Captain Donald R. Graham, Jr. Captain’s Corner:

Greetings from North Hollywood! I am very excited about the happenings in North Hollywood Area. It’s only been one month since I have been assigned here, and we are already begun moving and shaking! In law enforcement, it is our primary goal to reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime and do all that we can to enhance the quality of life for all members of our communities. My message to you is that we all have a responsibility in fighting crime. Together we all can participate in crime fighting strategies, whether it is keeping our vehicles free of any valuables or being the eyes and ears for your neighbors and utilizing the phrase, “If you see something, say something.” Together, we can make a difference!

I am very often out in the community and have attended many community meetings thus far. I love the interaction with our concerned community members and I truly enjoy building relationships with the community at large. I will continue to attend community meetings, neighborhood watch meetings and community outreaches. I look forward to meeting you there!

February 28, 2017, will mark the 20th year anniversary of the Bank of America Shootout. On the 20th anniversary of that infamous day, we reflect on the impact this event had on our Department and Law Enforcement Nationwide. The individual stories of heroism and sacrifice are legend and the outcome was nothing short of a miracle. Over 350 officers from the Los Angeles Police Department responded the call for help. Other Agencies and even local business owners assisted. It is difficult to believe that this occurred 20 years ago. We thank those officers, detectives, dispatchers and community members who reacted and ultimately survived the North Hollywood Shoot out.

Current Crime Trends

During this period which covered from December 16, 2016 to January 14, 2017, there was an increase in Grand Theft Auto, Theft from Motor Vehicle and Petty Theft. There was a decrease in Burglaries and Aggravated Assaults.

This period our basic car had 12 vehicles stolen compared to 6 last crime period. In some cases, the keys were left in the car. Half of the vehicles stolen were in the area that bordered Tujunga Avenue to the west, Vineland Avenue to the east, Sherman Way to the south, and Saticoy Street to the north. Additionally, there were 20 vehicles broken into compared to 9 last crime period.

Don’t become a victim of a theft. Remember to “Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It.” Never leave anything of value or your keys in your car. Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running. Let’s make 2017 a safe and victim free year by
taking every precaution possible not to become a victim.

NIXLE-  www.nixle.com
Follow the link, click on residents, click “sign up” and complete the process. You will receive alerts on your cell phone whenever the corresponding law enforcement agency sends out a message. Twitter-follow us on twitter @LAPDNorthHwdDiv
Crimestoppers- www.lacrimestoppers.org
You can report crime anonymously using this website.

Community Events

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Church of San Pablo
7400 Tujunga Avenue
Monday, February 13, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Pentecostal Church Juan 3:16
6903 Radford Avenue
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
L.A.F.D. Station 89
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard
Thursday, February 16, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Current Crime Trends
From January 1 through February 1, 2017, Area 21 had a total of 63 Part I crimes: Two Rapes, three, Robberies, Seven, Aggravated Assaults, six Burglaries, ten Grand Theft Autos, eleven Burglary Theft from Vehicles, and 19 Thefts.

The majority of crimes occurred in RD 1521 and RD 1513, as well as the Sherman Way Corridor. Most of the vehicle-related crimes (either stolen vehicles or car break-ins) occurred to vehicles parked on streets, i.e., Fulton Avenue (between Hart Street and Sherman Way) and Whitsett Avenue (between Vanowen Street and Kittridge Street). Violent crimes were sporadic in locations, with no trends or repeat offenders.

With the new legislation passing regarding people being legally able to sleep in RV campers and vehicles in industrial areas (rather than residential), the continuous complaints received for the RV Campers and Trailers in the commercial areas on Ethel Avenue, Raymer Street, Strathern Street and Bellaire Avenue will most likely increase. The police enforcement has been granted to commence February 7th. That said, the majority of “encouraged” vehicles and RV Campers moving out of one location, will only move them to a business and industrial area just a short distance away from their original starting point. The Department of Transportation has advised that “No Stopping/Tow Away – from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.” requested
locations have been measured for installation of the posted signs.

One of the goals for Basic Car A21 is to increase the number of Neighborhood Watch groups. Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) Outreach Committee has graciously offered to assist with this endeavor. To date, Bellaire Avenue and Strathern Street, and two apartment complexes have shown interest in starting a new Neighborhood Watch group.

**Community Events**

*North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council Meeting*

Wat Thai Temple  
8225 Coldwater Canyon  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

**Current Crime Trends**

During this crime period, there was an increase in Grand Theft Auto and Burglary Theft from Vehicle incidents. Several stolen vehicles were in the area of Lankershim Boulevard and Oxnard Street. The older model Toyotas and Hondas were the preferred type of stolen vehicle, most likely due to their easy entrance access and ignition. There were no specific patterns as to the types of vehicles being broken into. Many of these crimes can be prevented. Please remember to lock and secure your vehicles and never leave any valuables inside your car. Prevent your vehicle from being a temptation to thieves!

**Community Events**

*Cleon Neighborhood Watch*

6300 Cleon Avenue  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

**Current Crime Trends:**

Year to date, our basic car is down in part one crimes – 2.7%. The only increase in crime was from Burglary Theft from Vehicle. One problem identified is when people leave their FOB in their vehicles. Another issue is related to tandem parking, when roommates leave the keys on the wheel or somewhere easily accessible. Please be mindful of not leaving a spare key in or around your car.

Burglary is down -62.5% year to date. This is a significant decrease and I would like to continue to keep this crime to a minimal. If anyone is interested in starting a new or renewing an old neighborhood watch meeting, please call me for details.
North Hollywood Area is distributing clubs for your vehicles to deter thefts. If you have an older model Honda or Toyota (1990’s) and would like a free club for your vehicle, please call me for an appointment.

Some community members are still asking for phone numbers for none emergency numbers. Emergency calls 9-1-1, non-emergency calls 1-877-LAPD-24-7, Anonymous calls: crime stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or text 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S), all texts should begin with the letters “LAPD.” Tipsters may also go on to LAPDOnline.org, click on “webtips” and follow the prompts.

Community Events:

Greater Valley Glenn Neighborhood Council.
Los Angeles Valley College
Monday, March 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Current Crime Trends

The year-end numbers are in and no surprise that crime increased in the NoHo Arts Area. It's not because the area is an unsafe or a dangerous place to live, work or come to for one of the many restaurants, theaters, shops, or studios. Crime numbers have increased because of the incredible growth. There are no signs of this slowing down. People want to live in NoHo and developers want to build here to meet the residential and commercial demand.

It's no surprise when this pedestrian friendly community has so much to offer including access to anywhere in the city with direct access to the MTA Red and Orange line located in the heart of this community. As a result, older and dilapidated properties are being torn down at a record pace and making room for bigger projects.

With all this growth since 2000, crime issues and concerns like the impact on traffic and other strains on city resources regularly come up at my Neighborhood Watch meetings. These issues are constantly addressed and if you are not involved in your community, I really want to encourage you to get involved today.

Basic Car 15A43
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Current Crime Trends

Based on the current crime trends, Burglary Theft from Vehicles are the most frequent crimes within this Basic Car Area. The majority of these crimes are occurring on Chandler Boulevard corridor between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue. The items still being taken are electronics (e.g. iPods, stereos, GPS). Unfortunately, because of vehicle-related crimes, Basic Car A43 ended 2016 with an increase of 21%.
Please assist us by securing your property!

**Community Events**

**Valley Village Neighborhood Council**
Faith Presbyterian Church
5000 Colfax Avenue
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
6:30 p.m.

**Current Crime Trends**

Happy New Year! Moving forward into 2017 we’re working towards changing the increasing crime trends that we were experiencing in the last few months of 2016, more specifically in December. December showed spikes in crime in the areas of grand theft auto, burglary from vehicle, burglary and theft. Although violent crimes have remained low in this basic car area, property crime continues to plague the NoHo Arts area, specifically on Magnolia Boulevard and Lankershim Boulevard.

Over the last four-week period, there have been just under 40 car break-ins in my basic car area with about half of those occurring adjacent to Lankershim Boulevard. During this same four-week period, there has been approximately 20 personal thefts. Almost all of those had occurred in the NoHo Arts Area.

We will continue to focus our policing efforts in the NoHo Arts area, Lankershim and Magnolia Corridors, Hollywood Hills West adjacent to the Cahuenga Pass. Remember that this area is target rich for thieves waiting for an opportunity to walk away with your phone or tablet. Please be aware of your surroundings. Hide your valuables from being visible in parked vehicles, lock your car and don’t leaves valuables such as cell phones, tablets, purses, etc., unattended while out on your travels.

**Community Events**

**Coffee with a Cop (sponsored by Starbucks)**
Starbucks 5166 Lankershim Boulevard (at Magnolia)
Tuesday February 7, 2017
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council Meeting**
Toluca Elementary
4840 Cahuenga Boulevard
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
7:00 p.m.

**Current Crime Trends**

Basic Area A85 continues into 2017 with property crimes, which includes Burglary (commercial and residential), and Grand Theft Auto. Notably, there
was recently three (3) airbags taken from newer model Hondas, in RD 1581.

Some of the areas that are being looked at include, Page 71Bar, located at Ventura Boulevard and Carpenter Avenue which has recently become a location for proactive ABC-licensed related violations, including the Los Angeles Fire Department issuing a temporary suspension for safety violations. The Vons retail store located at 4033 Laurel Canyon experienced a recent spike with Petty Thefts involving transients shoplifting.

Acting SLO Officer Antonioli has been working with the Transient Detail Officers to combat the homeless encampments at Ventura Boulevard and Laurel Canyon, and Vineland Avenue and the 101 Freeway.

Recent enforcement to prevent vehicle-related break-ins revealed many parked vehicles had visible valuables left inside, i.e., purses. Car break-ins can be prevented by not leaving valuables that can be seen by opportunist thieves.

Valley Traffic Division motor officers will be conducting speed-related enforcement at Laurel Canyon Boulevard (south of Ventura Boulevard), due to complaints from residents living in the immediate area.

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A Message from our Community Relations Office (CRO):

Greetings from North Hollywood Community Relations! My, how 2017 is already well under way!

We have kicked right into gear in 2017 with Community Outreach efforts and improvements to our youth programs!

In January alone, our Senior Lead and Community Relations Officers participated in four community-oriented events! On January 4, 2017, our station assisted the American Red Cross in hosting its annual “Battle of the Badges” Blood Drive. Community members and Department Personnel donated close to 50 units of blood in one day!

On January 8, 2017, the Senior Lead Officers, along with newly-assigned Captain
Graham, participated in an Outreach event at Saint Patrick’s Church. Approximately 500 members of the congregation attended mass and many stopped by to chat with the Captain and Senior Lead Officers after mass, including the pastor of the church!

On January 15, 2017, Senior Lead Officers, once again, put together a Community Outreach at a church in the division, this time at the Iglesia Pentecoste Church. Many church goers stopped by after the service to meet the officers and take a tour of the Mobil Command Post.

On January 25, 2017 our Community Relations Office, Senior Lead Officers and Police Advisory Board Members, teamed up to host a Community Outreach Event at the Home Depot Store in North Hollywood. All of our team members worked hard to connect with close to 100 community members and distributed information about Neighborhood Watch, Basic Car Areas and, most importantly, Crime Prevention. A special shout out to Officer Darron Smith for organizing this event!

During the month of January, our Jeopardy Students were introduced to one of our volunteers and new team members, Anita Wallace, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who will be working with our students on a weekly basis to help them develop strategies to stay on the right path!

And last, but certainly not least, our Youth Service Officers have been working hard to recruit and prepare the next Cadet Academy Class which commences on February 25, 2017 and will continue for the next 14 Saturdays up until Cadet Graduation.

On a final note, upcoming events in North Hollywood include the Saint Baldrick’s Fundraiser on Saturday March 4, 2017, CPAB Community Outreach on Saturday February 25, 2017 and the 20th Anniversary of the North Hollywood Bank Shootout-ceremony to be held at the station on February 28, 2017. Please contact the CRO Office for additional information about these events!

A Message from Terrorist Liaison Officer
As a reminder, the prevention of terrorism and violent crimes is everyone's responsibility. You are all the eyes and ears in the community and law enforcement needs your help in keeping you all safe. If you see something suspicious, immediately notify law enforcement by calling 911. A simple call may prevent a tragedy from occurring.
http://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something
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