



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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Officer in Charge, Sergeant David Wright

A Post Christmas Thank you !!!

We at the West Valley Community Police Station wish to thank you, our community for your wonderful support this holiday season with our holiday toy drive.

Thanks to the outpouring of support and your donations, we were able to help many children in our area who would have gone without Christmas this year. Your generosity touches our hearts, and our officers are graced by being able to help those in need in a way that usually is not a part of their job.

Once again, we thank you for your generosity and support, and we want you to know that your donations made the holiday for many families in need!

West Valley Area

Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building located at 19040 Vanowen Street.

Captain John Sherman, West Valley Area Commanding Officer and Mark Markowitz, West Valley C-PAB Co-Chair, have extended a welcome to anyone who would like to come to our monthly meeting.

If you would like to get involved, contact the West Valley Senior Lead Office at (818) 756-9891.

The West Valley C-PAB Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every month. The next West Valley Area Community –Police Advisory Board Meeting will be February 9, 2005.

Reseda

Senior Lead Officers

Chris Crosby 32835 & Janet Zumstein 24571
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LAPD officers handle 6,000 to 7,000 alarm calls each month and over 90% are determined to be false alarms. Every alarm user, residential and business can do their share to reduce false alarms and help preserve police resources.

False alarm fees and penalties now fall under the revised alarm ordinance, and the City of Los Angeles will no longer respond to alarms free-of-charge. In addition to recovering the \$115 fee for service, escalating penalties will be imposed for multiple false alarms:

False alarms

Without permit

With permit

1 st time	\$215	\$115
2 nd time	\$315	\$165
3 rd time	\$415	\$215
4 th time	\$515	\$265

To obtain an alarm permit, contact the Office of Finances at (213) 473-5901 or www.lacity.org/finance. Initial permit is \$31 and the annual renewal charge is \$30. Notify your alarm company with your permit number and updated emergency contact information. Also display your permit number in a place where responding officers can identify your contact information.

If your alarm activation was not false, you can appeal to the Board of Police Commissioners. For more information, contact the alarms Section at (213) 485-2931 or www.lapdonline.org/alarms.

Our Neighborhood Watch meeting in January 2005 is cancelled. However, our February meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 19040 Vanowen Street.

West Hills
Senior Lead Officer
Peter Vanderburgh 20382
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Winnetka
Senior Lead Officer
Karen Rodriguez 31201
10 A 33

Happy New Year. We have two new Commanding Officers in West Valley Area. Captain-III John A. Sherman and Captain-I Joel M. Justice who bring new ideas for reducing the incidents of crime, and the fear of crime in our communities. We welcome them both to West Valley Area.

As a community, we need to form a greater partnership and work closer together to reduce crime. Join in and help your neighborhood by participating in crime prevention measures by looking out for your neighbor.

We have had several residential burglaries where the suspect(s) have cut the phone lines to disconnect the alarm. We recommend that you step up your alarm system to a digital cellular response.

Traffic concerns are always an issue to our community. Please slow down and have patience for the other driver. We all have to share the road you know!

Our neighborhood Watch meetings are held at the Pomelo Elementary School at 7633 March Avenue, on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

HELLO, WINNETKANS! Happy New Year! This is the season of New Year's resolutions. Have you made yours yet? If not, let me offer a few suggestions for a safe 2005. Please check, repair and or replace all of the smoke detectors in every room of your home.

To recover stolen property, go through and write down the serial numbers of all your valuable items, and store that list in a secure location. The Police Department can return recovered property to the owner if we can determine to whom it belongs.

It is also a good idea if your home has alley access, please have your address clearly painted on the rear of your property so the Police or Fire Dept. can easily find you during an emergency. Let's make this New Year the safest year yet!

RECRUITMENT DRIVE: We are still in a Block Captain recruitment drive in Winnetka. If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain and would like a starter package, please contact me at the West Valley Senior Lead Office at (818) 756-9891 or E-mail me at 31201@lapd.lacity.org.

Our Neighborhood Watch Meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at the Demirdjian School Auditorium, 6844 Oakdale Ave. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Valley Traffic Division
Community Traffic Services Unit
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Please remember that no left turn signs located at the entrance and exits of business parking lots such as the ones located on Victory Bl. west of Fallbrook Ave, are being enforced by the LAPD. Merge lanes located at or near the entrance/exit do not permit the turning movement. This movement is a violation of 21461(A) of the vehicle code. If the Department Of Transportation has deemed any entrance/ exit creates a safety conflict, "No Left Turn" signs are put in place. Therefore, for public safety, the restrictions are enforced (tickets issued) when compliance is not met.

A tip from Officer Sam Davis
Your West Valley Traffic Safety Officer

Tarzana

*Senior Lead Officer
Kip Jackson #31733
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Hello Tarzana, I hope everyone enjoyed his or her holidays. Now it's time to get back to work.

I have been working the Tarzana area in a patrol capacity, and I have noticed Reseda Blvd has had several street robberies. Thanks to our patrol officers two of those robbery suspects were apprehended after a short foot chase. Job well done!

There is a problem with Burglary from Motor Vehicles in our area. We need to take more of an aggressive stand when it comes to protecting our property. The Captain has deployed additional Personnel to help patrol, but we need your help too! You can be a good witness, by reporting any unusual activity or behavior. If you see persons loitering or repeatedly walking past the same location, they might be casing something or someone. Officers would prefer to talk with a possible suspect, rather than take a Crime Report later. Please, if you can avoid leaving any property in your vehicle, such as a purse, cell phone, duffel bag, lap-top computers, ETC., you may deter a thief from victimizing you.

The Los Angeles Police Department has a non-emergency number I would like to make you all aware of in the event you want to call to report suspicious activity. The number is 877-ASK-LAPD.

Our Crime and Analysis Detail, along with the help of Officer Carnahan in the SLO Office provide detailed crime information for the entire West Valley area. I provide color copies of the Selected Crimes in my area at Community Meetings and Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

I would like to remind everyone, our Monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting is the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at Concilman Zine's Office, 19040 Vanowen Street. Please bring a friend. We need more attendees!

Please feel free to call me at 818-731-2580 or 818-756-9891, with any questions or concerns.

Canoga Park

*Senior Lead Officer
Robert Trulik #32325
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Hello Canoga Park. Please let me first start off by introducing myself. My name is Robert Trulik and I am the new temporary Senior Lead Officer in your area. I am replacing Enrique Gutierrez and will be here to help you through February. As time goes by I hope to bridge the gaps with you and address your quality of life concerns. I will be in and out of the field and available for your questions, comments and concerns. Please feel free to call me on my City cellular phone at (818) 731-2583.

Our Monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting is the first Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at 20800 Sherman Way.

Woodland Hills

*Senior Lead Officers
Tony Valadez & Jodie McGee
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This month we would like to talk about personal safety. Anyone, at any time, can become a victim of a crime. There are ways to decrease the chances that a criminal will pick you as a victim. First of all, you must be aware of your surroundings. There are times that you can become distracted and not pay attention to what is going on around you. These are the times you are most vulnerable. A criminal can tell by your body language that you are distracted. Make it a habit to look around and see who is around you and what is going on around you. You can also protect yourself by staying in areas that are well lit, with moderate to heavy pedestrian traffic, and conducting business during daytime hours. Criminals like to get you alone, and in secluded locations. Finally, be a good witness. Even if you become a victim of a crime, make observations of how the criminal looks, what he/she is wearing, and what type of weapon, if any, was used. Also, make a note of what direction the criminal went, and how they left (on foot, by car, etc). Remember, the bad guy doesn't want to get caught and wants to do a quick strike on a victim. By keeping the environment on your side and by staying alert, you can decrease the chances of becoming a victim of a crime

And finally, our next **meeting is on February 15, at 6:30pm..** The meeting will be held at The Woodland Hills Library, 22200 Ventura Blvd.