



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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“COMMUNITY AWARENESS IS THE KEY TO CRIME PREVENTION”

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2007 Crime Statistics:

Well, here are the numbers for 2007! Homicides in the City for 2007 were 392, which is down from 476 in 2006, and 487 in 2005. That is a 19.5% decrease from 2005! Robberies are down 13.8% from last year, and 15% from 2005. **Total violent crimes are down 8.1% throughout the City from 2006.**

Property crimes (which are more of a problem in West Valley Area) are down 4.0% from 2006, and down 11.4% from 2005.

Overall crime in Los Angeles is down to the lowest it has been in many years, but that does not mean that we can relax! Our areas are under constant bombardment of quality of life issues that we can help you with. Feel free to call your Senior Lead Officers at the numbers above for ideas and information on Neighborhood Watch.

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 of weeks:

- 20000 Lull Street, suspect removed a leather jacket from a storage shed. Victim observed suspect return to the location and called police. Suspect was arrested at a local gas station where Officers recognized that he matched the description from the crime report.
- A female was arrested by West Valley Vice for loitering with the intent to commit prostitution at Darby and Sherman Way.
- A gang member was arrested at Vanowen and Shirley for attempted Grand Theft Auto. Victim had observed the suspect sitting inside her vehicle with his hands in the steering column, attempting to start her vehicle. Victim confronted the suspect who fled on foot. Victim identified the suspect as the individual who was in her vehicle without permission. Suspect admitted he was looking for a car to steal.
- Three suspects were arrested for felony vandalism at Desoto and Roscoe. All three were spraying graffiti, when observed by officers. The suspects were all booked for felony vandalism.
- Wilbur avenue and Strathern Street, two male juveniles were booked for vandalism for writing on an electrical box. The gang officers were on patrol when they received a call of vandalism suspects now. The suspects were writing DHS-which stood for Dangerous Hoodlums- a "crew" which they had just started a few days prior to the arrest.
- A traffic collision at Saticoy Street and Claire Ave resulted in a felony DUI arrest of a 17 year old. The juvenile had "smoked medical marijuana earlier in the day- but had a prescription". Several parties in the collision were mildly injured.
- Officers observed a 1998 white Honda Accord missing both license plates. Officers conducted a traffic stop to investigate and discovered that the car was stolen, and the driver was on parole. The driver was arrested and booked for Grand Theft Auto.
- In November 2007, a homicide occurred at the Red Square Nightclub located at 20001 Ventura Blvd. A fight broke out between several groups, and a man was beaten to death. Detectives have done extensive follow-up, and have recently arrested the three individuals responsible for the death.
- A female was arrested in the 20100 block of Ventura Blvd for solicitation of prostitution. Officers located her ad on the internet, on a local meeting site.
- A male was arrested for felony stalking after calling his ex-girlfriend 40-50 times per day, showing up repeatedly at her residence in violation of a restraining order and throwing urine on her clothes. Suspect admitted to having a drug problem and calling victim 10-20 times per day.

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

Did you know that I can find your home address, phone number and date of birth for free, from a simple search on the internet?

I recently received a phone call from an old friend that I had not heard from in 25 years. He had located my address and phone number (unlisted) from a free website. There are many search engines on the internet where your private information can be located for free. This can be a great way to locate old friends, high school buddies and loved ones, or it can be a way for your identity to be stolen, or your safety and privacy to be threatened. You can have your information removed from these databases. It is a little time consuming, but worth the trouble. Below are some of the major databases and their contact information.

You can usually fax your Drivers License, with the license number scratched out, and a copy of the information on their site regarding you to the webhost, asking for your information to be removed under the Privacy Act. Some of the sites request that you mail in a form letter, which is available on their website.

Zabasearch.com Zaba tools, 820 Park Row #658, Salinas CA 93901

Intellus.com Intellus is a major website who uses many names (msn white pages, people lookup.com etc). Their customer service telephone number is (425) 974-6100, and their fax number is (425) 974-6194. You should insist that your information be removed from all of their databases. Your information varies in each one.

PublicRecordsnow.com This company prefers that you mail a letter with your first and last names as well as middle initial. They also want any aka's that you use or have used as well as your current and former addresses for the past 20 years, along with your date of birth. It is also recommended that you provide a printout of the information that they have listed on you.
Opy Out / PrivateEye.com, 15332 Antioch Street Suite 713, Los Angeles, CA 90272

US People Search (877) 327-2410- phone number
(310) 823-3469 fax

There are many other search engines out there, but these are the ones I could find, please let your SLO know of additional ones so that we can amass a master list to get out to you and others!

We are currently recruiting volunteers for our Crisis Response Team.

The Crisis Response Team is composed of community members who are available to respond to emergency situations to assist Officers and help out in traumatic situations. Training is provided, and support is available from existing team members. Can you be an angel for someone in a time of need? Please let your Senior Lead Officer know if you are interested, or call the Community Relations Office at (818) 374-7690.

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 Tuesday of the month
West Valley Police Station
7pm.

South Canoga Park/ West Winnetka Neighborhood Watch
The third Tuesday 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 second 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!