Pacific Area Neighborhood News

March 2012

Captains Message

Your home is considered a sanctuary where you and your family should feel safe. Your home is the only environment where you have control over who can, or cannot, get close to your family. The most common threat to your home is burglary.

By definition, a burglary is a non-confrontational property crime that occurs when you are not home. However, becoming a victim of burglary often leaves a family feeling vulnerable and violated. Although home burglaries may seem random, they actually involve a selection process. The burglar's selection process is simple: they attempt to choose an unoccupied home with the easiest access, and the best escape route. To minimize your risk of being a victim of a burglary, Pacific Burglary Detectives have suggested the following:

- Make your home look occupied when you are away: put lights, television, or radios on timers.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed.
- Keep your garage door and sheds locked.
- Keep lawns, trees and shrubs trimmed away from doors and windows.
- Install sensor lights around your home and garage.
- Stop daily delivery of mail or newspapers while you are away, or have a friend/ neighbor pick them up regularly.
- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, in mailboxes, or other secret hiding places. Burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program. This is still the best tool against burglary suspects.

Most burglary suspects seek easy targets. They like to work quickly, quietly and unseen. The harder you make it for them, the lower your risk of a break-in. Remember, the most important thing you can do is call the police to report a crime or any suspicious activity. You are the eyes and ears of your neighborhood.

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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012.

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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	8
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	7
Grand Theft Autos	5
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	22

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Overall crime has decreased in all categories except Petty Theft. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owners consent. Petty theft is usually a crime of opportunity, stop leaving items of value lying around. Remember, to place all items of value in garages, storage area, or your home. Lock and secure all doors, windows and vents for added protection. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

Safety Tips

Locks Safety Tip

- No locks, regardless of its quality, can be truly effective. Key-in dead bolt locks provide minimum security. Seek the advice of a locksmith for additional security.

Reminder

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**
  Thursday, March 8, 2012 @ 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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	5
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	8
Robbery	2
Grand Theft Auto	2
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	11
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	8

- During this rating period Aggravated Assaults has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has continued to decrease in several categories across the board except Aggravated Assaults. Anger is a normal feeling but it can get in the way of problem solving. First, admit you are upset or anger to yourself then wait before you act. Acting out in anger usually makes the situation worst. Before you lose complete control take a quick walk, try to calm down, talk to someone you can trust, avoid alcohol and other drugs they only help cloud good judgment. Remember, violence is never the answer. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

- New Home Safety Tips:

  When moving into a new home, have the locks changed as soon as possible. Change your locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.

- **PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING**
  Tuesday, March 13, 2012 @ 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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	15
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	9
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	9

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in our area (A25). Crime this period has begun to decrease in several categories but we still have work to in residential burglaries. Remember most burglary suspects seek easy targets thus the harder you make your home to break into the less likely you become a victim. Install sturdy doors with deadbolt locks for additional protection. Install window locks or pegs to prevent easy access to your home. Install motion sensors around your property, burglars detest lights for fear of being seen. 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

- Home Safety Tips:

  Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion sensitive light is recommended for your entire home and landscaping.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, March 13, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Pacific Station
  12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A27 Palms District</u>
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 February 1, 2012 through February 29,
  2012:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	15
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9

Grand Theft Auto	24
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	9

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime has decreased in several categories but residential burglary has become a problem. Most intruders seek easy targets. In most cases, a little extra care thought will help you have effective home security. Locking all doors and windows to your home is the first step in effective home security. Also try sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest ample lighting. Keep shrubs, hedges and trees trimmed so suspects do not have a place to hide. 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

- Landscaping Safety Tips:

  Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
  Make sure your door hinges are on the inside of the door for extra protection.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	23
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	12
Grand Theft Auto	3
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	15

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has decreased in several categories with residential burglary having the largest reduction, good job. BFMV has become our number one concern. STOP leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle; it only tempts BFMV suspects to burglarize your property. Place items of value in the truck of your vehicle out of sight. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe, it is the first place BFMV suspects look. Install ample lighting around your property and place them out of reach so bulbs cannot be easily broken. If you observe any suspicious activity or an altercation in progress call the police right away.

Safety Tip

- If Your home Is Broken Into Safety Tips:

  If you come home and find your window broken or door open do not enter-the perpetrator may still be inside. Go to a safe place and use a phone to call the police. Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
  Tuesday, March 27, 2012 @ 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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012:

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

During this rating period Grand Theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has decreased in several areas but Grand Theft Auto needs our attention. Attempt to park your vehicle in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Lock and secure your vehicle even if you are going to be away for only a few minutes. Attempt to park in garages where you do not have to leave your keys with the attendant. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device for your vehicle. Anyone whom

observes an attack in progress calls the police right away and helps protect a life from being destroyed.

Safety Tip

- Spare Keys Safety Tips:

  Never leave keys to your home or vehicle under doormats, flower pots, mailboxes or other 'secret' hiding places, burglars know where to look for hidden keys.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, March 14, 2012 @ 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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	21
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	12
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	14

- During this rating period Robbery (Street Muggings) has become a problem in our area. Crime has decreased in some areas and that is due to your attention to details but street muggings have increased. Street muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. Robbery can happen anywhere at work, in the store walking home, etc. Be cautious; never walk at night alone in dark places. Avoid closed or secluded places. Travel light leave extra cash, and jewelry at home. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Garage Safety Tips:

  Lawn mowers, barbeque pits, bicycles and other outdoor items should be placed in your garage or storage area under lock and key. On older garages or sheds use curtains or blinds on all windows.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
  Thursday, March 15, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.
  LASO Sub-Station
  Ladera Shopping Center

<u>Basic Car 14A73 Westchester District</u>
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 February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	3
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	18
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	15
Grand Theft Auto	10
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	17

- During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. In most categories crime has remained the same but there was a spike in Residential Burglaries. Lock out crime! Anytime you leave home lock all doors and windows. Do not be surprised by where burglary suspects can gain access to your home. Lock and secure all second story patio doors and windows. Also secure any pet door or vents to your home. Do not leave tools lying around that could be used to gain entry to your home. Call the police if you observe a crime in progress or for any suspicious activity in your community.

Safety Tip

- Home Safety Tips:

  Make your home look occupied when you leave for an extended time. Place lights and television on timers to come on at various times throughout the day and night. Have a trusted friend or relative to pick up your mail, newspaper, etc. on a daily basis.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING
Thursday, March 8, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

Pacific Area Upcoming Events 2012

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.

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING
Thursday, March 1, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Delatori

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING
Thursday, March 8, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Newson

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Cardinas

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Officer Cardinas

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Garcia

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, March 15, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 21, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray
Sgt. Merlo

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, March 27, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.
Chase Burton Park
SLO Cruz

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of March

"If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it."

Jesse Jackson