Captain Stephen M. Carmona’s Captain’s Corner:

Greetings to all! I have a few changes to announce as we transition from spring to summer. As many of you may have heard, Sergeant II Chris Zine, our Officer in Charge of the North Hollywood Community Relations Office has accepted a position at Headquarters. Chris will be assigned to the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy. Sgt. Zine was a fixture here at the station as well as in our community. He did an amazing job here and he will truly be missed. I would like to welcome his replacement, Sergeant II Catherine Leon. Sgt. Leon comes in with impressive credentials and an abundance of energy and experience. As many of you may have also heard the Director of the Office of Operations has also changed. The Office of Operations oversees all 21 Area police stations. Assistant Chief Jorge Villegas has lateraled over to the Officer of Special Operations and Assistant Chief Michel Moore will move over at the Director of the Office of Operations.

On a more local note, we in law enforcement are facing numerous challenges as we move forward in our attempt to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Unfortunately, violent crime and property crime is up in the City of Los Angeles. For the week ending May 14th, violent crime was up 15.7% and Property crime was up 2.1% in the City. Here in North Hollywood our violent crime is also up for the year, but to a lesser extent at 9.7%, while our Property crime is up at 4.1 % for the year. We are constantly working to address these trends and we have numerous strategies in place to deal with these challenges.

I am very often out in the community. I love the interaction with our concerned community members and I truly cherish the relationships I have with you all. Relationships that are built on trust enable us to remain successful in what we do. I am hearing an earful about the homeless and mental health issues affecting our community and the crime and decay that comes with it. Please know that our Deputy Chief Robert Green has listened to these concerns as well and has assembled a special Task Force team that will be known as the Homelessness Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) Team. The HOPE team will consist of one sergeant and ten officers assigned to the Valley in order to help address the rapidly expanding homeless and mental health problems. I will report on our progress in future newsletters.

I want to take a minute and acknowledge some of our biggest supporters. The East Valley Police Activity League Supporters, also known as “PALS”. PALS is an all-volunteer group of community members and business leaders residing or doing business in North Hollywood. Mr. Scott Frager is the President of PALS and I am proud to call him my partner. Scott is a huge supporter of the Community and the Police Department. I also want to acknowledge and thank all of our PALS executive board members: Josh Rubenstein, Ken Banks, Anita Wallace, Kelly Fox, Ross Pendergraft and Kari Negri. This is truly an all-star team and I am privileged to work with them. Our
PALS team is currently preparing for the North Hollywood Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Bremar Country Club in Woodland Hills on July 18. Please save the date and join us for a day of sun, fun, golf and dinner all for a great cause, supporting the men and women working North Hollywood Community Station and raising money for our Youth programs.

Please enjoy what is left of the Spring season and always remember after parking your car, “Lock it, Hide It, Keep It”. Doing this will greatly reduce your chances of being a victim.

As a reminder, the North Hollywood Division is continually recruiting for the Cadet program. The Cadet program is for all those age 13 to 20 who have a desire to better themselves. The Cadet program is a leadership and mentoring program that helps teach teamwork, communication skills, responsibility, and other skills that can help the youth of the community develop into the future leaders that we all know they can be. If you would like more information on the LAPD Cadet program or the Jeopardy program, please call the Community Relations Office at (818) 754-8470.

A Message from our Community Relations Office:

The North Hollywood Area Community Relations Office, in conjunction with the newly formed Community Relationship Division has been out walking foot beats with the North Hollywood Cadets. The purpose of these foot beats is to enhance communication between the police and the community and to provide a high visibility presence in areas throughout North Hollywood. When you see these Officers and Cadets out walking around North Hollywood during these details, come over and say hello. Please remember that we are your Police Department and we value any opportunity to work the all members of the Community.

Current Crime Trends

During this period which covered from 03/20/16 to 04/16/16, there was an increase in robberies, burglaries, grand theft auto and petty thefts. We did have a decrease in aggravated assaults and thefts from motor vehicles.

Most of the stolen cars continue to be taken from the north end of the division, particularly in the areas bordering Saticoy St to the north, Sherman Way to the south, 170 Fwy to the west and Clybourn Ave to the east.

STAY INFORMED!
Get important information via social media when there is police activity in your neighborhood.
Nixle- [www.nixle.com](http://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](https://twitter.com/LAPDNorthHwdDiv)

Crimestoppers- [www.lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org)

You can report crime anonymously using this website. There is also a link on this website for Spanish speakers.

**Community Events**

*Neighborhood Watch Meeting*

Church of San Pablo
7400 Tujunga Avenue
Monday, May 9, 2016
7:00 p.m.

*Neighborhood Watch Meeting*

Pentecostal Church Juan 3:16
6903 Radford Avenue
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.

*North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting*

LAFD Station 89
7063 Laurel Canyon Boulevard
Thursday, May 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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### Current Crime Trends

**Basic Car 15A21**

Senior Lead Officer Carol Sawamura
Cell Phone (818) 634-0852
[31322@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:31322@lapd.lacity.org)

During the period from 03/20/16 to 04/16/16, basic car 15A21 experienced an increase in burglaries, grand theft auto, burglary from motor vehicle and petty thefts. Most of the car break-ins are occurring along Vanowen St between Whitsett Ave and Coldwater Canyon Bl. Make yourself a hard target. Never leave anything visible in your vehicle and if possible purchase an anti-theft device such as “the steering wheel club”.

**Community Events:**

*North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting*

Thai Temple
8225 Coldwater Canyon
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
7:00 pm

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### Current Crime Trends:

Based on the current crime statistics, my area had a slight increase of Grand Theft Autos in the area of Vanowen Street and Lankershim Blvd. Many of these car thefts could have been prevented by not
leaving your car on while unattended. Please remember to lock and secure your vehicle and also your property.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 818 754-8358.

**Community Events**

**Lankershim Business Watch Meeting**
6620 Lankershim Boulevard
May 18, 2016
1:00 p.m.

**Cleon Neighborhood Watch**
6300 Cleon Avenue
May 25, 2016
6:30 p.m.

**Current Crime Trends:**

Crime is slightly up with GTA’s. These crimes have been happening in the late evening/early morning hours mostly along the Lankershim corridor.

We are pushing for more neighborhood watch meetings. Please call if you are interested in one in your neighborhood. I will walk you through the process.

We have been handing clubs out for your vehicles in an effort 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.

**Community Events**

**Greater Valley Glenn Neighborhood Council. Valley College.**
June 6, 2016  7:00 PM

**Current Crime Trends:**

Vacant properties are a nuisance around the community and a magnet for crime. While some vacant properties are very obvious to the police department, many are not until it becomes an apparent blight to the neighborhood now that crime has started to increase and quality of life has started to decrease. If you have a vacant property near you and you believe is starting to become an issue, please forward the address to your Senior Lead Officer so we can refer it to the proper city entities for follow up.

The Department of Building and Safety is responsible for single family homes. The Department of Housing looks into property complaints of two or more residential units. The earlier we identify vacant properties, the easier it is to have them boarded up or even fenced off. It also allows us to reach out to the property owner to see what the status is of the property. Many vacant
properties in the area today are waiting for permits so they can be demolished for new construction. It’s not uncommon for trespass suspects to be in possession of fraudulent leases and to have all utilities turn in in their name. When the police do get calls to investigate complaints, it’s very difficult to remove people who illegally squat inside vacant properties for extended periods of time that appear to have legal reasons to be there or who have established residency. In some cases, it becomes a civil issue and could even require an eviction to remove them from the property. This is why it is so important that vacant properties are identified and addressed before they is an issue. Identified properties in North Hollywood can be forwarded to Officer Catalano at 32740@LAPD.LACITY.org or to your Senior Lead officer.

Basic Car 15A43
Senior Lead Officer Manuel Arreygue
Cell Phone (818) 634-0829
30026@lapd.lacity.org

Current Crime Trends

Based on the current crime trends, Grand theft Auto are the most frequent crimes within this basic car area. The majority of these crimes are occurring on Chandler Boulevard corridor between Laurel Canyon and Whitsett Ave. The vehicles stolen continue to be late model Honda’s and Toyota’s.

A second crime that is on the rise is personal thefts. Please insure that you properly secure your personal belonging when out and about!

Community Events

Valley Village Neighborhood Council
Faith Presbyterian Church – 5000 Colfax Ave.,
Valley Village, CA 91601
4th Wednesday each month 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Basic Car 15A67
Senior Lead Officer Robert Benavidez
Cell Phone (818) 634-0978
32151@lapd.lacity.org

Current Crime Trends

Based on the statistics for this period, overall crime in my area is up compared to last month. We continue to see a steady occurrence of burglary/theft from vehicles in the NoHo Arts area. This area had been down last month, but picked up again this month. The area south of Magnolia Boulevard had reduced the number of car break-ins during the last part of the March, but picked up again this month. We continue to deploy additional police resources in and around the Metro Red Line Station.

Community Events

GTLNC Public Safety Committee
Mon, 5/2/2016 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm
GTLNC Office - 10116 Riverside Dr., Suite 200 A (inside CD4 Office)

GTLNC Outreach Committee
Thu, 5/5/2016 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm
GTLNC Office - 10116 Riverside Dr., Suite 200 A (inside CD4 Office)
Current Crime Trends

Except for the increase in homeless, Studio City is looking great. Actually, Studio City has the biggest decrease in crime of the 8 basic cars in North Hollywood Division. The biggest decrease of part-1 crimes are cars break-ins, which is down over 40%. So, we are doing great. Recently, I have been receiving a number of calls about an IRS Tax scam. It’s a scam where somebody calls and pretends to be an IRS Agent. The suspects say you owe the IRS money and if you don’t pay it immediately, they will get a warrant for your arrest and they will send the Police to your house to arrest you. It’s a little surprising how many people believe this might happen and end up wiring money to the suspects. Just be aware of the scam and please let your parents and/or neighbors, who might be susceptible to this kind of scam know. Lastly, I’ve never talked about this issue before but if you own a dog and you take your dog on walks, please pick up your dog’s poo. I can’t tell you how many e-mails and calls I get about neighbors who refuse to do this and how often this leads to strained neighbor issues and fights.

Please keep your eyes and ears open on your neighbors. And if you see something suspicious please call us, the non-emergency number is 1-877-ASK-LAPD. If it’s an emergency call 911.

Upcoming Meetings:
The Green Living Fair

Saturday, May 14, 2016
10 am - 2 pm
at Richard Lillard Outdoor Classroom
(located at Valleyheart Drive & Longridge Ave. in Studio City along the L.A. River)

Thanks
Michael Lewis
Senior Lead Officer Studio City
31575@lapd.lacity.org

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

GLOSSARY OF PART I CRIMES

HOMICIDE
RAPE
BURGLARY
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS
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