MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Greetings all,

As I acquaint myself with Devonshire Division and its community members, I have a sense of pride for my new home. I cannot express how pleased I am to see the community support and involvement provided to the Devonshire Community Police Station such as our Volunteer Surveillance Team, our Volunteer Bicycle Patrol Unit, our Community Patrol Unit and our (administrative) volunteers. This partnership between the community and the police is one of the best that I have seen in the City. I am extremely proud to be the Area Captain and look forward to continuing the proactive relationship. Keep up the good work!

As a reminder, please be vigilant in your neighborhoods for suspicious activity and report any crimes in progress. Your awareness during your daily travels: at home, school, stores or work, will be the first line of defense to deter a criminal from targeting you or a neighbor as a potential victim. Be aware of your surroundings. Please contact your Senior Lead Officer for any questions about crime prevention tips or to start-up Neighborhood Watch meeting at (818) 832-0283.

During the month of April, Reserve Officer Dave Bush organized our Special Olympics Tip-A-Cop fundraiser event at Claim Jumpers in Northridge. The evening was staffed by our Senior Lead Officers, Youth Support Officers, Reserve Officers, Devonshire Cadets and Special Olympic Athletes, who had a great time interacting with customers and supporting the event. It was very successful and raised $5001.00. Thank you to all who participated outstandingly!

Our upcoming event in May: SOLIDs 23rd Annual Pancake Breakfast/Open House on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., located at Devonshire Station, 10250 Etiwanda Avenue. The Pancake Breakfast will be located across the street at Northridge Park with Military Static Displays. The cost for this will be $9.00 per person (Kids 3 and under eat free). If you have questions, please call (818) 925-8335 or visit www.soliddevonshire.org.

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: 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 EVENTS: Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting is on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at the LAPD Devonshire Station, 10250 Etiwanda Avenue in Northridge. We were unable to have our regular Basic Car meeting at St. John Eudes because of the carnival event on May 27 - 29, 2016. I encourage all to attend the carnival, it’s a lot of fun for the family. Generally, our Basic Car meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month, at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue in Chatsworth.

COMMENDABLE CITIZENS: Mary Kaufman and Rick Ellis were two extremely outstanding citizens who were involved with our community and volunteered with the LAPD Devonshire Division. Unfortunately, Mary and Rick passed away recently. They contributed so much, and we will miss them both dearly!!!

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: 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 a few 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: During the month of March, there was an increase in residential burglary activity for the North Granada Hills Area. The incidents occurred during a wide time spectrum, between 7:30 A.M. and midnight, with a couple of confirmed night time occurrences. Locations were all single family residences and all homes were accessed by smashing a glass window or door. Most prominent property taken was money and jewelry.

As we close the first week of April it seems the activity has substantially diminished. Patrols have been increased and enforcement in the area also resulted in a multi-3 juvenile arrest for possession of burglary tools (04/04/16, area of Mayerling and Andasol). Please remain vigilant, report all non-emergency to our Direct Dispatch line at 1-877-275-5273.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at Saint Euphrasia Church, at 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.
**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:** Take every precaution in securing your property and be highly aware of your surroundings. Look for vehicles and activity that is unusual for your neighborhood. Take the time as you go in/out of your home to scan the street; you are looking for something that looks out of place. It could be a parked vehicle with people just sitting in it, an unfamiliar vehicle in a neighbor's driveway or a pedestrian going from door-to-door. If you see this activity, pay attention and evaluate the situation.

The question is "what do you think is going on?" 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. Everyone should have the direct dispatch number on their cell phones. Do not call Devonshire Desk or any other number to get police response.

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** The following crime statistics are from January 1 through March 26, 2016. These numbers reflect the number of crimes which occurred in Basic Car 17A49 only. There were (31) Grand Theft Autos, (11) Robberies, (40) Thefts, (43) Burglaries, (15) Aggravated Assaults and (60) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. The crimes in our basic car area is up 1% from last year at this time. Be aware of your surroundings! Please report suspicious activity.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.**, located at the Temple Ramat Zion, at 17655 Devonshire Street in Northridge.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:** Our biggest crime increase was robberies. In some of the cases, the victims were walking down the street. The suspect approached the victims from behind and knocked them off balance. While the victim was on the ground, the suspect took the victim’s property. *Please do your best to be aware of your surroundings!* Avoid walking at night alone. Do not walk in alley ways or secluded areas. The odds of being a victim increases; however, these small steps can help prevent you from being the next victim!

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** The following Part-1 crime statistics cover the period of March 13 through April 9, 2016. There have been (7) Aggravated Assaults, (5) Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles, (5) Burglaries, (5) Grant Theft Autos, (7) Personal Theft/Other Property, (4) Rapes, and (1) Robbery. Basic Car A67 is currently at -16.7% Year-to-date compared to last year, so we are doing well and off to a good start. The areas where most of the crimes are occurring are from Nordhoff St. to Roscoe Blvd. and Wilbur Ave. to Lindley.
Ave. We are still having some 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. during business hours. 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:** Our next monthly Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, located at Calahan Elementary School, 18744 Knapp Street in Northridge.

Also, on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 11:30 A.M.**, we will be having Coffee with Our Captain at Five Guys Restaurant, 8850 Tampa Avenue in Northridge (located in the same shopping center as Costco). Starbucks coffee will be served. Hope to see you there!

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:** A friendly reminder; please **DO NOT** give any personal information to anyone over the telephone unless you are able to verify who they say they are. There has been an increase in identity theft incidents resulting from information given telephonically. Continue to stay vigilant and alert! Do not hesitate to report any suspicious activity you see. Please do your part and stay active and involved. **For Emergency calls dial 911, for non-emergency calls, please call (877) ASK-LAPD.**

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** The following Part-I crime statistics cover the time period of January 1 through April 16, 2016, in comparison to last year at this time. There have been (0) Homicides, (0) Rape, (12) Robberies, (17) Aggravated Assaults, (49) Burglaries, (32) Grand Theft Autos, (56) BTFMV, and (172) Personal Theft/Other Thefts. The total violent crime is **down 9.4 %** and the total property crime is **down 1.3%** with a total Part-I crime **down 2.0%**. Most of the crimes are occurring between 12:00 P.M. and 12:00 A.M. The highest increase is Grand Theft Auto with an **increase of 100.0%** (32 vs. 16 crimes).

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting is **Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.**, located at the Garden Christian Fellowship Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:** Grand Theft Auto is a hot topic, but crime prevention tips are being disseminated. We have made some great arrests due to the publics help. Please continue to use these simple tips:

- Do not leave your keys in the ignition with the engine on and unattended;
- Park in a secured garage (if available);
- Park in well lit areas;
- Lock and secure your vehicle;
- Utilize security devices (ie: car alarms, steering/brake locks, ignition kill switches);
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle (plain sight or not); and,
- Be aware of your surrounding, avoiding dark and desolate areas.
Ask me about setting up a **Neighborhood Watch Program**. A couple of good websites are [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) and [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Get help before it is too late! **Be safe and don’t be a victim of a crime!**

**May Quote:** “Coming together is beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Henry Ford

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** Unfortunately, vehicle related crimes continue to be the number one issue continuing to impact our area. Most of these crimes occurred on Sunday and Monday, during the dark hours of the night. A significant number of the vehicles that were broken into have been left unlocked. 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 your vehicle, check again and lock it. Some criminals go down the street checking vehicle doors until they find a car that is unlocked. Please protect your property and do not become a victim. Remember to **Lock it, Hide it, Keep it!**

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:** A good website is [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com), which is a free service that has been developed by the Omega Group to help law enforcement agencies throughout North America provide the public with valuable information about recent crime activity in their neighborhood. Log on to “CrimeMapping.com”, select a central point (ie: your home address or zip code) and a radius of up to two miles from that point, and receive daily emails with all crime that has occurred in that area including the type of crime, the day/time of the crime, and the address of the crime.