Basic Car 19A7 Sylmar (East of Glenoaks Blvd.)
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Welcome to the Newsletter for Basic Car 19A7 for September 2018.

Current Issues

Expired RVs, and RVs dumping sewage and leaving trash on the sidewalk/roadway is a continuing problem that I continue to address.

Crime Trends

Foothill Blvd between Polk St and Hubbard St is an area experiencing higher crime numbers. Please be vigilant when shopping in the area and visiting establishments.

In addition, the area near Gladstone Av and Polk St has experienced numerous vehicle thefts. If you have any information that could help us find identify any Suspects, please contact the Detective desk at 818-838-9810.

Violent crime is up. Please be vigilant in protecting your home and neighborhood. If you see someone out of place acting suspiciously, call 911 immediately.

Social Media

Please look for updates in your area on Next Door.

Report suspicious vehicles and/or persons in your neighborhood by calling the LAPD non-emergency number at 1 877-ASK-LAPD (1 877-275-5273). Please share this information with family and friends.
Hello from Officer Philip Ruiz:

I want to start off by thanking all those who attended this year’s National Night Out Event that was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at Brand Park here in Mission Hills. This year’s event consisted of the Mission Hills Area (Basic Car 19A43) as well as the Sylmar Area (Basic Cars 19A1 & 19A7). The event was attended by several hundred community members as well as elected officials. Though it was extremely hot that day, we still had a great turnout and the event was a huge success. So, whether you were there volunteering your time or were just attending, thank you for taking the time to come out and being a part of such a great event. I, along with Senior Lead Officer Crawford (Sylmar Area) enjoyed seeing and speaking to the usual faces, but also enjoyed getting to meet some of the new faces that attended for the very first time. A special thanks to both Betty Ley (Mission Hills Area) and Jaine Burke (Sylmar Area) for coordinating the event. I also want to thank DJ Bobby Arias for emceeing the event.

I want to remind everyone that our area SCHOOLS are now back in session. I ask that you please watch your speed near school areas and always look out for young children walking to and from school. Please remember to “SLOW DOWN”. Also, please refrain from double parking & parking in red zones when dropping off your children at school. Both myself and School Police will be out and about monitoring the schools.

Remember the telephone number to Mission Station front desk is (818) 838-9800. You may call the station directly to obtain general information, crime related advice and to make crime reports.

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Watch meetings take place on 4th Tuesday of each month at Mission Community Police Station Community Room and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding joining or creating a neighborhood watch group in your area, please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 838-9843. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7pm.
Crime Update:

At the moment, we are currently up in crime from a year ago (+ 6.3 %). Last year from 1/1/17 through 8/18/17, we had a total of 400 reported Part-1 crimes in the Mission Hills Area. So far this year from 1/1/18 through 8/18/18, we have had 425 reported Part-1 crimes.

Although the overall numbers for car break-ins (Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles) are down from last year. We have had a recent increase in cars getting broken into in recent weeks. Most are occurring during overnight hours and in residential areas. I ask that you please remember to lock & secure your vehicles while parked overnight. If possible, park your vehicle in your driveways or near well-lit areas. Once again, personal responsibility is the best prevention to becoming a victim. So please don’t leave any valuables in plain sight.

Mission Hills Community Meetings

19A43 Monthly Basic Car Meeting (Neighborhood Watch)
4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Mission Area Community Police Station Community Room

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council – MHNC@verizon.net
1st Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M.
Mission Area Community Police Station Community Room
Hello everyone!

My name is Senior Lead Officer Bonffil and I am the Senior Lead Officer for basic car 19A85 (Panorama City). The borders for basic car 19A85 are the following: Nordhoff Street to the North, Roscoe Street to the South, Wakefield Avenue to the East, and the Pacoima Wash at Sepulveda Recreational Center to the West.

Fortunately, Part I crimes are down 5.7% since last year. Of the Part I crimes, violent crimes are have stayed the same as last year and property crimes are down 10.2%. With violent crimes, we have seen a 7.7% increase overall. There has been a 40.0% increase in Assaults and a 13.1% increase in Aggravated Assaults.

Crime Update

It’s no surprise that there has been an uptick in gang related crimes including shootings between the local gangs (Blythe Street, Langdon Street, and Columbus Street). What is Mission Area doing to curb the recent uptick in gang related crimes? The Senior Lead Office is working diligently to partner up with the Nuisance Abatement Unit of the City Attorney’s Office to identify problem locations and tenants and to take proactive steps to pressure property owners to take responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of their properties and to legally evict the problem tenants. However, as concerned citizens, we implore you to encourage your community members to participate in community watch meetings to help us identify problems.

Crime Prevention Tips

If you’ve been a victim of identity theft you should take the following steps:

Call the companies where you know the fraud occurred and let them know that someone stole your identity. Ask them to freeze the account so that no new purchases occur. Change passwords, logins, and pins for your accounts.
Place a fraud alert on your accounts by contacting one of the three credit bureaus:

www.experian.com/fraudalert or by phone at (888) 397-3742.
www.transunion.com/fraud or by phone at (800) 680-7289
www.equifax.com/creditreportassistance or by phone (888) 766-0008

Get a free yearly credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com or call (877) 322-8228.

Stay Informed

Another way to stay informed is by signing up for the Nixle service, Nextdoor, and Twitter. They are free and they help you receive critical information. Sign up at www.nixle.com and look for “LAPD Mission.”

You can also follow us on “Facebook” at “LAPDMission19” and on “Twitter” at “LAPD Mission SLO’s”.

Upcoming Events

LAPD Mission Area Open House/Car Show- Saturday, September 15th, (9am to 2pm)

Community/Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A85

Panorama City Chamber of Commerce
2nd Tuesday of every month (August 14th), 12:00 PM
US Bank Building (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)
3rd Wednesday of every month (August 15th)- 6:15 PM- Social/6:30 PM- meeting
Mission Community Police Station, Community Room

Panorama City Neighborhood Council Meeting
Mission Community Hospital (14860 Roscoe Blvd.)
4th Thursday of the month (August 23th), 7:00 PM
Basic Car 19A93 Panorama City (South of Roscoe Blvd)
Senior Lead Officer Daniel Ruelas
Office Phone 818-838-9847
Cell Phone 818-679-2082

Welcome to the Newsletter for Basic Car 19A93 for August 2018

I would like to thank everyone for being involved and making your communities safer. Please invite your neighbors to attend the neighborhood watch meetings and become involved. Be safe and always be aware of your surroundings. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING…

Crime Trends

Grand Theft Auto is up 55% YTD (year to date) but are down 8% from last month. We are down in crime in all other categories. Please report any suspicious activity. The Mission Detectives are working hard to solve these crimes. If you have any information that could help us find these criminals, please contact the Detective front desk at 818-838-9810.

Please lock your vehicles and park in a well-lit area when possible. If you have a garage or a secured parking spot, please park your vehicles there. Burglary form Motor Vehicles and Grand Theft Autos are a major issue in Basic Car A93. Take all and any precautions to secure your vehicle as best as you can.

Burglary/Thefts from motor vehicles in most cases can be prevented. Don’t leave your valuables in plain sight including documents with your information.

Inspect your credit report. Credit reports contain information about you, including what accounts you have and your bill paying history. The law requires the major nationwide consumer reporting companies (Equifax, Experian and Transunion) to give you a free copy of your credit report each year if you ask for it. Experts tell me to use a different company every 4 months, utilizing the free service three times a year. www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228

As everyone knows, Mission has seen an influx of homeless encampments. Several organizations have offered outreach to the homeless. Some of the homeless refuse these services and choose to live in those conditions. Some of these individuals contribute to the spike in crime in the area. Please notify myself or City Council if you see an encampment so we can address it as soon as possible.
At Home

Inspect your residence’s exterior in the daytime and at night and note areas where someone can hide. Trim bushes and trees to remove hiding places and add exterior lighting.

Lock your doors and windows and set your alarm every time you leave.

Check to make sure the contents of your residence are not visible from outside.

Put an interior light on a timer so your residence is not dark when you are out.

Put a lock on your gate

Remember to bring in your trash cans on trash days. Trash cans left outside tell burglars no one is home

Secure your vehicles and do not leave anything in plain sight including documents. LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT.

Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood by calling the LAPD non-emergency number at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273). Please share this information with family and friends.

Upcoming Meetings

September 04, 2018 @ 1830 hours
Kaiser Neighborhood Watch Meeting
13651 Willard St

September 12, 2018 @ 1730 hours
Marson Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting
15262 Marson St

September 26, 2018 @ 1730 hours
Vecinos Meeting
14705 Blythe St

September 27, 2018 @ 1830 hours
Panorama City Neighborhood Council Meeting
14860 Roscoe Bl
Upcoming Events

Mission Area Car Show/Open House
September 15, 2018 @ 9 AM-2 PM
11121 N. Sepulveda Blvd
Mission Hills, CA 91345

The LAPD continues to do our best to protect and serve the citizens of Los Angeles but we can use your help. Having a neighborhood watch could prevent crime from occurring in your area. Be a good neighbor. Call me for details.

You can now follow us on FACEBOOK at “@LAPDMission19”