



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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“COMMUNITY AWARENESS IS THE KEY TO CRIME PREVENTION”

We cordially invite you to our
WEST VALLEY POLICE STATION OPEN HOUSE
September 29th, 2007
10am-3pm
19020 Vanowen St, Reseda

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Crime and Arrest Information.

Below is a snapshot of just a few of the arrests that officers made in West Valley in the past couple weeks:

- Senior Lead Officers conducted a vendor task force, resulting in the arrest of 12 street vendors.
- 43XX Saltillo A dispute escalated to violence, resulting in an arrest for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.
- 225XX Clarendon officers arrested three individuals for a residential Burglary
- 66XX Reseda Blvd two females were arrested for prostitution, and one female was arrested for pimping.
- Officers received a radio call of an argument with a possible gun involved. Gang officers responded, and arrested a young man for driving a stolen vehicle and violating a gang injunction.
- 69XX Aura Ave Four individuals were observed dismantling a car speaker box from a new vehicle. They were detained and later arrested for Burglary from Motor Vehicle.
- Ventura Blvd at Corbin Ave, Officers were on patrol when they heard a gunshot. Officers investigated a nearby vehicle, located a spent casing on the ground, and arrested one suspect for possession of a loaded handgun and possession of marijuana.
- 179XX Hatton St. several men had been drinking, and became involved in an altercation, which turned into a life threatening injury for one individual. Two suspects were arrested for Attempted Murder.
- Reseda Blvd and Burbank Blvd. Citizens saw suspects breaking into vehicles in an auto body parking lot. Citizens flagged officers down. Three suspects were arrested after a foot pursuit, they had broken into ten vehicles.
- The Volunteer Surveillance Detail made five curfew arrests and one minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage arrests in one evening detail.
- The Transient Detail made 15 various misdemeanor arrests in the last several weeks.
- Four officers responded to a robbery call. The first responding officers detained a possible suspect exiting the area, and the second set of officers determined that a robbery had occurred, and that the detained individual was in fact the man who had simulated a handgun and robbed the 7-11. The suspect was out on parole for burglary, and had been terrorizing the neighborhood.

You can look up crime activity in your neighborhood on-line at www.lapdonline.org or www.lapdcrimemaps.org.

Crime Prevention target of the month: Distraction Burglary. A distraction burglary is a crime where someone gains access to your home under false pretenses, and then removes your property without your knowledge.

Here is an example: A female knocks on your door and says her car broke down on a very hot day, in front of your home. She asks to use your telephone. You allow her inside, and she makes a telephone call. While she is on the telephone, there is another knock on the door; a man who states his wife is in your house, he then asks if he can use your restroom. You are feeling overwhelmed, but don't want to be rude, so you invite him in, and direct him to the restroom. The female then calls you to the phone for your address, or directions, while the man rifles through your bedroom and removes belongings and jewelry. She completes her phone call, and they leave, thanking you profusely for your kindness.

Distraction burglaries can also be committed by people posing as real estate agents, salespersons, inspectors or other officials attempting to gain access to your home.

To prevent this type of burglary, follow these steps.

Step One

Treat strangers who come to your door with healthy suspicion. Check that they are wearing a recognizable uniform or driving a vehicle carrying a company logo or name. Ask to see photo identification.

Step Two

Note the company name, if you've never heard of it or don't recognize the person. Many distraction burglars pose as salesman, contractors and even as representatives of charitable groups.

Step Three

Ask neighbors whether they're familiar with the company or organization the visitor claims to represent. Your neighbors can let you know if the person has been seen around the neighborhood or is a complete stranger.

Step Four

Determine if you should call the police. Even if no crime has occurred, it might be worthwhile to make the police aware of any suspicious behavior. The police might be looking for a suspect that matches the person's description, and your call may save others from falling prey to a distraction burglary.

Step Five

Call the police to report a distraction burglary the moment you realize valuables are missing. Often, distraction burglars strike more than once, so make the report as soon as possible.

Step Six

Make neighbors aware of what happened so they can look out for similar schemes. Print up a flyer detailing the crime and describing the perpetrator. Distribute it on your block.

Step Seven

Don't be afraid to be rude. You are not obligated to open the door for anyone you don't know.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Schedule:

Canoga Park Neighborhood Watch
The second Tuesday of the month
7248 Owensmouth Ave
7pm.

Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Every other month
Call for details.
374-7637

Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The second Thursday of the month
West Valley Police Station
7pm.

Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The third Wednesday of the month
West Valley Police Station
7pm.

**South Canoga Park/ West Winnetka
Neighborhood Watch**
The third Wednesday of the month
20830 Sherman Way, Canoga Park
7pm.

Winnetka Neighborhood Watch
The second Thursday of the month
6844 Oakdale Ave.
7pm.

West Hills Neighborhood Watch
The third Monday of the month
7633 March Ave, West Hills
7pm.

Woodland Hills Neighborhood Watch
The second Tuesday of the month
22200 Ventura Blvd (Woodland Hills Library)
6:30pm.

All times and dates are subject to change,
Please call the Senior Lead Officer to verify
prior to attending, or get on the mailing list, for
a monthly updated mailing on the meeting!

Who Do I Call For This?

Did you know that the San Fernando Valley is the pornography filming capital of the world?
That is not exactly a distinction that we enjoy.

What would you do if someone were filming an adult movie next to your home?

All filming in the City of Los Angeles is regulated by Film LA. FilmLA can be reached via the internet at www.filmla.com or by telephone at (213) 977-8600. You can find out if a permit to film has been issued, what the restrictions are, and what recourse you have if the conditions are violated. If the filming is causing a disturbance, you can call the police, and we will investigate. You can reach dispatch at 311 or 1-877-275-5273.

Upcoming Events:

Please put our Townhall Meeting on your calendar!

It will be on **October 3, 2007, at 7:00 pm.** We are hoping to have the meeting at the Demirjian School at 6844 Oakdale Ave.

Our discussion will include recent crime trends and community concerns. You will be updated on the trends in policing, and the goals of the LAPD.