NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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Yes, we have changed our format!

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Please join us for the following
West Valley Area Events:

CPAB Meetings: June 14 & July 12, 2006 7:00 PM, West Valley Station, Community Room

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Would you be ready to ride it out if an earthquake hit today?
With some basic planning and thinking, preparing your home or workplace for an earthquake is easy.
Prepare and emergency kit of food, water, and supplies.
Know safe spots in each room
Practice drills
Decide where your family will reunite
Learn First Aide and CPR
Learn how to shut off gas, water, and electricity
For more information on Earthquake safety, go to www.oes.ca.gov

The next few Neighborhood Watch Meetings are scheduled for June 20TH and July 18TH, 7:00 PM (Notice time change from previous meetings), Councilman Zine's Building (19040 Vanowen street, Reseda).

Canoga Park, 10A3, Senior Lead Officer Royal Barber
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As we move from springtime to summertime many of us look forward to vacations, spending time with family and friends, summer barbecues, longer days and warm nights. However, every summer the law enforcement community can expect something different – a rise in criminal activity. There are a couple of things you need to do, look out for your neighbors, and get involved in your Neighborhood Watch. Find out what is going on in your neighborhood. Learn how to keep yourself and your property safe and deter crime at Neighborhood Watch meetings, call your Senior Lead Officer on how to form one for your neighborhood.

Canoga Park's next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on July 11th at 7:00 PM at the Canoga Park Community Center (also known as the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce) at 7248 Owensmouth Ave, Canoga Park.

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5 Quick Security Tips for Your Home

1) Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars. Thieves are also quick to spot weak locks that may be easily forced open. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one-inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three inch screws. All windows should have window locks.
2) Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts. These will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
3) Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
4) Create the illusion that you are home, by using timers on lights, radios and TV's. Making your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.
5) Keep the perimeter of your home well lighted. Installing low voltage outdoor lighting is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders, as well as highlight a house.

Our Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be July 11th, at 6:30pm at the Woodland Hills Library, 22200 Ventura Blvd.

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Hello Encino and Sherman Oaks,

As the summer month's approach and we start to plan our vacations I would like to give you some helpful security tips. First, if you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time please contact your local post office and place your mail on a **vacation hold** for that time period. If you will be only gone for a few days please ask you neighbor or family friend to pick-up your newspaper and bring in your mail. Second, if possible place a light in the inside of your residence, on a timer for illumination in the evenings. Last please tell your neighbors (the ones you know and trust) that you will be out of town and the dates you will be gone. Hopefully they will look after your house and report suspicious activity to the police. Also don't forget to close and lock your windows and doors as you leave. Have a great summer and keep in touch with one another.

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West Hills has had a number of cars being vandalized in normally quite neighborhoods. The suspects used baseball bats to vandalize the vehicles. Our Detectives are currently following leads in these incidents. You can help us catch these criminals. First, be on the look out in your neighborhood for any suspicious activity. Be quick to look outside of your home if you hear anything unusual. Attempt to get the best description you can of the suspect committing any criminal acts (physical description, clothing description, if on foot / bicycle / or car - most importantly the license plate of the car if possible, and direction of travel). Then phone 911. Secondly, if your vehicle is vandalized, report it to the Police. This helps the Police obtain an accurate crime picture of the problem as well as allowing the criminal to face the entirety of his damages when he convicted. With your help we can reduce crime in your neighborhood.

West Hills next Neighborhood Watch meeting is on July 10th at 7:00 PM at
Pomelo Elementary School located at 7633 March Ave, West Hills

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Auto Burglary Prevention

Auto Burglary/Theft is a major crime problem in the Reseda area. Every day I receive numerous BFMV (Burglary or Theft from Motor Vehicles) reports. Here are some basic guidelines that may keep you from becoming a victim.

What is Auto Burglary?
Auto Burglary is theft of property (any value) from a secured (locked) vehicle. This is a felony.

What is Auto Theft?
Auto theft is theft of property from an unsecured (unlocked) vehicle. This is a misdemeanor.

How can your complacency affect crime?
The three elements needed to commit a crime are **DESIRE**, **ABILITY**, and **OPPORTUNITY**.
Complacency creates opportunity and ability. If you can remove the opportunity or the ability, you can prevent the crime.

What items are most commonly stolen from vehicles?

- **Money**
- **Computers**
- **Cell Phones**
- **Wallets / Purses (even under the seat)**
- **Day Planners**
- **Briefcases**
- **Garage Door Openers**
- **Gym Bags**
- **Keys**
- **Mail**
- **Tools**
- **Navigation Equipment**
- **LCD TV's**
- **Stereos**
- **Third Row Seats**
- **MP3 Players/ Video Games**

How can Auto Burglary lead to Residential Burglary?

A garage door opener or house key taken from your vehicle + mail or vehicle registration also taken = access to your home!

What Steps should I take to prevent becoming the next victim?

Remove all visible items from your vehicle. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse or cell phone under your seat, especially at the gym. Take these items with you.

Lock and secure your vehicle: Park safely in a well lit area, if you have an alarm, use it!
Criminals will always choose the easiest target!

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We are having a lot of noise complaints in Winnetka, so here is some information to help, and please be considerate of your neighbors with your own noise levels! If you have a noisy neighbor, perhaps you could leave this on their door!

What can I do about my noisy neighbors?
A noisy neighbor may create a disturbance by having a loud television, stereo, voices or radio. These types of complaints are best handled by a resident's local police station because the loud noise is intermittent, occasional, or spontaneous. A loud party is also best resolved by calling 311 and asking for police dispatch.

What are the regulations regarding construction-related noise?
The regulations regarding construction-related noise prohibits a person, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day, to perform any construction or repair work of any kind. 1-888-LA-4-BUILD.

What can I do about barking dogs in my neighborhood?
Although pets can provide much companionship and love, they can also become a nuisance to an entire neighborhood if not cared for properly. All barking dog or other nuisance complaints are handled by the City's Animal Care and Control Department. Barking dog complaints must be submitted in writing to your local Animal Care and Control Center with the name, address, and telephone number of the complaining party, a description of the nuisance, as well as name and address of the dog owner. For further information, please contact your local Animal Care and Control Center (888) 452-7381.

The next Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on June 8th, at 7:00 pm, at 6844 Oakdale Ave., (The Demirjian School).

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Hello again West Winnetka / Canoga Park Area. I would like to educate our community with 8 simple rules to follow when an emergency vehicle with lights and sirens is driving within your vicinity:

Do's:

- Stay calm.
- Move as far to the right side of the road as possible and stop (CA Vehicle Code 21806).
- If you cannot move to the right because of another vehicle or obstacle, just stop safely.
- Drivers should stay at least 300 feet behind emergency vehicles using their lights and sirens (CA Vehicle Code 21706).

Don'ts:

- Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane.
- Don't try to beat the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
- Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

With that said, our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2006.
It will be at Valley Village located at 20830 Sherman Way, at 7:00 pm. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you, so please be safe.