Captain’s Message:

National Night out is an annual affair that occurs on the first Tuesday in August. Please mark your calendars for August 4. I encourage all of you to come out to one of four locations that will be hosted by neighborhood watch groups. They are: Stonehurst Park in Sun Valley at 6PM, Little Landers Park in Tujunga at 5PM, Roger Jessup Park in Pacoima at 5PM and Industrial Metal Supply in Sun Valley at 5PM. Each year, hundreds of people nation-wide get together as neighbors and enjoy each other’s company. Talks include emergency preparedness, neighborhood watch, etc. The organized events above will have food available. I urge all of you to at least have block parties to share ideas and host potlucks. As always, thank you for being a part of Foothill’s communities as we are the 3rd safest Division in the City. We can’t do it without you!! Have a great summer.

Ernest Eskridge, Captain
Commanding Officer
Foothill Area

Basic Car 16A11 (North Pacoima)
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Summer Night Lights is back at Humphrey Park, Wednesday through Saturday from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Remember National Night out will be August 4th at Roger Jessup Park.

Crime Trends

Overall crime for basic car 16A11 is up 7.4% from the same reporting period last year. Burglaries have increased by 50%. Here are a few tips for burglary prevention.

- Make your home look occupied and make it difficult to break into
- Lock all outside doors and window before you leave the house or go to bed
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you’re going away for a length of time, connect a lamp to an automatic timer to have the lamp turn on in the evening and off during the day.
- Leave a radio on when leave your home.
- Ask a neighbor to check for leaflets or newspapers left at your door or on your property

Free Bulky Item Pickup:

I would like to let everyone know the number for big item pick-up for the City of Los Angeles is (3-1-1). This number is to alleviate the problem of furniture such as, couches, mattresses, refrigerators, etc. being left on the sidewalks and streets. You can call this number make the appointment to have the items picked up, you don’t have to be present and it can be for any
address that you spot bulky items. I encourage all of you to give this number to your friends and neighbors.

Upcoming Events And Meetings:
Pinney Street Neighborhood Watch Group:
July 1, 2014 6:00 PM
13361 Pinney St. Pacoima

Foothill Community Police Advisory Board:
July 9, 2014 6:00 PM
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima

Pacoima Neighborhood Council
July 15, 2014 6:30 PM
13520 Van Nuys Boulevard, Pacoima

The LAPD continues to do our best to protect & serve the citizens of Los Angeles but we cannot be everywhere at once. Having a Neighborhood Watch could prevent crime from occurring in your area. Be a good neighbor. Make it your New Year’s Resolution to join a Neighborhood Watch. If you have any questions regarding joining or starting a neighborhood watch group in your area, please do not hesitate to contact me at (818)634-0652.

Foothill Voluntary Surveillance Team is looking for new members. If you are interested contact Foothill Community Relationship Office and speak with Officer Avila (818) 485-0627

Basic Car 16A23 (South Pacoima)
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I am on vacation until July 13. See you when I get back.

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Hello, I hope everyone is doing well and is enjoying this very warm summer. During the summer one of the most popular places to beat the heat is the pool and whether you’re relaxing at home in your private pool or at one of our public facilities it is important that no matter how safe you feel about your kids already around swimming pools and spas, adding as many proven safety steps as possible is the best system because you can never know which one might save your child’s life…until it does. – See more at http://www.poolsafely.gov/
CRIME TRENDS

Crime in A35’s area is mostly related to property related issues but it remains low compared to the rest of the City of Los Angeles. In order to continue these downturns please remember to keep your belongings out of sight. When you leave home remember to close your windows, doors and make sure your garage door is down. Thieves love easy pickens and nothing is easier that stuff at arm’s length.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

Community Police Advisory Board meeting, Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Japanese American Cultural Center, 12953 Branford Street

Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Watch, Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Thursday July 16, 2015, 7:00 pm
11075 Foothill Boulevard, Lake View Terrace

CRIME TIPS
TEXT-A-TIP

To provide anonymous tips, text CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone and begin the message with LAPD. You may submit an anonymous tip anytime an anonymous tip anytime, anywhere, 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, by phone 800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477).

USEFUL INFORMATION

Once again, just a reminder about the 3-1-1 system. Any of the Los Angeles City services can be obtained from that phone number. Remember that the number can only be dialed from your home telephone. When you’re finished, ask for a confirmation number from the operator.

Basic Car 16A59 (Tujunga)
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Hello everyone, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work, commitment to your community, you have done a great job and I am so proud to have been your Acting Senior Lead Officer. I was honored to be your partner for the last six months, remember that your participation as our extra set of eyes and ears is vital to your community. Please feel free to
continue sending me e-mails with any issues you might have and I will do my best to help you out. I leave with great memories and life time friends.

Crime Trends

Our crime in the Tujunga area still consists on burglaries and Theft from motor Vehicle. As some of you have heard me say during our meetings, I drive around the area and I continue seeing open garages (with no one standing around), unattended vehicle (with driver side open and no one standing around). Some of these crimes can be easily prevented by locking the doors. So I will continue to stress LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT!!!!

I’m continuing communication with day and night patrol officers, passing on information facilitating communication between community members and law enforcement. Your eyes and ears helped dramatically. I continue to hope that our relationship continues as we enter into the 2015. Help us help you by starting a neighborhood watch group on your block. Call our office at (818) 756-8866 and I can assist you with this endeavor.

Community Events

**Tujunga Community Coffee**, Tuesday July 7, 2015, 9:00 am
Starbucks  6240 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga

**Foothill Community Police Advisory Board** Thursday July 09, 2015 6:00 pm
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima

**Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Council**, Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

**Sunland/Tujunga Neighborhood Watch**, Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland

**Basic Car 16A77 (Sun Valley)**
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I am on vacation until July 14. See you when I get back.
CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

Basic Car 16A81, Saticoy north to the 5 Freeway and the 170 Freeway east to the border of Burbank. Well I hope everyone is enduring the heat with coolness. With such a warm winter, it doesn’t seem like there was a beginning of summer, it has always been here. Schools are out, summer programs are in and crime is steady. Speaking of keeping cool, again I always remind everyone about keeping a cool head. Having a rise in temperature is better than having your temper rise. Most crimes committed are due to the rise of tempers. So keep a cool head because no one wants to have to deal with the court system because of their temper causing them to commit a crime such as battery or assault with a deadly weapon. Remember that deadly weapon could be your vehicle or even a cooking pan, so keep the tempers from rising.

Due to tempers that have risen, there were three crimes in which the suspect used their vehicle to prove their point. That is the wrong way to handle a situation, and now they have to deal with the court system. Other crimes that occur have been related to alcohol consumption. Choose who you have a cocktail with wisely.

Since the temperature is up and our tempers are not, we can move on to property crime. I know it is hot and how the car can get really hot with the windows rolled up and locked, but the heat is a small price to pay then the cost of the car being stolen or broken into. If you keep your windows up and locked when parked and NO property in plain sight, then you have just added a preventative measure to NOT becoming a victim. If you leave property inside the vehicle, then you might get a broken window to deal with. If you keep the windows down and no property, then you might lose the battery, third row seat, radio or any other fixture of the vehicle or maybe even the whole vehicle. So I believe the heat is a small price to pay in order to prevent this type of crime. There were about ten cars broken into and eight cars that were unlocked/windows down. For those of you that don’t lock up in your drive way, it can still happen to you. I had a cell phone taken from an unlocked vehicle on a driveway.

There were at least six homes that were broken into in June. One was an unlocked detached garage that tools were taken from as the victim watched from the house window. Make it difficult to get into areas where you keep property and tools area easy property to sell. Double check the rear sliding glass door, two residences were entered into by an unlocked sliding glass door.

This is about the time when people begin to sleep with the windows open due to the heat. Remember to use a stick to prevent the window from opening completely. Also make sure that there isn’t any property within reach of the inside of the window. You may have the stick in place but if you leave your purse within reach that does defeat the purpose.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sun Valley Area Community Coffee, Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
8272 Sunland Boulevard.

Foothill Clergy Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 12:00 p.m.,
7747 Foothill Boulevard, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood City Hall

Community Police Advisory Board, Thursday, July 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m.,
12953 Branford Street, Japanese American Cultural Center

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Meeting, July 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,
10631 Vinedale Street, Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center

Strathern Street Neighborhood Watch Meeting, Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,
12020 Strathern Street, Church of the Nazarene

North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council, Thursday, July 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Fire Station 89

CRIME TIP

Going away for a vacation? Use preventative measures to keep your home looking lived in. Timers for the lights, newspaper service stopped, mail held at the post office, and someone who comes to check on the house are good crime prevention techniques. It is not full proof but it does help. Neighbors are the best resource and so are family members to help with checking on your residence while you are gone. Have a great 4th of July!