TOPANGA AREA

Serving West Hills, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, and Winnetka

21501 Schoenborn St, Canoga Park

Volume 1, Issue 10 Topanga Senior Lead Office (818) 756-3070 October 2009

Sergeant II Desi Ehrlich

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Hello Topanga Area!

Canoga Park, West Hills, Woodland Hills, and Winnetka,

Now that Topanga has been operational for a full nine months, here are some numbers that are a clear indication of just how hard the men and women of Topanga are working for you. There have been a jaw dropping **32,116** "Calls for Service" placed! Officers have issued **7,614** moving citations and made **1,558** felony arrests. These are outstanding numbers and we should applaud the dedication of our officers…Thank you Topanga Area Police Station!!

Captain's Corner:

For those of you who may not be aware, our Detective Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Tom Zak transferred to Devonshire Area where he will be heading up their Gang Impact Team (GIT). We are very fortunate to now have Lieutenant Stephen Carmona, formerly of Topanga GIT as our new Detective Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Carmona brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our detective force. Under Lieutenant Carmona's supervision, our detectives have been working hard to solve crime in Topanga Area.

Recently, Burglary Detective Kevin Foster received a tip on a burglary suspect. Detective Foster with the assistance of our Property Crimes Detail (PCD), interviewed the suspect who confessed to his crimes and directed the detectives to his accomplices. After interviewing the three juvenile suspects, the detectives located a large amount of stolen jewelry and other property. The three juveniles were subsequently arrested and the property was returned to the owners. This is just one example of the excellent investigative and crime solving work Topanga Detectives are doing!

****

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is an exciting night of the year and a particularly special treat for young children. It is also an important time to be extra vigilant for potential safety hazards. The Los Angeles Police Department wants everyone to have a happy, fun and safe Halloween by following these tips:

- Stay in well lit areas and carry a flashlight with you.
- Instruct your children to NEVER enter ***any*** homes.
- Avoid having children carry replica firearms, swords or toys which can be mistaken for the real thing.
- Teach children their home address and/or parent's phone number in case they get lost.
- Only trick-or-treat at homes with their porch light on. NEVER approach a car offering candy.

- Inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them.

- Visit your local recreation center or park for Halloween activities. Please visit www.laparks.org for more information.

****

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.

****

ANTI-GRAFFITI WEB SITE!

DID YOU KNOW… The Office of Community Beautification, Board of Public Works, has created a "self-help" website for residents requesting graffiti removal. The website is www.anti-graffiti.lacity.org. This website will assist in the removal of graffiti from public property and private property (with owner consent). The graffiti must be visible from the public right-of-way in order to use this service. Structures NOT included in this service include schools (maintained by LAUSD), freeways (maintained by CalTrans), billboards (maintained by owner), and parks (maintained by Recreation & Parks). Most requests are serviced within 72 hours. For more information, contact Paul Racs, Board of Public Works at (213) 978-0229 or paul.racs@lacity.org.

==========

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.**

On September 2, 2009, Officers Mireles and Figuerch responded to a "Grand Theft Auto" call that just occurred at Fallbrook Avenue and Sherman Way. The victim (an 85 year-old WWII veteran), whose vehicle was equipped with Lojack, was activated by our Topanga PSR. Officers were able to locate the vehicle in the area of Lurline Avenue and Sherman Way. Topanga Crime Suppression Units then watched the vehicle until it started moving, at which point, Topanga Patrol Units stopped the vehicle and arrested three individuals. One male suspect was arrested for carjacking, a female suspect for grand theft auto, and a third male suspect for harboring a fugitive. This is an excellent example of our different units working together to make a great arrest!

On September 13, 2009, a homicide occurred around the 20000 block of Saticoy Street at a bar. Subsequently, a CPA gang member was arrested for that murder.

There is no direct crime pattern in 21A29's area however, several people have been burglarized. Suspects are gaining entry into the residences due to windows being left open and/or unlocked. ***PLEASE*** make sure to properly secure your homes and cars at all times!

On September 17, 2009, at 1630 hours Officers Rios and Rodriguez observed a residential burglar as he left a home at the 21800 block of Strathern Street. After a foot chase and a K-9 dog search, the suspect was arrested for burglary. Outstanding team work!

Senior Lead Officers play an important role in your quality of life issues…get to know yours! **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 **2nd** 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 **2nd** 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 **2nd** 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 **1st** 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 Janet Zumstein, Basic Car 21A57
(*Covering South Canoga Park and Topanga malls*)
Office (818) 756-3188 Cell (818) 731-2570
Email 34819@lapd.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 **2nd** 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
Please note that the location of 21A29's Basic Car meeting has now changed: this meeting is held every **2nd** Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Topanga Station

***REMEMBER*: sign up for E-policing**! E-policing allows you to look up crime activity in your neighborhood, and much more at the LAPD web site www.lapdonline.org or www.lapdcrimemaps.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 15, 2009 - Grateful Hearts, 21800 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA

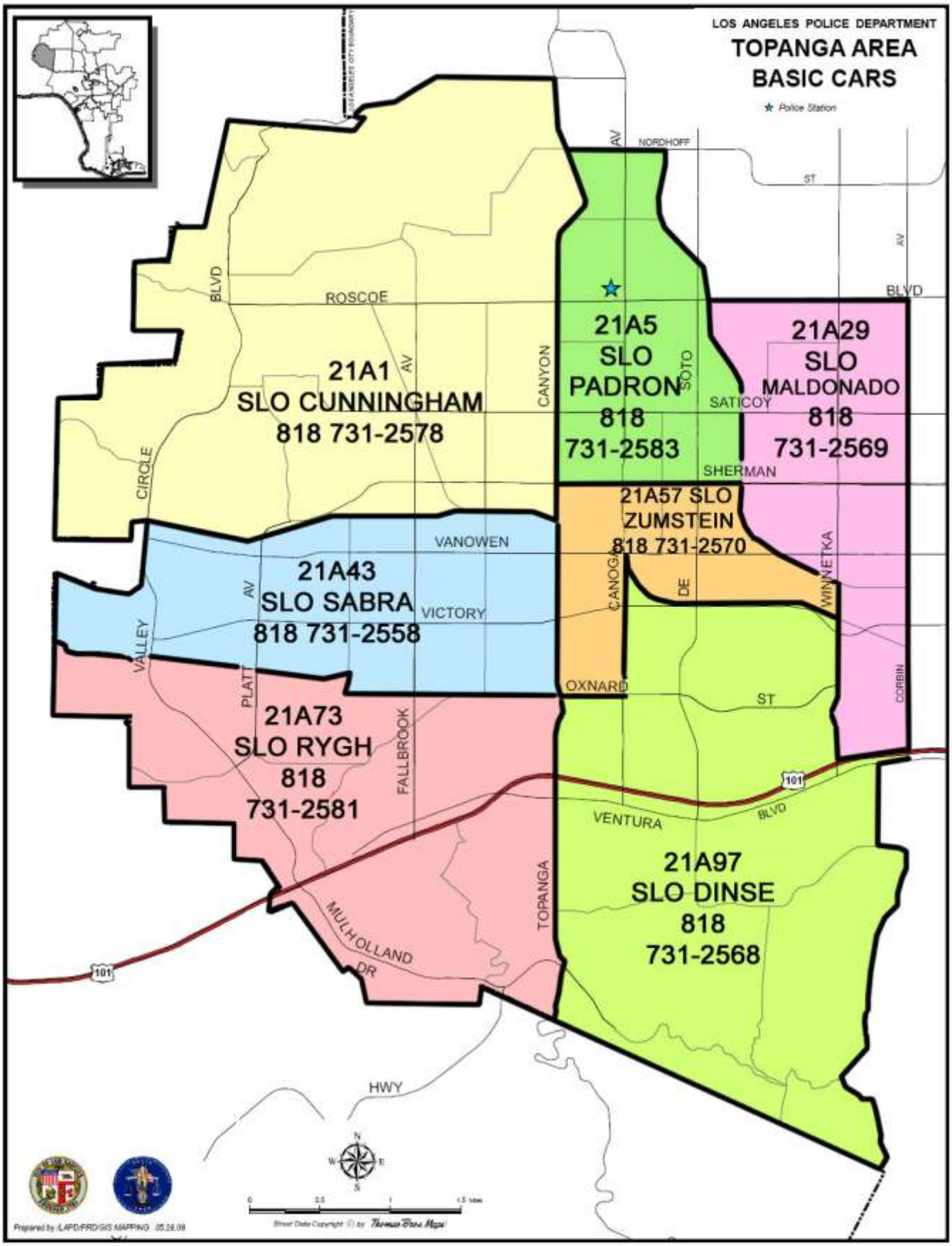
November 19, 2009- Topanga Town Hall Meeting 22450 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA

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

Important Numbers to keep:

Topanga Front Desk	**(818) 756-4800**
TDD/TTY	**(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


LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
TOPANGA AREA
BASIC CARS
Police Station
21A1
SLO CUNNINGHAM
818 731-2578
21A5
SLO
PADRON
818
731-2583
21A29
SLO
MALDONADO
818
731-2569
21A57 SLO
ZUMSTEIN
818 731-2570
21A43
SLO SABRA
818 731-2558
21A73
SLO RYGH
818
731-2581
21A97
SLO DINSE
818
731-2568
NORDHOFF
ST
BLVD
ROSCOE
SATICOY
SHERMAN
VANOWEN
VICTORY
OXNARD
VENTURA
MULHOLLAND
DR
HWY
CIRCLE
VALLEY
PLATT
FALLBROOK
CANYON
SOTO
CANOGA
DE
WINNETKA
CORBIN
TOPANGA
101