MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Greetings,

My name is Brian Pratt and I am the new Commanding Officer for Devonshire Division. I was selected as a Captain in 2011, and have worked the following Divisions: Northeast, Van Nuys, Valley Traffic and Rampart. I hope to bring a wealth of knowledge and a sense of security to the community of Devonshire. I wish the very best to my colleague Captain Robert Marino, who will continue his leadership at Mission Division. Currently, we are at a reduction in Part-I crimes of 10%, which ranks us 5th in the City of Los Angeles and 2nd in Valley Bureau. However, we are seeing a crime increase in Grand Theft Auto of 5.6%. This is a simple reminder to make sure that you lock and secure your vehicle in a safe location – remember to “Lock it! Hide it! Keep it!” Please contact your Senior Lead Officer if you wish to arrange a start-up Neighborhood Watch meeting or have questions about crime prevention tips at (818) 832-0283.

During the month of February, Senior Lead Officer Patti Peteque organized our Battle of the Badge Blood Drive event on February 3rd with the support of the Senior Lead Officers. It was a very successful event yielding 42 units of blood with a goal of 28 units. This was an outstanding achievement and will definitely save some lives! Thank you to all who participated!

Our upcoming event in March: 2016 Community Area Goals Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:30 P.M., located at the Garden Christian Fellowship Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth. We will discuss our Divisional Goals, and Detective Case Processing. For more details, contact your Senior Lead Officers or monitor our Devonshire Facebook, Nixle and Twitter social media cites.

As you read through the highlights by our Senior Lead Officers, please share their messages with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and clergy members. Our partnership between the community and Devonshire Community Police is paramount for the continued success in crime reduction for Devonshire Area.

I look forward to working with all of you and protecting the community we serve in the Devonshire Area.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The Porter Ranch - Aliso Canyon Gas leak has been reported sealed. This was a huge crisis for our community and hopefully it will remain contained. I would like to give thanks for those who assisted with “Neighborhood Watch” and kept an eye on the neighborhoods!! Our area experienced an increase of Aggravated Assault crimes. Most of the Aggravated Assault crimes were domestic violence related, and some road rage incidents. If you observe what you feel is a crime in progress or suspicious activity, please report it!!!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS: The month of “March” Basic Car Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Devonshire are cancelled. We encourage everyone to attend the 2016 Community Area Goals Meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:30 P.M., located at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth. Our next Basic Car 17A23 Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, April 28, 2016. 17A23 Basic Car Neighborhood meetings are generally on the 4th Thursday of every month, at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue, starting at 7:00 PM.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: The weather is really nice and some folks are leaving their garage doors open. Unattended open garage doors are an attraction to potential thieves. Please remember to close your garage doors if you are not in the immediate area. It only takes seconds for a thief to walk in and walk off with your property. Mark your valuables with your driver’s license number so law enforcement can attempt to locate a victim if we have a number that can be referenced.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: Good news for our Basic Car Area! We are currently trending on a 16% decrease in overall Part-1 crime when comparing the entire current month of January to the same time period in 2015.

Even with the temporary home displacement situation, caused by the unfortunate event of the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak, our Porter Ranch Area has remained free of any crime clusters.

We are particularly enjoying a 41% decrease in overall Burglaries and a 26% decrease in Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle across the entire Basic Car Area. This is a promising start that we can strive to improve with continued vigilance, adequate crime prevention techniques and timely reporting of suspected criminal activity.

Please continue to use our Direct Dispatch line at 1-877-275-5273 for all non-emergency matters.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will combine all Basic Cars, called the 2016 Community Area Goals Meeting on **Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.**, located at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: **Road Rage** - A driver may cut you off and nearly cause an accident, but avoid taking matters into your own hands. Road rage can result in a six-month suspension of your driver’s license (first offense) and an order to complete a “road rage” course, and could even land you in jail. Or you could be charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and face up to four years in prison and $10,000 fine. [VC 13210; PC 245(a)]. Avoid engaging other drivers. Put as much distance between you and the other driver as possible and avoid making eye contact. Never pull off the roadway to confront another driver. Stay calm and give yourself ample time to get to where you are going.

**BASIC CAR AREA 17A49**
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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from January 1, 2016 to February 6, 2016. These numbers reflect the number of crimes which occurred in Basic Car 17A49 only. There were (19) Grand Theft Autos, (5) Robberies, (15) Thefts, (20) Burglaries, (6) Aggravated Assaults and (32) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. The crime in our basic car area is up 14% from last year at this time. Be aware of your surroundings! Please report suspicious activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: There will be no March Basic Car meeting due to a 2016 Community Area Goals Meeting on **Thursday, March 31, 2016, 6:30 P.M.**, located at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: There have been (32) vehicle thefts in our area to date this year. The items taken are purses, cash, I-Pods etc. Do not leave valuables inside of your vehicle. Challenge yourself. Go to your car right now and see what items are in plain sight. If you see it, the criminals do too!

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A START UP MEETING!

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following Part-I crime statistics cover the period of January 31st, thru February 6th, 2016. There have been (0) Aggravated Assaults, (1) Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles, (2) Burglaries, (1) Grant Theft Auto, (3) Personal Theft/Other Property, (0) Rapes, and (1) Robbery. Basic Car A67 is currently at -18.5% YTD. Although we only had (1) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle during this week period, this continues to be our most active crime along with Theft related crimes. The areas where most of the crimes are occurring are around the CSUN
area and also east of Reseda Blvd between Parthenia St and Roscoe Blvd. We continue to have Vandalism and Graffiti activity along the Reseda corridor and some Theft related crimes. The Theft crimes are occurring between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. The B/TFMV crimes are being committed primarily between the hours of 10:00 P.M.- 6:00 A.M. If you have information on any of the above listed crimes, please DO NOT hesitate to contact me.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: This month we will be having a 2016 Community Area Goals Meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:30 P.M., located at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth. We will not be having our monthly Basic Car meeting during the month of March. We will resume in April.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: Friendly reminder, please continue to stay vigilant and alert. Do not hesitate to report any suspicious activity you see. Report it immediately!! For Emergency calls dial 911, for non-emergency calls, please call (877) ASK-LAPD.

DO NOT leave your purses or cell phones unattended while shopping. These items have been easily taken from shopping carts/baskets, store counter tops and from restaurant tables. Cell phones, Purses and Wallets continue to be the top most stolen items from counter tops.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: As of February 20, 2016, our Part-I crimes are as follows: (0) Homicides, (0) Rapes, (5) Robbery, (8) Aggravated Assaults, (23) Burglaries, (14) Grand Theft Auto, (33) Burglary Theft from Vehicle, and (92) Personal Theft/Other Theft with a Total Part-I crime down 4.9% compared to the previous year at this time. Grand Theft Autos are up 100.0% and Burglary Theft From Vehicle is up 22.2% compared to the previous year.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: We will not have our Basic Car Neighborhood Watch Meeting this month; however, have a 2016 Community Area Goals Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:30 P.M., located at the Garden Christian Fellowship Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth. This meeting will involve all of our Basic Cars for this month.
CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: Since we are dramatically up in Grand Theft Autos, here are a few tips to prevent your vehicle from being stolen:

- Park in well lit areas, making sure your doors and windows are locked/rolled up;
- Do not leave your keys in the ignition with the engine on (we have had a few reports like this);
- Utilize an alarm, ignition kill switch, or a steering wheel lock security system if you have one (any prevention is better than not having one);
- Do not leave spare keys in your vehicle;
- If you can park your vehicle in a garage, try to do so; and
- Speak to a vehicle security technician for the latest technology to help prevent vehicle theft.

These are just a few ideas. We generally see a higher number of vehicles taken, such as ‘90s Honda Civics/Accords, as well as ‘90s Toyota Camrys. If you have a vehicle that has a higher theft rate, you may want to consider a security system to protect your investment.

March Quote: “What is important is family, friends, giving back to your community and finding meaning in life.” By Adrian Grenier

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: Unfortunately, I have seen an increase in our vehicle related crimes. Most of these crimes occurred on Sunday and Monday during the mid-afternoon hours and the early morning hours. Most of the crimes occurred while the vehicle was parked on city streets. Some of these crimes could have been prevented, a large majority of the vehicles were left open/unlocked and the suspects just opened the door. Remember to Lock it, Hide it, and Keep it!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: I will not have a Basic Car meeting for the month of March. My next basic car meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., located at the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: If you park your car in the driveway, lock it! If you are going into a business for just a minute, lock it! If you think you locked it, check again and lock it! I cannot stress it enough. Some criminals go down the street checking vehicle doors until they find the one that is unlocked. Please protect your property and do not become a victim. Lock your vehicle!