Pacific Area Neighborhood News

September 2011

Captains Message

Conventional wisdom suggests that a tough economy automatically means more street crime. I am often approached with concerned citizens who have that very mind set. In fact, The Los Angeles Police Department has continued to reduce crime in every year of the current economic downtrend.

As August 2011 draws to a close, Pacific Area has seen a 4.9 percent reduction in crime. In simple numbers, that's 204 less crimes year-to-date when compared with 2010, and 334 less crimes year-to-date when compared with 2009. Our biggest reductions have been in robberies and burglary/theft from motor vehicles. Our successes are the direct result of hard work from all Pacific personnel and you, the community. With regard to burglaries from motor vehicles, our "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It" program has been instrumental in educating the public to the importance of securely and discreetly storing valuables. I am also proud of our successes combating Grand Theft Auto, which in the past had been a chronic problem in Pacific Area mostly due to our tourist areas: LAX and beaches. FBI and the National Insurance Crime Bureau post a reduction in Grand Theft Auto at approximately 7.2 percent nationally, but in Pacific Area we are posting a reduction of 8.3 percent.

Anyone who has any questions about our "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It" program can contact your Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4515 or Community Relation Office at (310) 202-4524.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who participated in our National Night Out activities this year in Mar Vista Gardens. National Night Out was a success due to the community's participation. I look forward to next year and an even bigger event.

JON F. PETERS, Captain Commanding Officer Pacific Community Police Station

District News

Note: The crime statistics quoted are taken from a report published weekly by the City

Of Los Angeles' Information Resources Division. These statistics are the most current available and represent the period of August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3968 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	9
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	14
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	8
Grand Theft Autos	7
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	27

• During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Aggravated Assault has doubled from last period to this one. We have to learn that people can settle arguments without hurting each other; problem solving can work for you. It is human nature to disagree sometimes but how we handle the problem is what matters most. When tempers heat up, try to cool down before speaking. Walk away, take some deep breaths and then begin to talk. Listen closely to each other, take turns speaking and tell each other what you think went wrong. Decide if the solution works for both of you and implement it. Also sometimes a third person can help two people work out a problem. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

• Lighting safety tips:

Motion detector lights strategically located around your property are a good deterrent in the evening. Burglary suspects detest ample lighting for fear of being seen committing there crime.

Reminder

• PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District

Senior Lead Officer Theresa Skinner - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3970 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo – (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	6
Robbery	3
Grand Theft Auto	1
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	2
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	10

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Crime has continued to decrease but we still can do better. BFMV is a crime that can be severely reduced by just stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Place all items of value (Lap-Top, IPod, Etc.) in your vehicle truck for added security. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

• Home safety tips:

Always lock and secure doors/windows when leaving your home. All second story windows and patio doors should also be locked; burglary suspects can gain access to the second story with ease.

• PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. Pacific Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A25 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Marci Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3973 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	13
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	15
Grand Theft Auto	7
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	15

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. Remember most intruders seek easy targets to enter quickly and quietly. The harder you make your home to get into, the lower your risk of a break-in. Install window locks on each window, keep shrubs and hedges trimmed and install sensor lights all around your property. Ample lighting is a big deterrent for burglary suspects for fear of being seen committing there crime. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool against crime. If you observe any suspicious or criminal activities call the police right away.

Safety Tip

Business safety tips:

Get to know your neighboring businesses and have their phone numbers stored away. Start a local business watch group. Log on to <u>WWW.pacificbeat.org</u> for additional information and safety tips.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A27 Palms District

Senior Lead Officer Juan Ceja - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3975 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	14
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	17
Sexual Crime	0

Homicide	0
Theft	17

• During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime across the board has remained constant with a spike in Petty Theft. Petty theft is the taking of property without owners consent. Petty theft is often a crime opportunity, meaning the suspect observes property he or she may desire and just takes it. Teach your family to place all items of value away (Garage, Storage-box, Basement, etc.) in their proper place. Lock and secure all doors and windows along with any storage areas. Please contact the Los Angeles Police Department at (877) ASK-LAPD, to report any suspicious activity or 911 to report any crimes in progress.

Safety Tips

• Auto safety tips:

Copy the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and your tag number in your cell phone for safe keeping. If you're your vehicle is every stolen the information you stored will expedite your police report.

 Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A45 Marina District

Senior Lead Officer Gregg Jacobus - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3971 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	10
Robbery	0
Burglary (Residential/Business)	19
Grand Theft Auto	3
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	16

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in our area. Never leave your homes windows and patio doors open for

ventilation it is a clear sign for burglary suspects. Whenever you leave home lock and secure all doors and windows. Second story windows should also be secured; burglary suspects can often gain access via second story entry points. Install sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest ample lighting for fear of being seen committing their crime. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tip

• Auto safety tips:

Never leave your vehicle running or the keys in the ignition when you are away from it, even for just a minute that is all the time needed for a GTA suspect to steal a vehicle.

Reminder

 LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING Tuesday, September 27, 2011 @ 7:30 a.m.
Chase Burton Park

Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District

Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3972 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - Cell Phone # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	7
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	3
Grand Theft Auto	2
Sex	1
Homicides	0
Theft	4

During this rating period Rape (Acquaintance) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has continued to decrease across the board but a rape occurred in our area. Date rape is a sexual act committed against an individual will by someone you know. Express what you want clearly before you place yourself in an uncomfortable position. Avoid secluded places. Avoid alcohol and other drugs they make it harder for you to stay in control of a situation. Meet a new date at another location other than your home until you get to know the person. Rape is never the victims fault. Anyone whom observes an attack in progress calls the police right away and helps protect a life from being destroyed.

Safety Tip

• Vehicle safety tips:

Most 2000 and up vehicles have built in anti-theft devices that come stock with the car but if you have an older vehicle you may need additional security. Install a mechanical locking device (club, collar) that locks to the steering wheel, column, or brake to prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few inches.

Reminder

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Community Police Station 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Basic Car 14A67 Century Corridor

Senior Lead Officer Ruben Garcia - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3976 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	18
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	13
Grand Theft Auto	8
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	15

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. The best way to eliminate BFMV is to simply STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Whenever your vehicles are unattended lock and secure all doors, windows, and vents. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for vehicle, it cannot help you if you do not use it. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Business safety tips:

Do not display merchandise next to the exit door. Design your displays so isles are visible to employees. Screen all employees (several business thefts are perpetrated by employees).

Reminder

• Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. LASO Sub-Station Ladera Shopping Center

Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District

Senior Lead Officer Tony Ramos - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3978 Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo- # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

• The following are the crime statistics representing August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	5
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	17
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	14
Grand Theft Auto	3
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

• During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in our area. Overall crime has been reduced across the board but we still have work to do especially against BFMV. STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Place items of value in your truck or under the seat. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

Robbery safety tips:

Robbery can occur anywhere on the streets, at work, near your home, in stores etc. Be smart use caution; be cognizant of your surroundings. Robbery is often associated with other crimes such as rape, thefts, GTA and assaults.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2011

Note: All event and meeting information is subject to change. To confirm dates, times,

and locations call your Senior Lead Officer at (310) 202-4587. Events will be added

or updated as new information is received.

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles *SLO Ceja*

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m. Loc. TBA SLO Garcia

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles Officer Delatori

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles *Officer Delatori*

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Pacific Station Roll Call Room *SLO Garcia*

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station *SLO Garcia*

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pacific Station Roll Call Room 12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles Officer Newson

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. 7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray *Sgt. Merlo*

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. Chase Burton Park *SLO Cruz*

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. 8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles *SLO Garcia*

Wisdom for the month of September

"If you expect perfection from people, your entire life is a series of disappointments, grumblings and complaints. If on the contrary you pitch your expectations low, taking people as flawed creatures which they are, you are frequently surprised by having them perform better than you had hoped."

Bruce Barton