



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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Officer in Charge, Sergeant David Wright

West Valley Area

Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday May 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the New Police Station Community room, 19020 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.

The West Valley C-PAB Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every month
The next West Valley Area –Police Advisory Board Meeting will be June 8, 2005.

Canoga Park

Senior Lead Officer

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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIME PREVENTION

This is not an article about getting in touch with your feelings. It's about staying in touch with your valuables! Most people want to feel safe and think that they live in a nice neighborhood.

Every month we get reports of cars being broken into because valuables were left in plain sight inside the vehicle. We get reports of expensive power tools or lawn equipment taken because garages were left open. Many people feel that taking security precautions is useless. They subscribe to the idea that "if criminals want it badly enough, they're going to get it." A better way to look at security is "thieves will hit the easiest targets they can find." Thieves are opportunists who take advantage of a good situation when they find it.

Always think in terms of denying opportunities to criminals. Even small attempts to protect yourself could pay big dividends. Don't leave your valuables in plain sight just begging to be stolen.

Our monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting will be June 14, 2005 at Faith Lutheran Church, 7500 De Soto Avenue at 7p.m.

The new SLO phone numbers to reach us are (818) 374-7630 for the main Senior Lead number. My direct line is (818) 374-7629. Also, mark your calendar for Canoga Park's annual Memorial Day Parade on May 30. This is always a great event and a good time to show your support for our Armed Forces and our community.

Community Service Notice:

SENIOR ACTION FAIR

Protect Yourself Against Fraud & Abuse

Tuesday May 17th, 2005

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

New Jewish Community Center at Milken
22622 Vanowen St. West Hills, Ca

Complimentary Breakfast and Lunch
Event is Free,

but reservations are required

Please RSVP by Tuesday May 10th, 2005 to
Lauren Velazquez at (310)394-9871

Ext 261,

or e-mail Lvelazquez@wiseseniors.org

Wise Senior Services www.wiseseniors.org

Winnetka

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HELLO, WINNETKANS! Change is in the air here at the West Valley Station. By the time this article hits the presses, we should be moved into our beautiful new Police Station. It's been a long time coming, but West Valley residents now have a beautiful new asset within their community.

As a result of the move, our phone numbers throughout the division will change. The new general SLO office number will be (818) 374-7630, and my direct line will be (818) 374-7631. Please note these changes for future reference.

Another change that may be taking place within the not too distant future is my promotion to Sergeant. I have no idea when or even if my promotion will materialize, but when I hear something, I will be sure to keep all of you updated. During June, I have been slated to attend a month-long supervisor training seminar. During my absence I will ensure that Winnetka is left in the capable hands of one of my partner Senior Lead Officers.

DAYTIME RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES. I have seen a small spike in daytime residential burglaries in RD's 1006 during the months of March and April. Most of them have occurred during business hours when people are at work. PLEASE remember to lock your windows and doors when you leave your home. Most thieves get into houses through unlocked doors and open windows.

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 my new phone number in the West Valley Senior Lead Office at (818) 374-7631 or E-mail me at 31201@lapd.lacity.org.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING is held the second Thursday of every month (June 9, 2005) at 7:00 pm, at Demirdjian School Auditorium, 6844 Oakdale Ave. All are welcome to attend!

Woodland Hills

*Senior Lead Officers
Tony Valadez & Jodie McGee
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Street Vendors:

We have a problem with street vendors in Woodland Hills. Please do not buy fruit or food items from these individuals. If you have vendors near your home or business, please call the SLO office at (818) 374-7630, and let us know when and where. We currently have several sweeps planned for the next couple of months to help eradicate this nuisance problem. Ofcr Valadez's new direct line is 374-7636, and Ofcr McGee's new phone number is 374-7637.

Our June Neighborhood Watch meeting will be June 14, 2005, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at The Woodland Hills Public Library, 22200 Ventura Blvd.

Reseda

*Senior Lead Officers
Janet Zumstein & Chris Crosby
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We have moved into our new station, which is located in the same location as the old station. The address is 19020 Vanowen Street. There is public parking on the street in front of the station and on the eastside of the station.

Ofcr Zumsteins' new direct phone number is (818) 374-7634. Ofcr Crosby's new phone number is (818) 374-7635. The main SLO office number is (818)374-7630. Please update your records.

We are having a problem with Vandalism to vehicles in the area. Please try and prevent yourself from becoming a victim by parking your car in a safe place. If at all possible park your vehicles in your garage. If you don't have a garage and you have to park your car in front of your house or in a carport, make sure the area is well lit. Remember don't leave valuables in plain sight. Hide them in your trunk or remove them from your vehicle.

Our Neighborhood Watch Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 PM. **The meetings for Reseda Area are now being held in the Community Room of the new station.** The Community Room is located adjacent to the lobby of the main entrance door.

Encino

Senior Lead Officer

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Many of us keep automatic garage door openers (i.e., clickers) inside our vehicles, sometimes in plain view (e.g., clipped to the sun visor). By law, we are required to keep our vehicles' DMV registration (and auto insurance identification) cards inside of our vehicles.

Remember, your vehicle registration (and auto insurance) cards have your addresses printed on them. In the past, officers, while arresting burglary suspects, have recovered stolen "clickers" along with stolen registration cards. Of course, we can easily determine the intent of these suspects: to locate the victims' residences by using the stolen registration cards and then to enter the residences (or parking garages) via the stolen clickers. Please make it a point to "black out" your addresses, printed on the registration/insurance cards that you keep in your vehicles (your names should remain on the cards so that proper ownership/insured statuses can still be verified). I also suggest not leaving your clickers inside your cars when you park your cars in a public place. Clickers should generally be treated as extra "house keys," which would never be left in plain view inside of our vehicles.

We have moved into the new police station as of May 2nd. Please note the new phone numbers for the SLO office. To reach me, please call (818) 374-7628. This number will go to my desk and will have my voice mail available if I am out in the field. The main line to the SLO Office is (818) 374-7630.

Many thanks to those who attended the March 30th Neighborhood Watch meeting, which was the first all-Encino meeting in quite a while. The next meeting, which is part of a tentative quarterly schedule, will be on Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 7:00 PM, at the Encino Community Center, (4935 Balboa Bl).

West Hills

Senior Lead Officer

Peter Vanderburgh 20382

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With summer just around the corner, a friendly reminder about "Yard/Garage Sales". Sales on private property are intended for the following; used items from the household only, a maximum of five sales per year, sales are limited to no more than two consecutive days per event, and are limited between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We also ask you to remove all yard sale signs affixed to poles and post in your neighborhood. Any violations of the forgoing can be cited for (Misdemeanor) violations, sections 12.03 and 28.04 (A) L.A.M.C.

Traffic problems are part of our business. We ask you to slow down and be courteous to other motorists. Also watch out for pedestrians. They, for the most part have the right of way. Summer break will be upon us soon, and children will be more likely to be in the streets. Please slow down!

Our next meeting will be on May 9th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at 7633 March Avenue at Pomelo Elementary School. Our June Neighborhood Watch meeting will be June 6th, 2005. **My new office number is (818) 374-7632, and the general office number is (818) 374-7630, please note these changes.**

New West Valley Area phone numbers, please save this phone list:

Community Relations Office-374-7690

Desk- 374-7611

Detectives – 374-7730

Senior Lead Office- 374-7630

(10A3) SLO Barber- 374-7629

(10A27) SLO Crosby- 374-7635

(10A33) SLO Rodriguez- 374-7631

(10A47) SLO Zumstein- 374-7634

(10A51) SLO Vanderburgh- 374-7632

(10A67) SLO Jackson- 374-7638

(10A73) SLO McGee- 374-7637

(10A75) SLO Valadez- 374-7636

(10A87) SLO Ro- 374-7628

SLO Sergeant Wright- 374-7626

SLO Admin Ofcr Carnahan- 374-7627