

Captain's Message:

Hello. I hope that your summer is going well. If you able to take a vacation during this time, don't forget to secure your home. Tell a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out and leave an emergency contact phone number for you in the event that something happens at your home. Overall, Foothill Area is the 4th safest division in the City of Los Angeles. Our crime has increased and as of the week ending July 25, there have been 1692 victims of crimes as compared to last year at this time with 1599. Working together, we can bring our numbers down again for the rest of the year.
Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay cool.

**Ernest Eskridge, Captain
Foothill Commanding Officer**

**Basic Car 16A11 (North Pacoima)
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I will be out on vacation starting August 7th through September 8th. If you need any assistance call Foothill desk at (818) 756-8861

Crime Trends

Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle and Residential Burglary continue to be a major problem in our neighborhood. There has been a 17.2% increase in Part 1 crimes. Many of these cars were left parked on the street where an opportunist walking by the car could look in and observe valuables and property left in plain view inside the vehicle. Ensure you remove all valuables from inside your vehicle. When leaving your home lock all doors and windows and if you're an alarm system use it.

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 (311). 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:
August 5, 2014 6:00 PM
13361 Pinney Street, Pacoima

Foothill Community Police Advisory Board:
August 9, 2014 6:00 PM
12953 Branford St, Pacoima

Pacoima Neighborhood Council
August 19, 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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No letter submitted this month. Should you need me for quality of life issues in the South Pacoima area, please phone me or email me.

Basic Car 16A35 (North Pacoima)
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No letter submitted this month. Should you need me for quality of life issues in the Sunland, Lake View Terrace or Shadow Hills areas, please phone me or email me.

Basic Car 16A59 (Tujunga)
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Unfortunately, due to a lack of personnel this month, the Tujunga car is minus a Senior Lead Officer. As soon as the downtown Personnel Department allows us to advertise for that job, I will let everyone know. Until then, we are hoping that we can get an officer from our Patrol side to fill in. It may not be until September though.

The phone number above is still in operation. Please call the number in the event you have quality of life issues to be followed up on. Officer Contreras or Sergeant Egger will assist you.

Basic Car 16A77 (East Sun Valley)
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Hi everyone!

The big news is National Night out is upon us again. Phil Tabbi is going to work his magic on the grill again at Stonehurst Park starting at 6 PM. This is a community unity event and a great time for the neighborhood to come together!

I still have my community coffee every first Tuesday of the month at Bob's Big Boy, 8274 Sunland Bl. From 0800 am to 0900 am. Please drop in and say hi. The next one is on August 4th.

CRIME TRENDS

Our largest crime concern is still vehicle thefts, burglaries, and burglaries from motor vehicles. I can't express enough, how important it is for everyone to keep their homes and cars secure. As I continue reviewing the crime reports there has been one reoccurring factor. Most of the burglars have been able to walk into an unlocked door or get into an unlocked window and unlocked car doors. It's imperative that all of us help each other. This is an old trick to knock and see if someone is home.

If you see a crime in progress then please call 9-1-1. Please lock all your doors and windows when you leave or go to sleep at night. Remember to lock the doors on your vehicles as well.

An amazing tool that we have been using is FREE and EASY to sign up for. I ask that all of you sign up with NIXLE.COM for **community crime alerts** and **information from Foothill Division** that is text messaged to your cell phone. This is a great way to stay informed with information that comes from your police station.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please remember to slow down. Valley Traffic Division will be enforcing traffic laws in the Foothill Area. I too will be monitoring and enforcing the law within the Tujunga area. Please help yourself avoid the potential financial strain of a citation. Slow down. Give yourself enough time to get where you're going. Please remember to pick a designated driver prior to attending a party or barbecue. It would be a shame to have to watch one of our young citizens become injured in a senseless act of drunk driving.

If there are any problem traffic areas that you would like to have patrolled, please call Valley Traffic at 818-644-8142, and leave a message for Officer Flores.

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 your finished ask for a confirmation number from the operator.

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CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

Basic Car 16A81, Saticoy north to the 5 Freeway and the 170 Freeway east to the border of Burbank. Crime is up approximately 5% in Foothill. In the area of Basic Car 16A81, crime is up approximately 1.2%. The aggravated assaults are almost 50% higher than last year. Burglary-from-motor-vehicle crimes are up for property offenses.

Aggravated assaults did increase but the up-side is that a suspect is in custody in over half the cases. But in order to not become a victim, remember last months' article and keep out tempers down by being the stronger person and walking away.

Most of the burglary-from-motor-vehicles were unlocked doors and windows rolled down. There have also been cases of items removed from the truck bed. I know it is hot, but make the effort to not become a victim. As for homes being broken into, there was one in which the door was pried open and video games were taken. If you are going to be gone for an extended amount of time, lock up these items. No burglar wants to return to a home were there isn't anything good to take because most of it was locked up!

School is going to start. Encourage your child to be safe when walking to and from school, utilizing the crosswalks and signals. Additionally, teach them to be aware of their surroundings.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sun Valley Area Community Coffee, Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
8272 Sunland Boulevard.

Crockett Street National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
8300 San Fernando Road.

Strathern Street National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Whitsett Slope (Whitsett Avenue and Saticoy Street South)

Foothill Clergy Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 12:00 p.m.,
13520 Van Nuys Boulevard, Pacoima City Hall

Community Police Advisory Board, Thursday, August 13, 2015, 6:00 p.m.,
12953 Branford Street, Japanese American Cultural Center

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Meeting, August 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,
10631 Vinedale Avenue, Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center.

North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council, Thursday, August 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Fire Station 89

CRIME TIP

Neighbors are the best resource go out and meet your neighbors at National Night Out. They are the ones who will look out for you and your property.