important strategy to increase our reduction of burglary from motor vehicle crimes – Remember to “Lock it, Hide it, Keep it!” As always, Neighborhood Watches, Business Watches, and Apartment Watches are all helpful in combating this problem, and reminding these groups of this simple prevention message is critical. We are hopeful that with these efforts, and ongoing involvement by community members, we will continue to be successful in our battle to combat property crimes.

If you'd like to start a Neighborhood, Apartment or Business Watch program, or other community group in your neighborhood, please contact the Senior Lead Office at (818) 755-7679.

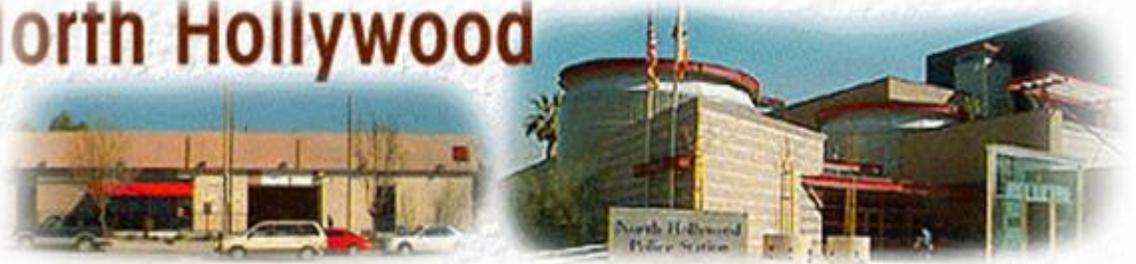
## Community Announcements

On November 5, 2010, East Valley PALS will be hosting their “Tip-A-Cop” event at Paty's restaurant, 10001 Riverside Drive, in Toluca Lake, beginning at 9 am and continuing throughout the day. The funds raised at this event go to North Hollywood's youth programs. Come have lunch and be served by one of our police officers.

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If you would like more information about attending either of these events, the Community Relations Office can be reached at (818) 623-4001.



## Nixle

Nixle is a valuable tool in updating the public as to police activity in their neighborhoods, as well as a tool to combat crime. Nixle utilizes text messaging as its primary method in communicating with the public, and has already shown itself to be extremely effective in distributing information, in real time, to impacted communities. We strongly encourage anyone living or working in North Hollywood to sign up for Nixle. Any interested party can sign up at [LAPDonline.org](http://LAPDonline.org).

## Crime Briefing:

Overall for this year to date Part I crimes, which are a combination of all violent and property crimes, were down three percent from last year.

Violent crimes are down 10 percent this year to date. This reduction includes a 26 percent reduction in aggravated assaults. However, there was an eight percent increase in robberies.

Property crimes are down two percent, which includes a nine percent reduction in burglaries and a five percent reduction in grand theft auto. However, there was a two percent increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicles.

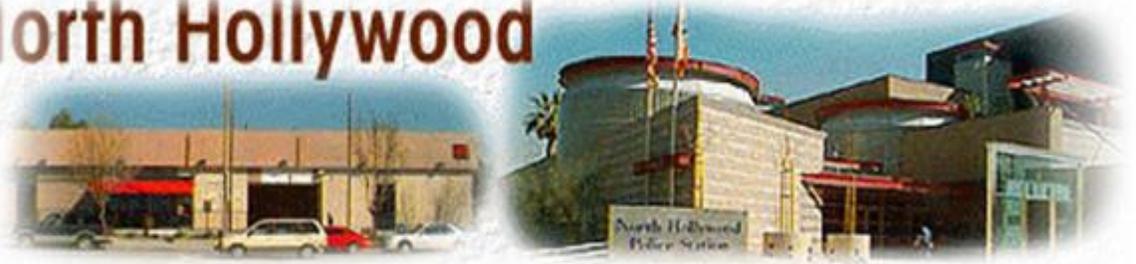
## Crime Prevention Tips

Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle in plain sight. This is our most prevalent crime and the easiest to prevent. If the suspects do not see anything, they will move on to the next vehicle. Don't be the easy target! Suspects are looking for GPS systems, iPods, cell phones, lap top computers, purses and wallets.

If your vehicle is over five years old, please invest in a secondary security system like a steering or ignition locking mechanism. This will make it difficult enough for most car thieves that they will again move on to the easier target.

Lock your doors and windows. There have been numerous residential burglaries where the victims reported that they either forgot to lock their door or chose to leave their windows open. This makes your home a soft target and gives that opportunist easy access to your valuables.

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## **Basic Car 15A3**

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## **Current Crime Trends**

On Sunday, October 17, 2010, at approximately 12:40 a.m., there was a homicide in the area of Lankershim Boulevard and Sherman Way. The victim, an 18 year old male, sustained two gunshot wounds and later died at a nearby hospital. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the North Hollywood Homicide detectives at (818) 623-4075.

## **Community Events**

### ***Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Church of San Pablo

Valerio/Tujunga

Church of San Pablo

Monday, November 8, 2010

7:00 pm

### ***Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

Pentecostal Church

Dehougne Street/Radford Avenue

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

7:00 pm

### ***North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting***

Arminta Elementary Street Elementary

11530 Strathern Street

Thursday, November 18, 2010

7:00 pm

## **Current Crime Trends**

During the last period, Basic Car 15A21 experienced a slight increase in grand theft auto and burglaries. Robberies decreased by over 50 percent. This type of serious victim crime has been the focus of North Hollywood Area patrol and detective personnel during the last period. Enforcement efforts also concentrated on Ethel Avenue (between Vanowen Street and Sherman Way), Fulton Avenue and Vanowen Street to identify possible gang members and violent crime suspects.

Keep up to date with crime trends and vital community advisories. If you have not done so yet, please get in touch with me to get signed up for the North Hollywood Area websites and Nixle.

## **Community Events**

### ***Area 15A21 Meeting***

North Hollywood Area Police Station

11640 Burbank Boulevard

Saturday, November 6, 2010

1:00 pm

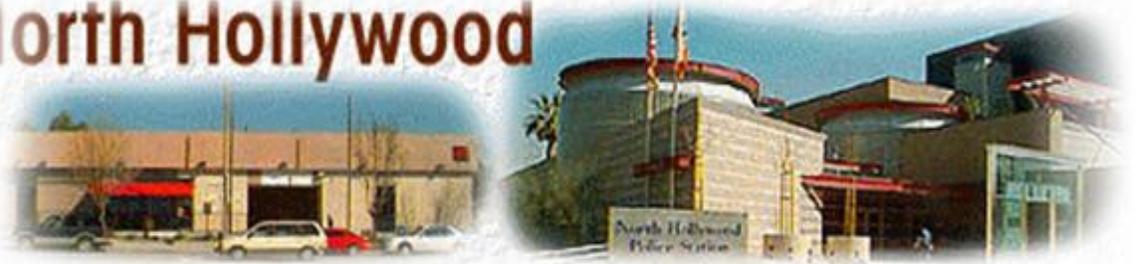
### ***North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Meeting***

James Madison Middle School

13000 Hart Street

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 6:30 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the current crime statistics, my area had a slight increase in burglary/theft from motor vehicles. The area of Lankershim Boulevard between Victory Boulevard and Oxnard Street had three car break-ins. Please remember to lock and secure your car doors and windows when parking your car, and remember don't leave valuables in your car.

## **Community Events**

### ***Lankershim Business Watch Meeting***

6620 Lankershim Boulevard  
Tuesday, November 9, 2010  
1:00 pm

### ***Cleon Neighborhood Watch Meeting***

6733 Cleon Avenue  
Tuesday, November 16, 2010  
1:00 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Part I crime for the year shows a decrease of over 12 percent. Property crime has also decreased.

There has been a rise in burglaries and street robberies in the Laurel Grove park area. If you are in the area

and observe any suspicious people or vehicles please call me at 818-634-0809.

## **Community Events**

### ***Valley Village Neighborhood Watch***

Victory Elementary  
6315 Radford Street  
Tuesday, November 16, 2010  
7:00 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

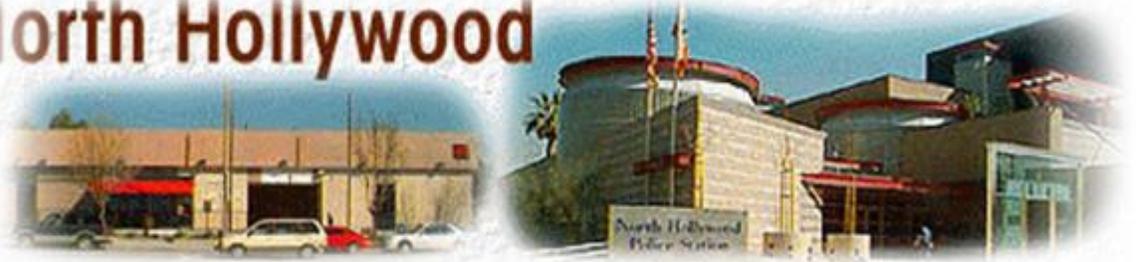
Statistics for the past month show a considerable decrease in the total number of crimes in my area. Burglaries, robberies and burglary/theft from motor vehicles were all down. Despite the decrease in crime, residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and take basic safety precautions when travelling, especially at night. Walk in well-lit, well-traveled areas. And, if possible, travel in groups.

## **Community Events**

### ***Mid Town North Hollywood Council Meeting***

North Hollywood Senior Center  
11430 Chandler Boulevard  
Wednesday, November 10, 2010  
7:00 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the current crime trends, residential burglaries are the most frequent crimes within our Basic Car area. The majority of the crimes are occurring during the day in the Chandler and Coldwater Canyon corridor. Please assist us by double checking all doors and windows when you leave your homes.

## **Community Events**

### ***Neighborhood Watch/ Valley Village Homeowners Association***

Colfax Elementary School  
11724 Addison Street, Valley Village  
Wednesday, November 17, 2010  
6:30 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

Based on the statistics for this period, overall crime numbers were slightly higher than last month. We were seeing a good reduction in the number of burglary/theft from motor vehicles in the last couple of months; however the number of car break-ins increased significantly and was the cause of the overall increase in total crime. Thefts were down over 40 percent. Although we are still seeing a reduction in the number of car break-ins in the Noho Arts area, the areas adjacent to

Lankershim Boulevard, Magnolia, Vineland, Riverside and Cahuenga seem to have picked up and currently are the most impacted area.

## **Community Events**

### ***Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting***

Toluca Elementary  
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard  
Tuesday, November 16, 2010  
7:00 pm

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## **Current Crime Trends**

As many of you know, the murder suspect (Omar Armando Loera), who we believe was responsible for the July 24, 2010 murder of Chere Osmanhodzic at her home on Riverside Drive in Valley Village, was arrested in Mexico. This is great news for us, the family and the entire community. Thank you for your calls and e-mails you provided regarding his possible sightings. We are all relieved.

As far as crime is concerned Studio City is looking very good on burglaries. However, car break-ins continue to be the crime that keeps my numbers high. Please keep an eye out on your neighbors and if you see something suspicious please call us.

## **Community Events**

### ***Studio City Residence Association Meeting***

Beverly Garland Hotel  
4222 Vineland Avenue  
Tuesday, November 9, 2010  
7:30 pm