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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Hello Topanga Area!

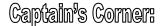
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With the onset of November, we are reminded of all that we should be thankful for. Since Topanga went

operational on January 4, 2009, Captain Sherman and his officers have truly enhanced the quality of life and the safety of the residents within the division. They have accomplished this through their continual efforts to reduce crime. When there is a problem or a crime has occurred, we can rest assured that the men and women at Topanga are truly concerned; they seek to find the root of the problem. Your Senior Lead Officers are all well versed and know what is going on in their areas at all times.

Let us applaud Captain Sherman and all the officers at our wonderful Topanga Station for their dedication and hard work. During this month especially, let us give thanks to every Topanga officer for making our community a better place to live, work and play!





As we come into the holiday season, I put a plan into place that will ensure more police officers are deployed in the field within Topanga Area for the holiday season. We have increased outreach to our LAPD Reserve Corps and Volunteer Mounted Unit to conduct high visibility patrols around many of our retail shopping areas. In addition, we have adjusted the deployment of our Crime Suppression Detail, foot beat

officers, patrol officers and specialized investigative units to help deter the increased theft that generally occurs around the holiday season. I ask that *you* do your part by locking your doors and windows and keep your belongings out of sight. Don't give any thieves the opportunity to make you a victim!

"SUPERCAR SUNDAYS"



For nearly 5 years some of the world's most beautiful cars have gathered together on Sunday

mornings in Woodland Hills at 23351 Mulholland Drive. From Lamborghinis and Ferraris, to Nash Ramblers and custom street rods, the lot would fill with cars that most of us can only dream of owning. The drivers sip a cup of coffee as they show off their cars and admire others before taking a drive through the canyons or off to the beach. Photographers, spectators, and car enthusiasts came from miles around to catch a glimpse of their favorite cars and the occasional appearance celebrities like Jay Leno.

This impromptu car show recently became the victim of its own success and outgrew the capacity of the parking lot, particularly on the last Sunday of the month when hundreds of cars came from all over Southern California. The lack of parking combined with the occasional exhibition of speed drew the ire of some customers and businesses which has led to the closure of the lot to any and all car show activities by the property management company. A few other venues have opened their parking lots to people who wish to continue this event at a new location. For details, email Senior Lead Officer Brent Rygh at 30450@lapd.lacity.org.

GET READY FOR A FUN EVENING AT THE HILTON!!!



WHY: We will be celebrating the first anniversary of the grand opening of our Topanga Station with style and lots of fun. We are planning a great event. All food, live entertainment, and refreshments* are included... PLUS FREE PARKING.

WHERE & WHEN: Hilton Woodland Hills | November 20, 2009 | 6:00-8:30 PM

Donation: \$55 per person For ticket info contact Siena at (818) 756-3077 or Joanne at (818) 974-1457

For sponsorship opportunities contact **Francois Khoury** at: **(818) 596-4551** francois.khoury@hilton.com

*Water and soft drinks only. Wine, beer and well drinks only \$5.00 each.



Recent news in my area:

This segment contains some activity in Topanga Division, but it is not intended to reflect all of the crimes in your area.

The most current updates for your neighborhood can be found on www.lapdonline.org.

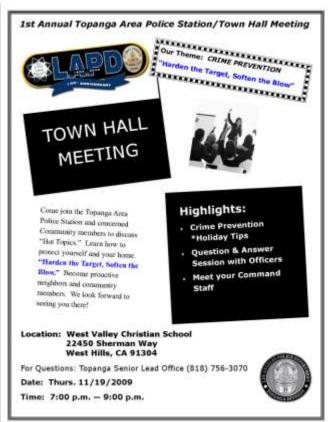
In basic car 21A57, the majority of crimes that are reoccurring involve theft crimes in the area of the malls and BFMV throughout the area. Be smart and do not leave any valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.

On September 30, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. LAPD officers were conducting extra patrol in the area of the 23000 block of Hartland Street when they observed a known parolee exit a residence. Officers detained the person and discovered parcotics. Officers made an arrest for

narcotic sales. The officers then made contact with the owner of the residence and other tenants of the property. During the course of these contacts, officers met with a female tenant who they discovered was on probation. A search was made and more narcotics were found which also led to the woman's arrest

Power of Neighborhood Watch: On October 13, 2009. the Costanso Neighborhood Watch arranged a meeting to address the issues surrounding the medical marijuana dispensaries in Woodland Hills. In attendance at this meeting were: Councilman Dennis Zine with staff members, Neighborhood Prosecutor Ayelet Feiman, Building and Safety Sr. Inspector Frank Bush, Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council Chair Joyce Pearson, LAPD Topanga Division's Narcotic's Det. Vinh Do, Gang Lt. Nicole Alberca, and SLO Sean Dinse. This individual neighborhood watch meeting had many city representatives to help address their side of the issue. This was possible thanks to the persistence of Woodland Hills Police Community Representative John Strand, Community Activist Steve Santen, and the loud voice of the Costanso Neighborhood Watch. Get together with your neighbors and build your own neighborhood watch! Like the saying from the movie Field of Dreams..."If you build it, they will come."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND:





Need help with quality of life issues? Know your Senior Lead Officer, they are invaluable!! **The Senior Lead Officer's main office number is (818) 756-3070.**

SLO Dennis Cunningham, Basic Car 21A1

(Covering the North part of West Hills including part of South Chatsworth near the Chatsworth Reservoir)

Office (818) 756-3073 Cell (818) 731-2578 Email 34966@lapd.lacity.org

The 21A1 / 21A43 Basic Car meeting will be held every 2^{nd} Monday of the month at 7 PM at Topanga Station. SLO Cunningham will also handle the group formerly known as the 17A83 Basic Car (Now called *North* West Hills Neighborhood Watch). This meeting is for the area north of Roscoe Boulevard to Plummer Street, West of Topanga Canyon Boulevard. The meeting is held at the Valley Dispatch Center 23001 Roscoe Boulevard every 2^{nd} Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

SLO Sam Sabra, Basic Car 21A43

(Covering the South part of West Hills)

Office (818) 756-3074 Cell (818) 731-2558

Email 34819@lapd.lacity.org

The 21A43 meeting will be combined with the 21A1 Basic Car meeting and is held every **2**nd Monday of the month at Topanga Station at 7 PM.

SLO Brent Rygh, Basic Car 21A73

(Covering Woodland Hills - West of Topanga Canyon)

Office (818) 756-3075 Cell (818) 731-2581 Email 30450@lapd.lacity.org

The 21A73 meeting will be combined with the 21A97 meeting and will be held on the **1**st Tuesday of every month at the Topanga Station at 6:30 PM.

SLO Charles "Sean" Dinse, Basic Car 21A97

(Woodland Hills - East of Topanga Canyon)**

Office (818) 756-3076 Cell (818) 731-2568 Email 34920@lapd.lacity.org

The 21A97 meeting will be combined with the 21A73 meeting and will be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Topanga Station at 6:30 PM.

**SLO Dinse will be in training and on vacation from October 30th through December 5th. SLO Rygh will be handling SLO Dinse's area while he is gone and can be reached at (818) 756-3075 or (818) 756-3070.

SLO Janet Zumstein, Basic Car 21A57

(Covering South Canoga Park and Topanga malls)

Office (818) 756-3188 Cell (818) 731-2570

Email 24571@land.lacity.org

The 21A57 Basic Car meeting will be held every 3rd Tuesday of the month, at the Topanga Station at 7 PM.

SLO Alexis "Alex" Padron, Basic Car 21A5 (Covering North Canoga Park)

Office (818) 756-3191 Cell (818) 731-2583 Email 32977@lapd.lacity.org

The 21A5 Basic Car meeting is held every **2**nd Tuesday of the month at Topanga Station at 7 PM.

SLO Jose Maldonado, Basic Car 21A29

(Covering Winnetka)

Office (818) 756-3079 Cell (818) 731-2569

Email 23639@lapd.lacity.org

<u>Please note that the location of 21A29's Basic Car</u> <u>meeting has now changed:</u> this meeting is held every **2**nd Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Topanga Station

Sign up for E-policing! E-policing keeps you abreast of the latest crime news in your community, allows you to look up crime activity in your neighborhood, and much more at the LAPD web site www.lapdonline.org or www.lapdorline.org or www.lapdorline.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 19, 2009-Topanga Town Hall Meeting 22450 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA

November 20, 2009 – Premier Anniversary Celebrating Topanga. Hilton-Woodland Hills, CA

November 21, 2009 -San Fernando Valley Children's Day, Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA

<u>Important Numbers to keep:</u>

Topanga Front Desk TDD/TTY (818) 756-4800 (818) 756-5899 Comm. Relations Office (818) 756-3180 Senior Lead Office (818) 756-3070

Detective Desk (818) 756-4820 Vice Office (818) 756-4840

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Dispatch (877) 275-5273

(877) **ASK-LAPD**

All other city services, please call 311

