MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Greetings all,

I am sad to say that Captain Brian Pratt has left Devonshire Division to work with Deputy Chief Robert Green under the new Metropolitan Transportation Authority unit. I wish him much success in his future endeavors. At the same time, I have been promoted as the Area Commanding Officer for Devonshire Division and have gained a new partner, Patrol Captain Kathleen Burns. She will be an asset to our division and is eager to meet with the community. Welcome to Devonshire Captain Burns!

Devonshire Area has experienced an increase in crime, especially related to Grand Theft Auto (68.3%) and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (40.9%). We encourage you to be aware of your surroundings, remove all valuables from inside your vehicle and utilize security devices if equipped to prevent being a victim of a crime. Your assistance in these steps will assist us in reducing crime. Remember to “Lock it! Hide it! Keep it!” Also, please be aware that the “hands-free wireless use” bans operating a cell phone and holding it while driving/operating a vehicle (Section 23123.5 Vehicle Code). Drive safe! If you are interested in a Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact your Senior Lead Officer to arrange a start-up Neighborhood Watch meeting or if you have questions about crime prevention tips or programs, call at (818) 832-0283.

For the month of April, Devonshire Area will host the annual Tip-A-Cop event on Thursday, April 6, 2017, from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., located at Claim Jumpers, 9429 Tampa Avenue in Northridge. Please come and support our fundraiser event, where all tips received will be donated to the Special Olympics Tri-Valley Athletes. For more details, contact your Senior Lead Officers or monitor our Devonshire Facebook, Nextdoor 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. The 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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BASIC CAR AREA 17A23
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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The current crime trend of concern for Basic Car 17A23 is Robbery. We are up over 400% with Robbery (11 vs. 2) Year to Date 2017, compared to 2016. Some of the Robberies that took place were shoplifts originally, then the suspects turned the shoplift into a Robbery, when they fought/struggled over property. Please be mindful of your surroundings day and night, because Robbery occurs all hours of the day. Please report suspicious activity!!!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 7:00 P.M., located at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue in Chatsworth. Our meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: There were several theft reports (scams) where the victim was contacted by phone and the caller (suspect) pretended to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The suspect tells the victim that he/she owed delinquent taxes and to avoid their home being seized by the IRS they must comply immediately. The victim is ordered to pay by purchasing a money-gram from a local store and give the information for retrieving funds. Other type of scam was the suspect/caller claims to be from DWP and will shut off utilities if not paid immediately over phone. The IRS generally does not take payments by phone and DWP has payment locations to avoid service disconnection. Please DO NOT be a victim!!! Tell others of this scam trend.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: We are still battling the Residential Burglary trend in the Porter Ranch and Granada Hills sectors, North of Rinaldi Street. As detailed in the previous alerts, the trends have shifted to include late afternoon/early evening and weekend incidents, including 2nd story entries. The most common approach continues to be the knock-knock method and, in some cases, especially for the late afternoon/early evening incidents, we also believe suspects are staking out homes and waiting for the residents to leave. Entry is commonly being made by smashing windows and property taken is mainly jewelry, cash, firearms and electronics. Just last week we made a multi-4 arrest of burglary suspects as they were leaving the scene of the crime, but other crews and suspects remain out there. Devonshire police resources are specifically being directed to these target areas to combat the burglary problem.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 7:00 P.M., located at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.
**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS:** Take every precaution in securing your property and be highly aware of your surroundings. If possible, limit the amounts of excess valuables you keep in your home. Look for vehicles and activity which is unusual for your neighborhood. Be suspicious of prowlers, door-to-door solicitors and occupied vehicles parked and waiting (especially those with tinted windows, dealer paper plates and rentals). If you suspect criminal activity, don't hesitate and phone the police right away. It is better to err on the side of caution than to let a potentially dangerous situation develop without reporting it.

Call 911 for all emergencies and crimes in progress. Use the direct dispatch line for all non-emergency calls by dialing 1-877-275-5273.

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** The following crime statistics are from January 1, 2017 thru March 4, 2017: Grand Theft Autos (21), Robbery (6), Thefts (35), Burglaries (52), Aggravated Assaults (9) and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles (99). Our crime for our Basic Car has increased 28% as compared to last year.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.**, located at Granada Hills Charter High School, Room A7, 10535 Zelzah Avenue in Granada Hills.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS:** There have been numerous “Theft by Trickery” victims during the past few months, where Suspects will call the victim and pretend to be a legitimate company, such as the IRS or DWP. The Suspects will tell the victim that he/she owes money and needs to pay immediately or there will be a consequence (ie: power shut off). The victim pays the money (or in some cases has paid with gift cards) and then later finds out the suspects were imposters. If you receive a call of this nature, do not pay the person over the phone. Call the company and verify the person who called you is an actual employee of the company. The IRS will not call you to collect money over the phone.

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** Basic Car 17A67 is currently at 36.4% YTD. We are at a slight and steady increase on our Property crimes involving Burglaries, Grand Theft Autos and Thefts. Our Burglaries are up 70.0%, Grand Theft Autos up 93.8%, and our Theft crimes are up 45.7%. Most of these crimes are occurring on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Criminal activity is taking place at all hours of the day/night. However, our residential burglaries continue to be most active during day hours. We have seen an increase in activity along the Reseda corridor mostly Thefts and Grand Theft Auto crimes.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 26th, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.**, located at Calahan Elementary School Auditorium, 18722 Knapp Street in Northridge.
CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: Consider installing better/more lighting on the exterior of your property, as well as, surveillance equipment. Home alarm systems may be pricy; however, this is a great way to protect yourself and your loved ones. Continue to stay vigilant and please report any suspicious activity you may witness. If you would like to set up a start-up meeting in your neighborhood, please don’t hesitate to contact me. It is a simple and easy process.

If you witness a crime in progress, **Call 9-1-1 immediately!** For non-emergency call (877) 275-5273.

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** Basic Car 17A81 is currently up 5.4% YTD in total Part-I crimes as of March 18, 2017. The Part-I crimes are as follows: Homicides (0), Rape (1), Robbery (12), Aggravated Assaults (12), Burglary (41), Grand Theft Auto (33), Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (93), and Theft (118). Most of the crimes are occurring along our corridors, Tampa Avenue, Corbin Avenue and De Soto Avenue between Plummer and Roscoe. Most of these crimes are occurring on Mondays and Fridays from 12:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. The three crimes that stand out in our Basic Car is Robbery (up 20%), Grand Theft Auto (up 22.2%), and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (up 102.2%).

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.**, located at the Garden Christian Fellowship Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS:** Since Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle had the highest crime percentage, please pass these prevention tips on to your neighbors:

- Make sure your vehicle is locked and secured;
- Do not leave any valuables (ie: backpacks, phone chargers, laptops, wallets, instruments, tools, loose change, gate/garage door openers) in your vehicle when unattended;
- Park in well-lit area;
- Utilize security devices (ie: alarms, ignition kill switches, steering wheel lock)...if you don’t have one, invest for added security;
- Do not leave spare keys in vehicle or keys in ignition with the engine on and left unattended;
- Park in a garage if available; and,
- Be aware of your surrounding!

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** During the first three months of 2017, Basic Car 17A95 has experienced a spike in criminal activity. Since January 1, 2017, this area had experienced a total of (26) Burglaries, (48) Burglary theft from vehicles and (23) Stolen vehicles.
While the Los Angeles Police Department is making every effort to combat this problem, community awareness is the key to prevention; we need your assistance. Please protect your property and do not become a victim.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** No basic car meeting scheduled for the month of April. My next basic car meeting will be on **Thursday, May 11, 2017, 7:00 P.M.,** at The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS:** It is tax season and we need to remember that people are always trying to make a quick dollar. Remember, the IRS will never call you and ask for a credit card number over the telephone or request the use of a pre-paid debit/credit card or wire transfer. The IRS will never initiate contact taxpayers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. The IRS never asks for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for your credit cards, banks or other financial accounts. The IRS will never discuss the possibility of arrest from the police department, license revocation or deportation because this is not under its authority. For more information to recent IRS scams, please refer to the IRS website ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).