MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Greetings all,

I am sad to say that we had to say good-bye to my partner, Patrol Captain 1 Beverly Lewis, who has been promoted to Valley Traffic Division. She will be missed but I know she will do a fine job in her new position. In her place, I welcome my new Patrol Captain 1 Bryan Lium, who will be an important asset to Devonshire Division. He is transitioning well.

Speaking of transition, winter is here and there has been a lot of chatter about our El Nino weather storms. Where is all the rain? This may be a period of ‘the calm before the storm’. Nonetheless, be prepared and take action now by viewing http://readyla.org and http://www.elninola.com for all El Nino-related information. We want to make sure our community remains safe and does not put themselves in harms way. If you have any questions, please contact your Senior Lead Officer, or if you wish to arrange a start-up Neighborhood Watch Meeting contact them at (818) 832-0283. They will be glad to assist you!

Our upcoming event in February: **Battle of the Badge Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.,** in front of the Devonshire Police Station, 10250 Etiwanda Avenue in Northridge. If you have any questions, please contact Senior Lead Officer Patti Peteque at (818) 832-0827, or by email 31373@lapd.lacity.org. For more details, contact your Senior Lead Officers or monitor our Devonshire Facebook, Nixle, 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. Our partnership between the community and Devonshire Community Police is paramount for the continued success in crime reduction for Devonshire Area.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support; and how we can better serve the Devonshire Area.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The crime of concern for Basic Car 17A23 is Burglary/Theft from Vehicle (B/TFV) and Burglary. Most of the crimes are occurring from Devonshire to Lassen St’s. and just West of Topanga Canyon Blvd. to Winnetka Ave. B/TFV’s generally occur at night and Burglary during the daytime. Please let others know of the crime activity that is occurring in the area and report suspicious activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, February 25, 2016, 7:00P.M., @ St. John Eudes Church, located at 9901 Mason Avenue in Chatsworth.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: We have seen an increase with phone/internet scams. Citizens have received phone calls or internet contact stating that they had won a prize or contest, and in order to claim their prize they need to provide some personal information. Unless you knowingly have entered a contest, do not give anyone your personal information, i.e., phone numbers and addresses. Please take the time to verify who you are dealing with before providing any information.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: As I write this article on January 8, 2016, I regret to announce that Devonshire Area closed the 2015 year with a 20.6 % increase in overall Part-1 crimes compared to the previous year. It had been many years since Devonshire Area saw a crime increase and, even though it was a significant one, I’m very grateful to the many local residents who acknowledged the trend was building up, became involved, and organized solid Neighborhood Watch groups.

Due to this implementation, many newly established or refreshed Neighborhood Watch groups saw minimal activity compared to some other neighborhoods and were successful in avoiding increased numbers of Part-1 crimes, especially when dealing with the most serious offenses, such as violent crimes and Residential Burglaries.

Theft from Motor Vehicles was one of the leading causes for our crime increase. Please remember there are new devices out there in the hands of criminals, which allow electronic access to locked vehicles. The most effective remedy is not to leave any valuables at all inside of the vehicles.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, @ Saint Euphrasia Church, located at 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: Neighborhood Watch works well and we are always looking to expanding our membership. If you would like to organize your block and have neighbors look out for one another, contact the Devonshire Senior Lead Office at 818 832-0283. Ask how you can go about setting up a “start-up meeting”.

Always remove valuables from vehicles; lock automobiles and homes, and report potential criminal activity to our dispatch center 1-877-275-5273.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from January 1, 2016. These numbers reflect the number of crimes which occurred in Basic Car 17A49 only. There were (5) Grand Theft Autos, (2) Robberies, (2) Thefts, (2) Burglaries, (3) Aggravated Assaults and (5) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. The crime in our Basic Car Area is down 16% from last year at this time. Be aware of your surroundings! Please report suspicious activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**, @ Brookdale, located at 17650 Devonshire Street in Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: There has been an increase in Grand Theft Autos. The vehicles are older models and seem to be used primarily for transportation and not parts. Buying a steering wheel locking device would reduce your chances of being a victim. **PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A START UP MEETING!**

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following Part-1 crime statistics cover the period of January 3 thru January 9, 2016. There have been (4) Aggravated Assaults, (6) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles, (1) Burglary, (5) Grand Theft Autos, (5) Personal Theft/Other Property, (0) Rapes, and (1) Robbery. The start of the New Year, our Basic Car A67 is currently at 83.3% YTD. The most active crimes are Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles and Grand Theft Autos. The areas where most of the crimes are occurring are around CSUN and the area surrounding Parthenia St. to Roscoe Blvd. and
Wilbur to Lindley Aves. There continues to be some Vandalism and Theft-related crimes along the Reseda corridor. The Theft crimes are occurring between the hours of 8 A.M.-6 P.M. The B/TFMV crimes are being committed primarily between the hours of 10 P.M.-6 A.M. Unfortunately, the Vandalism crimes seem to be happening at all hours of the day and night. If you happen to have information on any of the above listed crimes, please DO NOT hesitate to contact me.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:  Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 7:00 P.M., @ Calahan Street Elementary School**, located at 8722 Knapp Street in Northridge. See you there!

Also, on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**, we will be having our annual “**Battle of the Badges**” Blood Drive event. This event will take place in front of Devonshire Police Station between the hours of 10AM-4PM. Please come and support the Devonshire BADGE, it is for a worthy cause. You can register at “redcrossblood.org” sponsor code “BADGESOCAL” or you may contact me at (818) 832-0827, email: 31373@lapd.lacity.org and I will be happy to do it for you. Please come show your support and bring your friends. Hope to see you there!

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: Friendly reminder, please stay alert and vigilant at all times. 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 or contact the Devonshire station front desk at (818) 832-0633.

Please continue to lock and secure your vehicles regardless of where you park. Don’t forget to use your alarm or any anti-theft device you may have on your vehicle. This will make it a little more challenging and difficult for the criminals to quickly gain entry into your car. Always try to park in well-lit areas and be aware of your surroundings.

**DO NOT** leave your purse or cell phone unattended while shopping. These items have been easily taken from shopping carts/baskets, store counter tops and from restaurant tables. Please do your part to protect your precious valuables.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: As of January 9, 2016, our Part-1 crimes are as follows: (0) Homicides, (0) Rapes, (1) Robbery, (3) Aggravated Assaults, (3) Burglaries, (1) Grand Theft Auto, (4) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle, and (18) Personal Theft/Other Theft with a Total Part-1 crime down 6.3% compared to the previous year at this time. Aggravated Assaults are up 50.0% and Personal Theft/Other Theft is up 5.9% compared to the previous year.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., @ the Garden Christian Fellowship Church, located at 20745 Nordhoff Street, in Chatsworth.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: Since we are up in two areas for our Basic Car – Aggravated Assaults and Theft, I will share some tips for both as follows:

**Theft Prevention**

- Do not leave cell phones on counters, bathroom stalls or areas that may be unattended by you...we had a few thefts at the Northridge Fashion Center due to this occurring;
- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle, since we continue to have car break-ins where personal property is taken (i.e.: cell phones, bags, wallets, money, tools, etc.)...thieves know where to look; **AND**
- Do not throw important docs in the trash – shred them, and retrieve your mail as soon as possible...thieves are preying on your identity.

**Aggravated Assaults – Domestic Violence Prevention**

- Do not engage in an argument if your significant other is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, which could escalate to a fight or battery;
- Seek help if your relationship becomes violent or abusive…this is referred to as the ‘Cycle of Violence’; **AND**
- Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline if you have any questions about an abusive person or to seek help at (800) 799-7233.

**February Quote:** “A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.” By Henrik Ibsen.

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** Unfortunately, the New Year has started off with a crime increase specifically in Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (B/TFMV). Most of the vehicles that have been 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 it, check again and lock it**. 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.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., @ Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, located at 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS: For updated and accurate information regarding all crimes, which are impacting your local community, please refer to the free crime mapping service, which was developed by the Omega Group. This crime mapping service was developed to assist law enforcement agencies throughout North America in providing the public with valuable information. Log on to “CrimeMapping.com”, select a central point (your home, for example) 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, and the day and time of the crime, and the address of the crime.