MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Greetings all,

I hope everyone is doing well during these hot days. Stay cool and hydrated as we continue to experience a heat wave in the valley. This month we celebrate Independence Day on the 4th of July, please keep in mind it is illegal to light any fireworks including the “Safe and Sane” brand within the City of Los Angeles. Illegal fireworks pose a high degree of fire danger especially during the dry summer months and those areas where dry brush and other combustible materials are present. Additionally, fireworks are extremely dangerous causing significant injuries to both children and adults. Use of illegal fireworks can lead to fines and / or jail time. Thank you again for your hard work and cooperation in keeping our Devonshire community safe. Please contact your Senior Lead Officer for any questions about crime prevention tips or to start-up a Neighborhood Watch meeting at (818) 832-0283.

During the month of June, we supported and ran in our annual Torch Run for our Special Olympic Athletes. It was a hot day but many of you were there to encourage and rally behind this fun event. Thank you SOLID for all your support in Devonshire!

Upcoming events in the month of July: LAPD & LAFD Summer Tip-Off Family Fun Festival on Saturday, July 2, 2016, from 10:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., located at USC Galen Center, 3400 S. Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. This event is FREE and everyone is welcome! Also, Shepherd of the Hills 18th Annual 4th of July (Firework) Spectacular on Monday, July 4, 2016, from 4:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., located at 19700 Rinaldi Street in Porter Ranch. There is an array of food vendors, face painting, bounce houses, music, military members to honor our countries Independence, and a grand firework show. Please come out to enjoy a safe firework show. If you have any questions, please go to www.SHEPHERDCHURCH.COM/4TH.

As you read through the highlights by our Senior Lead Officers, please share their messages with 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: Basic Car 17A23 concerned crime trend this past month was Burglary. The majority of Burglary crimes occurred in the area of Farralone Avenue to Mason Avenue and Lassen Street to Rinaldi Street. Most of the Burglary crimes occurred during mid-morning to late afternoon hours. Criminals know that their victims are at work, out running errands, or on vacation. Please let others know of the crime activity that is occurring in the area and report suspicious activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Shepherd of The Hills Church will be hosting its 18th Annual 4th of July (Firework) Spectacular Show in Porter Ranch. This event starts at 4:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. This is a GREAT FAMILY event!!! Bring a blanket or a chair and enjoy the fireworks. For more information go to www.SHEPHERDCHURCH.COM/4TH.

There will NOT be a Neighborhood Watch Basic Car 17A23 meeting in July. Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car Meeting will be Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at Saint John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue in Chatsworth. Our meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: Before going on vacation, it is best talk to a neighbor and let them know of your plans when you are gone. Give your neighbor a good contact number on how you can be reached in an emergency and advise them who is allowed to be on your property. Remember to have the mail and newspapers picked up and set timers for lights and stereos. Taking extra steps to secure your home may give you a sense of comfort and allow you to relax and enjoy your time away.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: We are half way through the year and our Basic Car area is looking good. As of June 8, 2016, we are down on both crime categories that have traditionally affected our territory; overall Burglaries are down 9% and Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle is down 10% year to date when compared to 2015.

With a moderate increase in Grand Theft Autos, I recommend using a steering wheel lock or other locking device especially for older imports; such as 1990’s and mid-2000’s Hondas and Toyotas.
Also, please remember to coordinate deliveries of parcels and packages in such a way that they are not left visible for an extended period of time. Remain vigilant! Report all non-emergency suspected criminal activity to our direct dispatch line at 1-877-275-5273.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at Saint Euphrasia Church at 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:

Preventing Vehicle Theft

We are seeing a moderate increase in stolen vehicles. The most frequently stolen vehicles have been late 1990's to mid-2000s imports and domestic cars. These vehicles have been targeted because of the ease in which they can be stolen thus avoiding more complicated and modern ignition systems.

Below are some tips you can use to avoid being the victim of a car thief:

- Never leave your car engine running or unattended while conducting business at a store.
- Never leave your keys in the car or ignition or in hide-a-key boxes.
- Always roll up your windows and lock your car even if it is parked in front of your home.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked.
- Use a steering wheel locking device if your vehicle is parked in a high risk area for extended period of time.

BASIC CAR AREA 17A49

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from January 1, 2016 to May 28, 2016. These numbers reflect the number of crimes which occurred in Basic Car 17A49 only. There were (56) Grand Theft Autos, (15) Robberies, (80) Thefts, (70) Burglaries, (21) Aggravated Assaults and (101) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. The crime in our basic car area is down at -7.0% 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, July 26, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at Granada Hills Charter School, 10530 Zelzah Avenue, Room A7 in Granada Hills. Guest speaker to be announced.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: Please remember to be responsible on the 4th of July. You can go online to find legal firework shows.
Remember, all fireworks are prohibited in unincorporated Los Angeles County

The illegal use, storage, or handling of fireworks in unincorporated Los Angeles County is a violation of local and state laws and carries the following penalties:

- **FIREWORKS**: Under California Health and Safety Code Fireworks Penalties, Section 12700 states, “any person who violates any provision of the State Fireworks laws or Regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not less than $500, but not to exceed $1,000 by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or both.”

- **DANGEROUS FIREWORKS**: Under California Health and Safety Code Fireworks Penalties, Section 12700(B) states, “a person in possession of unaltered dangerous fireworks in violation of the State Fireworks Law is punishable as a misdemeanor or a public offense with fines ranging from $500 to more than $50,000, depending on the gross weight of unaltered dangerous fireworks in possession.”

**PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A START UP MEETING!**

**BASIC CAR AREA 17A67**
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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** The following Part 1 crime statistics cover the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There have been (37) Aggravated Assaults, (71) Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles, (36) Burglaries, (39) Grant Theft Autos, (83) Personal Thefts/Other Property, (13) Rapes, and (11) Robberies. Basic Car A67 is currently at -9.1% YTD. We are still doing very well compared to last year. Our biggest problems continue to be Burglary from Motor Vehicles and Thefts. The two crimes we are currently in the positive are Rapes (13 vs 3 = 333.3%) and Thefts (83 vs 69 = 20.3%).

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next monthly Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.,** located at Calahan Elementary School, 18744 Knapp Street in Northridge.

LAPD & LAFD Summer Tip-Off Family Fun Festival on **Saturday, July 2, 2016, from 10:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.,** located at USC Galen Center, 3400 S. Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. This event is FREE and everyone is welcome!

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:** **Friendly reminder** - Please DO NOT forget to secure your valuables inside your vehicles. We continue to have victims leaving property/items in plain view (Laptops, Backpacks, Purses, and Phones etc).
DO NOT leave your purses, wallets, cell phones unattended in shopping carts or on store counters. This continues to be the number one reason for most of our personal theft crimes. Please share the word and don’t let this happen to you or anyone you know. Continue to stay vigilant and alert. Do not hesitate to report any suspicious activity you see 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.

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** The following Part-1 crime statistics cover the period of January 1 to June 18, 2016. There have been (0) Homicide, (3) Rapes, (22) Robberies, (36) Aggravated Assaults, (92) Burglaries, (51) Grand Theft Autos, (114) Burglary Thefts from Motor Vehicles, and (306) Personal Theft/Other Property. Basic Car A81 is currently up 25. 8% YTD in overall Part-1 crimes. The two highest crimes in our area are Burglary (92 vs. 65 = 41.5 %) and GTA (51 vs. 27 = 88.9%). Most of our crimes are occurring along Tampa Avenue between Plummer Street and Roscoe Boulevard. The time period was between 12:00 P.M. and 12:00 A.M.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** Our next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at The Garden Christian Fellowship Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION:** Make sure your home is locked and secure when you are away. I suggest investing in a security system with surveillance cameras. Be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior. Call 911 for any crimes in progress. Remove all valuables from unattended vehicles. Do not leave extra keys or garage openers inside your vehicle. Please consider investing in a car alarm system, steering wheel locks or an ignition kill switch as deterrent for against thieves. 1990s to early 2000s Japanese and American made vehicles are more likely to be stolen. Remember to “Lock it! Hide it! Keep it!”

July Quote: “If you’ll not settle for anything less than your best, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish in your lives.” – Vince Lombardi

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** We have started the year off with a significant increase in stolen vehicles. Year to date, we have seen a 27.3 % increase in stolen vehicles. The most common stolen vehicles range from Hondas, Toyotas and Nissans. Most of the stolen vehicles were have been parked on the street. Please do not leave your vehicle open or unlocked. Remember to Lock it, Hide it, and Keep it!
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: The next Neighborhood Watch Basic Car meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14th, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., located at The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION: Here are some ways you can help us reduce crime this summer:

- Start a Neighborhood Watch group.
- Make sure that the youth in the neighborhood have positive ways to spend their spare time in programs such as our PALS, CADET or DAP programs;
- Build a partnership with police and seek volunteer opportunities;
- Clean up the neighborhood! Call 311 for any trash pick-up needs; and
- Register for e-policing and/or Nixle to obtain current crime trends and updates