



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Devonshire Area Neighborhood Watch Newsletter ♦ September 2011

Message from the Commanding Officer, Devonshire Area

Greetings all,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Devonshire Area Commanding Officer. I have been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department for 24 years and have worked a variety of assignments including uniformed patrol, training, vice enforcement and various investigative entities. I was appointed to the rank of Captain in December 2000 and served as the Commanding Officer at Foothill and North Hollywood Patrol Division, Vice Division and Force Investigation Division.

Devonshire Area will be having our annual Open House on Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 10:00am to 3:00pm.



There will be lots of displays and we will be giving guided tours of our station. Please come join us. I look forward to my new assignment and hope to meet you at the event!

Kris E. Pitcher, Captain
Commanding Officer
Devonshire Community Police Station

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BASIC CAR AREA HIGHLIGHTS
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Basic Car Area 17A23
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Crime Trends and Locations: This past month Basic Car 17A23 experienced a crime spike of Commercial Burglary. The suspects are targeting copper plumbing pipes and brass water regulators. The concerned area for Commercial Burglary is from Topanga Canyon Blvd to Winnetka Ave and Devonshire Street to Nordhoff Street. It was a very hot month and with the heat, Devonshire Area experienced a rise in Violent Crimes. ***Please remember to report all suspicious criminal activity!!!***

Commendable Citizen and Officer Incident:

On August 2, 2011, National Night Out Event took place and we had a great turn out. The purpose of the event was for the community to have a personal interaction with local law enforcement. Approximately 1800 citizens attended and ate hot dogs, drank sodas, received prize give-a-ways, and enjoyed watching the "Yogi Bear" movie. My thank you goes out to all citizens and officers involved, The Red Cross, California Emergency Mobile Patrol, Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team; the local business' (Target, Wal-Mart, Coca Cola, Skateland, ADT Security, Vallarta Market, The Medicine Shop, Olive Garden, Ralph's Supermarket, Vons Supermarket) and Councilman Mitchell Englander and his awesome staff members. **THANK YOU!!!**

Neighborhood Watch Events:

The Devonshire Area Open House is Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Officers will be conducting station tours and will have various specialized units giving presentations. **Basic Car 17A23's next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is on Thursday, September 22, 2011.** Our meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month, located at **Saint John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue, at 7:00pm.**

Basic Car Area 17A35
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Crime Trends and Locations:

There are nonreportable concentrated crime clusters or patterns in the Basic Car area. **Beware not to leave any valuables in your vehicles, especially when visiting the areas of O'Melveny Park in Reporting District (RD) 1705 and in the L.A. Fitness parking lot at Devonshire Street and Reseda Avenue in RD 1743.**

Crime Prevention Information – Identity Theft:

REMEMBER - an identity thief can strike even though you've been very careful about keeping your personal information to yourself. **If you suspect your personal information has been hijacked and misappropriated to commit fraud or theft, take action immediately! Keep a record of your conversations and correspondence.**

Three Steps to Resolve:

First: Contact the Fraud Departments of each of the three major credit bureaus. Tell them you are an identity theft victim and request that a **"fraud alert"** be placed in your file. Have them send a victim's statement asking creditors to call you before opening any new accounts or changing your existing accounts. This can help prevent an identity thief from opening additional accounts in your name. At the same time, order copies of your credit reports from the credit bureaus. Credit bureaus must give you a free copy of your report if your report is inaccurate because of fraud and you request it in writing.

Second: Contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Creditors can include credit card companies, phone companies, utilities, banks and other lenders. Ask to speak with someone in the Security or Fraud Department of each creditor and follow up with a letter.

Last (but by no means least): File a report with your local police
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Devonshire Upcoming Events
Devonshire Open House**Sept 24, 10:00 - 3:00**
10250 Etiwanda (1 block east of Reseda, south of Devonshire)
SOLID Pasta Dinner - St. Nicholas Church - Oct 14, 5:00 - 7:30

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Neighborhood Watch Events:

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 7:00pm** at **Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.**



Devonshire Police Station

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

10250 Etiwanda Ave. (Corner of Devonshire)

1 Block East of Reseda Blvd.



Basic Car Area 17A49

Senior Lead Officer Janine Angeles

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Crime Trends and Locations:

From July 8 to August 8, 2011, there were three robberies (211), two Assaults with a Deadly Weapon (ADW), 17 Burglaries (459), 12 Grand Theft Autos (GTA) and 27 Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (BTFMV). The number of crimes in 17A49's area has decreased slightly since last month. There is no specific crime pattern. The majority of crimes occurred between midnight and six in the morning.

Commendable Incidents:

August 2, 2011, was Law Enforcement's annual "National Night Out" at Mason Park. This event strengthens the Neighborhood Watch spirit while developing police-community partnerships! Thank you to all those who participated and help set up for the event. Thank you community members for attending!

Safety Tip:

School is back in session! Please remember to follow the rules of the road when dropping off your children! Every year we have pedestrians injured because of people driving at high speeds, double-parking and using poor judgment. Let's make this a safe year!

NIXLE: If you would like to receive texts and e-mails from Devonshire Area police station, sign up for **WWW.NIXLE.COM**. By doing so, you will receive texts with important crime information.

Neighborhood Events: 17A49's Basic Car Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 27, 2011, at 7:00pm** at **10124 Balboa Boulevard (Fire Station 87).**

Basic Car Area 17A67

Senior Lead Officer Ignacio Murillo

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Crime Trends and Locations:

August began with gang problems! Basic Car A67 experienced an increase in gang activities that resulted in gang related shootings during the first weekend. These crimes were believed to be part of an ongoing rivalry between street gangs "Bryant Street 13" and "Brown Pride Surrenos".

Crime Tip: Quoting Detective Keating, who spoke during our July Basic Car meeting; **"Crime is frequently solved as a result of a partnership between the community and its police department. As a citizen, you and I are equally concerned! A good witness is someone who provides information to the police and has nothing to win or lose by doing so."** I want to encourage each citizen to call the police at the first sign of suspicious activity.

Commendable Officer Incidents: Devonshire Narcotics Detectives recently did an outstanding job while serving a search warrant at a marijuana dispensary. The warrant service resulted in the arrest of six suspects and recovered evidence which included a loaded AK47 assault rifle, two loaded pistols, 9 kilos of cocaine and 298 marijuana plants. **GREAT JOB!!**

Neighborhood Events: Our next Basic Car meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept 28, 2011, at 7:00pm** at **Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street in Northridge.**

Don't Leave Valuables of any kind in your Vehicle



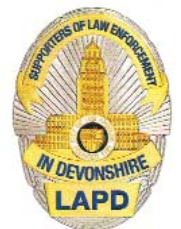
It's Your Stuff!



Keep It!!

"Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"

Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire LAPD



S.O.L.I.D.

**Friday
October 14, 2011
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
\$8.00 per person**

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
For information call (818) 718-9498

Basic Car Area 17A81

Senior Lead Officer Kate Luna

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Crime Trends and Locations:

August crime trends include a rise in residential and commercial burglaries in Basic Car 17A81. These crimes are occurring in the areas of Winnetka Avenue to De Soto Avenue between Nordhoff Street to Roscoe Boulevard. We have also had a few incidents of violent crime. A homicide occurred in the area of 8900 Tampa Avenue during business hours. There was a street Robbery on Oso Avenue and Gresham Street that took place during late evening hours. A shooting occurred on Roscoe Boulevard and Mason Avenue in the early morning hours.

As mentioned in previous entries, Burglaries Theft from Motor Vehicles (BTFMV) is always a concern in major shopping area parking lots. **Keep your valuables hidden and your vehicle locked.**

Crime Tip: Burglary Prevention

If you have an alarm system, make sure you turn in on before leaving your house even if you're going to be away for a short amount of time. If you are going to be away for an extended period of time, on vacation or business, notify a trusted neighbor and arrange for him/her to pick up your mail and newspaper. Setting up a Neighborhood Watch Group is also a great burglary deterrent, as you will get to know your neighbors and have extra eyes on your home.

Neighborhood Events:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be **Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 7:00pm at Gianelli Square, at the Northeast Corner of Londelius and Shirley Avenue.**

Constitutional Policing and Biased Policing

Policy: In summary, federal and state laws and Department policy prohibit conducting police actions solely on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or disability. Police-initiated stops or detentions and activities following stops or detentions, shall be unbiased and based only on legitimate, articulable facts, consistent with the standards of reasonable suspicion or probable cause, as required by federal and state laws. (Department Manual Section 1/345).



The Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team (VST) celebrated their **19th** year of service in March of this year. They have volunteered over **58,800 hours**, since their inception in 1992, when Captain Proctor asked a group of local residents if they were interested in being the "extra eyes and ears" for the Los Angeles Police Department with the crime in their area. They are now responsible for assisting the Los Angeles Police Department in **4,797 arrests**. They have never had a member injured or put in harm's way. Their volunteer hours have saved the City of Los Angeles over **\$6,131,987.00** in officers' salaries and benefits. If you are interested in joining the Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team (VST) please contact: **Frank Peters at 818-832-1927.**

Basic Car Area 17A95

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Crime Trends and Locations:

August crime trends have been low in Basic Car 17A95 which means summer is coming to an end. However, we still need to be alert and ask questions, walk the neighborhood and work together. The more policing you do in your neighborhood allows us to work with you to solve crime.

We have had recent residential burglary activity during the daytime hours from Lassen to Plummer Street and Woodley to Haskell Avenue, Reporting Districts (RD) 1778 and 1779. We also had recent Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles during night time hours from Tupper Street to Roscoe Boulevard and Woodley to Haskell Avenue (RD 1777-1779 and 1797-1799). It is our goal to be in these areas, at all hours, conducting extra patrol to deter these crimes.

Crime Tips:

If you would like to receive text and/or emails from Devonshire Area police station, sign up at WWW.NIXLE.COM. By doing so, you will receive messages with important crime information. Also, the more involved you become the more effective you will be in your community! All suspicious activity is worth reporting. Don't be afraid to call the police especially if you witness a crime. You might be reporting a crime that could save another's life! Please get involved and attend the Basic Car Meetings that inform you of what is going on in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Events:

Our next Basic Car Meeting will be **Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 7:00pm at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.** Our Devonshire Gang Enforcement Detail (GED) will be our guest speaker.



WHAT IS E-POLICING?

E-Policing is our way of bringing community policing to the Internet. The E-Policing program enables Senior Lead Officers, Area Captains, and detectives to e-mail newsletters, crime trends and other important information to you. It's easy,

How does it work?

When you sign up for E-policing you will receive emails from your Senior Lead Officer (SLO), who is your liaison with the LAPD.

Each SLO is responsible for a small portion of the community known as a Basic Car Area, and will address local issues to help keep you safe and informed.

We hope that you reciprocate by working with us in providing important crime information. We appreciate your input.

Get Involved

The LAPD depends on you, the residents of LA, to help fight crime in your neighborhood. Partner with us to make our communities safer places to live, to work and to play. Go to the LAPD web site and sign up. - <http://www.lapdepolicing.org>



**Devonshire Community Police Station
Invites you to Our Annual Open House
Saturday, September 24, 2011**

**EL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICIA DE
LOS ANGELES, Y LA ESTACION
DE DEVONSHIRE**

**Abrira Sus Puertas A La Comunidad
Por Favor Acompaenanos
El Dia Sabado, 24 de Septiembre, 2011
10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.**



Station Tours will be given

- Meet the members of VST (Volunteer Surveillance Team), S.O.L.I.D. (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire), Devonshire PALS (Police Activity League Supporters) and C.E.M.P. (California Emergency Mobile Patrol)
 - See displays from our Patrol Detail, Bike Detail, Narcotics Unit, Valley Traffic Motorcycle Unit and other Specialized Units.
 - Meet members of the military from the United States Marine Corps.
 - Come see a Vintage Police Car and LAPD Race Cars.
 - Meet personnel from our Valley 911 dispatch center, and many, many more.
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- Habra recorrido de la estacion de policia
 - Venga ha conocer a los miembros de los siguientes servicios: V.S.T. (Voluntarios de el Equipo de Vigilancia), S.O.L.I.D. (Miembros de la Comunidad que apoyan a los Oficiales de la Estacion de Devonshire) Devonshire P.A.L.S. (Miembros de la Liga que apoyan las actividades de la Policia). C.E.M.P. (Patrulla Movil de Emergencias en California)
 - Tambien conozca ha los Oficiales de: Patrullas, Bicicletas, Narcoticos, la unidad de Motociclistas, y otras unidades especializadas.
 - Venga a conocer miembros de los United States Marine Corps.
 - Venga a ver un carro antiguo y un carro de competencia de la Policia de Los Angeles

For more information, contact the Community Relations Office at **818-363-1726**

Para mas informacion comuniquese con la oficina de Relaciones Comunitarias a el **818-363-1726**

