Pacific Area Neighborhood News

August 2012

Captains Message

Neighborhood Watch programs are still the most effective means available for keeping crime out of neighborhoods. Pacific Area Neighborhood Watch programs unite officers with local organizations and individual residents in a community-wide effort to recognize and reduce crime. Neighbors working together with officers are a formidable crime fighting team.

In this working partnership with Pacific Area Officers some ground rules have to be in place. The community is the eyes and ears of the team, observing and obtaining vital information. Pacific Area Officers are the hands-on apprehension of the team. They have the training and equipment to affect an arrest. By adhering to this rule we can form a dynamic crime fighting team in your neighborhood.

Contact the Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer in your area at (310) 202-4515, and they will assist you in starting a program in your neighborhood. A Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer will be available to assist at your first meeting and discuss crime concerns and quality of life issues specific to your neighborhood or community.

It is my belief that belonging to your Neighborhood Watch group will be enjoyable and fun. By working together, we can continue to make Pacific Area one of the safest communities in Los Angeles.

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 July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

Basic Car 14A11 Venice Beach District
Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3968

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo - # (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	18
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	5
Grand Theft Autos	4
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	41

- During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in the Venice Beach Marina Del Rey Peninsula areas. Petty Theft needs our attention; it is by far our number one priority. 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. If you observe any suspicious activities call the police right away.

- Home safety tips:

  Remove advertisements from your front porch or door as quickly as possible. An accumulation of fliers is a very good indicator to a burglary suspect that no one is home.

Reminder

- **PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING**
  Thursday, August 11, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
  Pacific Community Station
  12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

<u>Basic Car 14A13 Oakwood District</u>
Senior Lead Officer Kristan Delatori - Cell Phone # (310) 622-3970
Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Merlo – (310) 482-6334

Crime Trends

- The following are the crime statistics representing July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	10

Robbery	3
Grand Theft Auto	1
Burglaries (Residential/Business)	1
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	7

- During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has continued to remain low but BFMV has begun to rise. To help combat the rise in BFMV stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Place all items of value in the truck of your vehicle or under the seat out of view. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place BFMV suspects look. Do not leave items of value in your vehicle overnight, it only takes a few minutes to secure item of value. If you observe any suspicious activities contact the police right away.

Safety Tips

- Hotel safety tips:

  Never automatically open your hotel door for anyone. Prior to opening the door, verify who is on the other side. Hotel employees should have identification such as maintenance or repair employees.

- **PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING**
  Tuesday, August 14, 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 July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	7
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	21
Grand Theft Auto	1
Homicide	0
Sex	0
Theft	13

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 has a problem with Burglary (Business/Residential) occurring in our area. The majority of incidents were residential burglaries and one business. Although the heat is blistering we must stop leaving windows and doors open especially when we are not home. Burglary suspects gained entry to a number of residents via unsecured homes with their rear windows and doors opened. Lock and secure all doors/windows when you leave home even pet doors. Arm and deploy any home alarm that you have for your home. 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

- Pickpocket safety tips:

  Pickpockets usually work in teams of two or three people. Beware of staged distractions, the suspect may drop something in front of you or cause a loud commotion near you, as a distraction, the other member of the criminal team pickpockets your valuables and walks away.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, August 8, 2012 @ 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 July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	15
Robbery	3
Burglary (Residential/Business)	4
Grand Theft Auto	8
Sexual Crime	1
Homicide	0
Theft	21

- During this rating period Grand theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in the Westside Village area. Crime across the board has remained constant with a spike in Grand theft Auto. Improved technology has helped relegate the number of GTA's which are lower than in previous years but more work has to be done. Lock all doors

and windows whenever your vehicle is unattended. Attempt to park in well lit-areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle, it cannot help protect your automobile if it is not used. 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

- 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.

- **Westside Village/Palms Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
  Wednesday, August 1, 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 July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	7
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	14
Robbery	6
Burglary (Residential/Business)	15
Grand Theft Auto	11
Homicide	0
Sex Crime	0
Theft	26

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in our area. During the hot months we to leave windows and patio doors open for ventilation thus creating opportunities 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

- Vehicle safety tips:

  Record the make, model, year, color and license number of your vehicle. Keep this information in a safe place. This will assist you if your vehicle is every stolen, or impounded.

Reminder

- **LaVILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. N/W WATCH MEETING**
  Tuesday, August 28, 2012 @ 7:30 a.m.
  Chase Burton Park

<u>Basic Car 14A49 Mar Vista District</u>
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 July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from Vehicle	9
Robbery	2
Burglary (Residential/Business)	6
Grand Theft Auto	3
Sex	0
Homicides	0
Theft	17

During this rating period Theft (Petty) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime continued to decrease across the board but Petty Theft has begun to rise. Petty theft is the taking of property without the owner's consent. That is why it is often a crime associated with opportunity and desire. Never leave items of value lying around your home unsecured. Teach family members to place their items in a locked and secured location such as the garage, storage-bin, etc. Anyone whom observes a crime in progress or suspicious activity calls the police right away and help protect a life or a neighbor's property.

Safety Tip

- Parking safety tips:

  Always take your parking lot ticket with you, by leaving it in your vehicle allows GTA suspects to exit the parking lot without being challenged. Most GTA suspects know if they attempt to leave a parking lot without a ticket the attendant will ask for proof of ownership.

Reminder

- **SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**
  Wednesday, August 8, 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 July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	21
Robbery	5
Burglary (Residential/Business)	9
Grand Theft Auto	14
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	16

- During this rating period Grand theft Auto (GTA) has become a problem in our area. Overall crime has continued to decline across the board except for GTA. In a number of the incidents we have had the vehicle stolen was not secured. Lock and secure all doors/windows whenever your vehicle is unattended even if you only plan to be away for a short time. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Arm and deploy any anti-theft device you may have for your vehicle, not anti-theft device can help protect your vehicle if it is not used. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still by far the best tool we have against crime.

Safety Tips

- Rental car safety tips:

  Ensure the vehicle you rent is nondescript. The exterior of the vehicle should be free of rental agency decals, stickers, and other company logos. These visual cues alert criminals to your visitor/ tourist status.

Reminder

- **Ladera Civic Center Association Meeting**
  Thursday, August 16, 2012 @ 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 July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012:

Aggravated Assaults	2
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	20
Robbery	1
Burglary (Residential/Business)	19
Grand Theft Auto	2
Sexual Crime	0
Homicide	0
Theft	13

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Safety Tip

- Travel safety tips:

  Never leave your luggage unattended, not even for a moment, and beware of distractions. While waiting for a room reservation or departing to another destination, keep all of your property in plain view.

Reminder

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING
Thursday, August 9, 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.

PALMS/ WESTSIDE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, August 1, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.
I.M.A.N. Cultural Center Auditorium
3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles
SLO Ceja

HOTEL SECURITY DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, August 1, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
Loc. TBA
SLO Garcia

PACIFIC BOOSTERS MEETING
Thursday, August 2, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Delatori

SLAUSON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, August 8, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
SLO Garcia

PACIFIC RESERVE MEETING
Thursday, August 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Gropp

PACIFIC HOMELESS OUTREACH MEETING
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.
Pacific Station Roll Call Room
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles
Officer Gropp

LADERA CIVIC CENTER ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, August 16, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ladera Sheriff's Sub-Station
SLO Garcia

GLASGOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, August 21, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
7128 Glasgow Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 22, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Playa vista Community Ctr. Marina Del Ray
Sgt. Merlo

La VILLA MARINA HOMEOWNERS ASSC. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Tuesday, August 28, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.
Chase Burton Park
SLO Cruz

READING RANGERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Wednesday, August 29, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
8218 Reading Av., Los Angeles
SLO Garcia

Wisdom for the month of August

"Excellence is not a singular act, but a habit. You are what you repeatedly do."

S. Oneal