Captain Stephen M. Carmona’s Captain’s Corner:

Greetings to all! With summer fast approaching I want to share some information on scheduled events in the coming months. Many of these events are designed for the community’s enjoyment and to keep our youth occupied in healthy activities over summer break.

Before I get into the upcoming events, I want to let you know where we stand in our efforts to reduce crime. As of May 21, 2016 the City of Los Angeles is up 5% year to date in Part 1 Crime (property & violent crimes combined). North Hollywood is on par with the City average and is currently dealing with a 5.5% increase. In order to better explain where we are and how far we have come in regards to crime, I would like to provide some historical perspective. At the end of 2015 the city experienced 116,532 part 1 crimes. This was an increase of 12.6% from the previous year 2014. While this is an increase that we are working hard to reverse, it is important to know that you have to go back to the 1950’s to see crime this low. In comparison to 1953, the per capita crime rate was 301 crimes per 10,000 people. In 2015 the crime rate was 298 crimes per 10,000. As you may recall, crime skyrocketed in the eighties and nineties and in 1992, the city experienced a whopping 338,531 part 1 crimes. So in comparison to 1992, even with the increase last year, we still had 221,999 less crime victims last year.

In our community, 85% of our Part 1 crime is property crime and 50% of that is auto related. We live and work in a relatively safe, but target rich environment. Please lock your car and keep valuables out of view.

I am looking forward to some of our upcoming summer events in North Hollywood. On June 29, 2016, “Operation Summer Night Lights” will kick off at Valley Plaza Park. This program will run Wednesday through Friday from 7pm to 11pm, through the end of August. This program is a publicly and privately sponsored program developed by the Gang Reduction & Youth Development Foundation of the Mayor’s Office. The strategy is to strengthen the community’s resiliency to the influence of gang membership and gang violence.

Another big event is the annual “National Night Out” on August 2nd, where neighborhoods will rally together as a community to build camaraderie and partnerships with the goal of making each community a safer place to live. Your North Hollywood Senior Lead Officers and I will be actively participating in this event!

On a side note………..

On September 4, 2015, a residential burglary was committed in Studio City. The suspects took property and a French bulldog puppy named “Major Ralph.” The television media covered the story and the public reacted with calling in hundreds of clues.

On May 23, some 8 months later, we received a new anonymous tip indicating a possible location for the puppy. Our detectives conducted an
operation in the city of South Gate and successfully located and took custody of Major Ralph. His identity was verified via a microchip.

Later at the station, Major Ralph was happily reunited with his owners. The City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Police Department and Major Ralph’s owners would like to express the gratitude to all the citizens of Los Angeles who supplied information to law enforcement which ultimately lead to the discovery of Major Ralph.

As summer approaches, please remember to lock your cars and residences and to take precautions to protect your home when you are on vacation. Requests for Extra Patrol in your neighborhood are always welcome via the front desk or your Senior Lead Officer!

Wishing everyone in the North Hollywood Community a Safe and relaxing summer season.

A Message from our Community Relations Office (CRO):

Hello! In my first month assigned to CRO, I have had the pleasure of meeting the wonderful community members of our Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and Police Activities League (PALS) committees. I want to thank these committees for all the personal time they invest to help find ways to keep our community safe and to provide support to our station and Cadet and Jeopardy programs!

I also want to thank the PALS committee for organizing the Tip-a-Cadet fundraiser that took place on May 12, 2016 at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK). All of the efforts of the PALS members and Cadets who volunteered yielded close to a thousand dollars in donations that will support the North Hollywood Cadet program! I also want to personally thank the General Manager of CPK Ms. Jane Korpob for providing us the opportunity to have this event!

As summer approaches, I want to let you all know that our PALS team is diligently preparing for the North Hollywood Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Braemar Country Club in Tarzana on Monday, July 25, 2016. Please save the date and join us for a day of sun, fun, golf and dinner- all for a great cause, supporting the men and women of North Hollywood Community Station as well as our Youth programs. You can email PALS directly at info@NOHOPALS.com to request ticket information and pricing!

I am proud to announce that on May 21, 2016, twenty one Cadet Recruits graduated from the 16-week Cadet Academy! North Hollywood’s Cadet Recruits shined at graduation! Four of our Cadets earned the “Most Inspirational” award for their platoons, one Cadet earned the “Academic Achievement” award and another Cadet was awarded a thousand dollar college scholarship! Congratulations to Recruit Class 1-2016!
In addition the Cadet Program, North Hollywood’s Jeopardy Program is running strong. Our officers provide tutoring to these at-risk kids on a weekly basis and engage in enrichment activities with them as well. Such activities include planting a vegetable garden and taking field trips to local museums.

If you know of any youth who would be eligible for our Cadet (ages 13-20) or Jeopardy (ages 11-17) programs, please have them call the CRO office at (818) 754-8470, and speak with one of our officers.

Follow the link, click on residents, click “sign up” and complete the process. You will receive alerts on your cell phone whenever the corresponding law enforcement agency sends out a message.

Twitter- follow us on twitter @LAPDNorthHwdDiv

Crimestoppers- www.lacrimestoppers.org
You can report crime anonymously using this website. There is also a link on this website for Spanish speakers.

Community Events

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
Church of San Pablo
7400 Tujunga Avenue
Monday, June 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
Pentecostal Church Juan 3:16
6903 Radford Avenue
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
7:00 p.m.

**North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting**
LAFD Station 89
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard
Thursday, June 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Current Crime Trends
During this period which covered from 04/17/16 to 05/14/16 there was an increase in aggravated assaults and thefts from motor vehicles. There was a decrease in robberies, burglaries, grand theft auto and petty thefts.

There was a cluster of 8 car break-ins in the area bordering Vanowen St on the South, Hart St on the North, Lankershim Bl on the East and Laurel Canyon on the West.

**STAY INFORMED!**
Get important information via social media about crime in your neighborhood.

Nixle- www.nixle.com
Current Crime Trends
Year-to-Date, A21 Area is showing an overall +24.3% increase in Part I Crime categories from last year. For violent crime, Robbery is showing the greatest increase with 19 versus 11 for a Year-to-Date increase from 2015 to 2016 of 72.1%. Robbery incidents are spiking along the Sherman Way Corridor between Whitsett Avenue and the Tujunga Wash border with Van Nuys Division. Currently, there are no patterns of suspect(s) who are repeat offenders.

Commercial Burglary is also showing a Year-to-Date increase from 23 in 2015 to 34 in 2016. The majority of business burglary break-ins are after stores are closed for business along the Sherman Way Corridor. One (1) prolific burglary suspect was recently arrested and is connected to a copper wire Grand Theft, and vehicle property thefts. Video surveillance cameras have provided the best suspect(s) clues for North Hollywood Area Detectives in these business burglaries.

Grand Theft Auto (GTA) shows the highest crime category increase for 2016; Year-to-Date 2015 had 23 versus Year-to-Date 2016 with 45 for a 95.7% increase. The majority of vehicles are the older model Honda and Toyotas whose door locks and ignitions are quickly accessible to thieves. Most of the stolen vehicles are not being driven very far; at times less than ten (10) miles, as possible transportation purposes only.

Community Events

North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Meeting
Wat Thai Temple
8225 Coldwater Canyon
Wednesday, June 22, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Community Events

Lankershim Business Watch Meeting
6620 Lankershim Boulevard
June 15, 2016
1:00 p.m.
Cleon Neighborhood Watch
6300 Cleon Avenue
June 22, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Current Crime Trends:
Property crime is slightly up for the basic car. We have increased our efforts to do outreach for GTA prevention in the area. Please contact me if you have an older Honda or Toyota for a free club which goes on the steering wheel for theft prevention.

Please always lock your vehicle, if you have to leave your valuables in the vehicle, hide them from plain sight.

Recently community members have asked who they should call when it is a non-emergency. Emergency calls 9-1-1, non-emergency calls 1-877-LAPD-24-7, Anonymous calls: crime stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or text 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S), all texts should begin with the letters “LAPD”. Tipsters may also go on to LAPDOnline.org, click on “webtips” and follow the prompts.

Community Events:
Greater Valley Glenn Neighborhood Council.
Valley College.
June 6, 7 PM

North Hollywood Newsletter

June 2016

Neighborhood watch meeting
Bellingham/Burbank area
Thursday, May 26th, 630PM
Contact me for further if you reside in the area.

Current Crime Trends:
Illegal dumping seems to happen daily in the City of Los Angeles. North Hollywood is no different but the items discovered today dumped in an alley way really stood out for Earl Howard who discovered them near his residence. Earl is an active member in his neighborhood watch group and his first concern was to contact the city and have the property cleaned up from the alley. He enlisted the help from another member of the group and the two made it a point to get the police involved when he discovered its contents.

Upon closer inspection of the dumped property, Earl discovered that the property belonged to a Veteran who had recently passed away. The property included personal letters, many photos, military decorations and more. As we looked into it further, it appears that this Veteran was buried in Missouri one year ago. The property was collected and brought back to the Police Station. After some searching, we were able to discover the location of the funeral home in MO and speak to the owner where we believed the services were held. Not only were we able to confirm we had the right family, we now had a direct contact for the Veterans family.
With no family in the Los Angeles area, our choices were very limited concerning the discovered property. One option would be to book the numerous items into the police property room where it would disappear into the abyss or we can do what’s right and get it to the family where it belongs. It was an easy choice. The box was just mailed out to the family……..RIP CPO Dwayne Groshong. - We shall never forget!

Current Crime Trends

Year-to-Date, A43 Area is showing just a slight Year-to-Date increase of all crime categories from last year; 218 in 2016 versus 215 in 2015 for a +1.4% increase. Robbery experienced the largest crime spike in the Violent Crime category with a 50% increase from last year; six (6) versus four (4). Grand Theft Auto (GTA) is up by +34.5%; 35 versus 26.

On a positive note, Burglary Theft From Vehicle (BTFV) numbers are down Year-to-Date with 10% decrease from 2015. This decrease can be attributed to community members getting the word out “Lock It, Hide It, Keep It!” and valuable possessions being taken out of vehicle and securing/locking up vehicles.

Keep Up the Good Work !!

Current Crime Trends

Year-to-Date, A67 Area is showing a -3.1% decrease from last Year-to-Date in all overall crime categories. Robbery experienced the largest crime spike in the Violent Crime category with a 150% increase from last year; 15 versus six (6). Grand Theft Auto (GTA) is up by +40.6%; 45 versus 32.

On a positive note, Burglary (both residential and commercial) numbers are down Year-to-Date with 22% decrease from 2015; 44 versus 57.

The Area overall is still experiencing homeless-related issues generating general and public nuisance complaints. The North Hollywood Area Transient Officer Unit has continued proactive enforcement; however, Officers have reported observing more transients in the areas near Universal City, Cahuenga Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard. North Hollywood Area Officers continue to outreach and utilize City and County entities to assist with social services and possible placement.
Current Crime Trends
As far as crime goes, we are looking really good. Actually, out of the eight basic cars in North Hollywood Division we have the biggest decline in part-1 crime, around 20%.

However, it seems every week I get an e-mail for a community member who is frustrated with what’s happening in Studio City. Here’s a quote from one e-mail: “I am saddened by the visible decline in the safety, cleanliness and the loss of the neighborhood feel”. It goes on regarding the homeless; “making encampments, vomiting, urinating and threatening by-passers”. Another e-mail, “We are beyond shocked and disturbed by the amount of crime, homeless, and dangerous events that occur…. I am getting these at an alarming rate, over and over again. So much so, I now have a saved e-mail that send back. I wanted to share this with you.

Thank you for the e-mail. As the Senior Lead Officer for Studio City for the last 15 years, I have never seen the homeless situation this bad. We too are frustrated. Now when we arrest suspects they do 10% of their sentence, now possession of a controlled substance is a misdemeanor, with little to no consequence and most of the laws regarding the homeless and our ability to help the community has been stripped away. We are frustrated as well.

I don't want to get to political but recently, the State of California passed legislation, specifically Prop 47 and AB 109, that many in law enforcement believe has contributed significantly to the increase in crime and the decline in the quality of life in many communities. I often quote Stanford Professor Joan Petersilia (regarding AB 109) when she said, "it's the biggest penal experiment in modern history". To many, the biggest penal experiment in modern history seems to have failed.

I'm sorry for your frustration and for the decline you see in the quality of life in Studio City. I see it too. I know it exists and it's palpable. We are doing our best with the limited resources we have and within the constitutional policing guidelines we are under. If there is one person or if there is an issue you would like us to work on, please let me know, and I along with the Officers who work the Studio City area will try to solve that problem.

You are not alone with your frustration. Your type of e-mail (regarding the visible decline of cleanliness, loss of neighborhood feel and the fear of crime) is becoming more and more common, so common that I now save the above response on my desktop as I now copy and paste it to frustrated e-mails like yours. This is the first time in 15 years I have had to do this. I'm sorry for your frustration, we are doing our best.

Michael Lewis
Senior Lead Officer Studio City
31575@lapd.lacity.org
A Message from Terrorist Liaison Officer
As a reminder, the prevention of terrorism and violent crimes is everyone's responsibility. You are all the eyes and ears in the community and law enforcement needs your help in keeping you all safe. If you see something suspicious, immediately notify law enforcement by calling 911. A simple call may prevent a tragedy from occurring.

http://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something

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