MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Happy New Year to All,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! There is much to be proud of for all the hard work from our Devonshire Police Officers, our Reserve Officers, our community volunteers, and our Devonshire community have achieved. Our partnership within Devonshire has made us one of the safest communities in the City of Los Angeles. Everyone has a vested interest in making a difference in our community and a better place for our children to live. We will continue to reduce crime even further in 2018, and encourage everyone to do their part.

During the month of December, there were several events organized by our Senior Lead Officers, such as our Granada Hills Holiday Parade and Chatsworth Holiday Parade from a security aspect. Both events were very successful with new security measures that had to be implemented. Devonshire also coordinated the West Valley Porter Ranch Fire Command Post at Shepherd Church. Thank you to all involved as it worked out to be an ideal location. Then, Senior Lead Officers and Devonshire Cadets worked on many toy drives, such as the Toys-R-Us Toy Drive for Kids with Cancer, the PALS Annual Toy Drive, “Just Say No” at Noble Elementary School, the Ginger Bread Event at Calahan Elementary School, Toy Giveaway to our Native American Indians, and Toy Giveaway at De Soto Gardens. There were plenty of smiling faces and beyond grateful families for the Christmas season. Each task required a coordinated plan, donors of toys and tireless preparation, which resulted in very successful events. Thank you to all who participated!

As you read through the highlights by our Senior Lead Officers, please share their messages with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and clergy members. The 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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BASIC CAR AREA 17A23
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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** The crime of concern for our area is Grand Theft Auto (GTA). GTA’s have been occurring from Rinaldi Street to Lassen Street, and Topanga Canyon Avenue to Corbin Avenue. The vehicles are generally stolen in late evening to early morning hours. Please let others know of the crime activity that is occurring in the area and report suspicious activity.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** The next Basic Car 17A23 Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 25, 2018, 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 AND TIPS:** ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE BIG ONE?

The ‘Big One’ generally refers to a major earthquake, but really it could be any major catastrophe. This is a question we should all ask ourselves, and make sure to plan for the ‘**Big One**’. It’s not a question of ‘if’, because the reality is a major earthquake or catastrophe will eventually happen. If we prepare ourselves and plan properly, we will do just fine when things are going a bit chaotic. Here are a few tips to consider when making your plans:

- Escape routes out of your home and safest area to remain when catastrophe is occurring;
- Keep shoes or foot wear under bed or nearby for broken glass on floor;
- **Shut off your main gas valve**;
- **DO NOT LIGHT CANDLES** (assess damage first before you blow yourself up);
- Emergency lighting- flashlight w/additional batteries;
- Clothing stored in backpacks. (Backpacks can come in handy later);
- Nonperishable food and bottled water. (3 day worth is a good start);
- Portable tent (house or apartment may not be safe);
- Portable radio and cell phone w/alternate charging capabilities;
- Alternate meeting location if home destroyed and unsafe area; and
- Out of state family/friend

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**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** In looking at the most recent maps, a 4-week period between 11/05/17 and 12/02/17, we can conclude two distinct patterns for Residential Burglaries and Grand Theft Auto (GTA). The Residential Burglary pattern emerged in the North Granada Hills Area, a quadrant from Rinaldi Street to Sesnon Boulevard and from roughly Shoshone Avenue to Balboa Boulevard with 12 incidents for the time period. The GTA pattern is much more restricted, concentrated in the immediate area of Devonshire Street and Reseda Boulevard with recent incidents occurring in the North/West and South/West corner parking lots. From a
prevention aspect, for Residential Burglaries, always monitor door to door solicitation activity a trend consistent with the “knock-knock” approach. As far as the GTAs many incidents are still being facilitated by drivers failing to keep control of their keys or failing to secure them while shopping, dining or working out.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., at Saint Euphrasia Church, 11767 Shoshone Avenue in Granada Hills.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: Here are some tips for burglary prevention and recovery:

- Make an inventory of all your valuables;
- Record the make, model and serial number of all items that possess one;
- Take photographs, especially of your jewelry, coin/stamp collections, art work and other unique items;
- Minimize the amount of jewelry and cash in your home;
- Use a security alarm and video surveillance;
- Trim back all shrubs/trees around windows; and
- Replace light bulbs and broken gate locks.

BASIC CAR AREA 17A49
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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from November 26, 2017 to December 23, 2017. These numbers reflect the number of crimes which occurred in Basic Car 17A49 only. There were (2) Grand Theft Autos, (4) Robberies, (22) Thefts, (10) Burglaries, (2) Aggravated Assaults and (14) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. The crime in our basic car area is up 12.4% from last year at this time! Please be sure to lock your vehicles and hide all your valuables!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., located at Granada Hills Charter High School, 10535 Zelzah Avenue, Room A7 in Granada Hills. Our guest speaker will be Neighborhood Prosecutor Alin Sahagian, who will focus on quality of life issues.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: Please let this be the year you become involved with Neighborhood Watch! The more eyes in the community watching each other, the safer we will be! To get involved in your neighborhood watch, please e-mail me at 30392@lapd.online and I will help you get started!

Happy New Year!!

BASIC CAR AREA 17A67
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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from January 1st 2017 to December 23rd 2017. The crime trends for Part-I crime are as follows: (0) Homicides, (14) Rapes, (33) Robberies, (81) Aggravated Assaults, (127) Burglaries, (113) GTAs, (230) Burglary Theft from Vehicles and (218) Thefts. Our Violent Crime totals are down -25.6%. Our Property Crime totals are up +6.8%, with the following areas remain up: GTAs +6.6% (113 vs 106), Burglary Theft from Vehicles +15.6% (230 vs 199), and Thefts +4.3% (218 vs 209). Year-to-date we are looking to finish strong in total Part-I Crimes and are currently at +0.0%.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: The next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting for 17A67 will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., located at Calahan Street Elementary School, 18722 Knapp Street in Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: Remember to lock it, hide it and keep it! If you see something, say something! You can always call the non-emergency number 1-877-ASK-LAPD, or dial 1-877-275-5273. Clean up the neighborhood! Call 311 for any trash pick-up needs. Be aware of your surroundings. Remember to share the road and slow down for pedestrians.

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CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from January 1, 2017 to December 23, 2017. The crime trends for Part-I crime are as follows: (0) Homicides, (10) Rapes, (82) Robberies, and (77) Aggravated Assaults for a Total Violent Crime of 6.3%; and (180) Burglaries, (133) Grand Theft Autos, (333) Burglary Theft from Vehicle, and (548) Personal Theft for a Total Property Crime of -7.8%. Our Total Part-I Crime was -6.3%, which is a dramatic improvement when we started above 18.0% at the beginning of the year. Great job to everyone that helped out.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2017, at 7:00 P.M., located at the Garden Christian Fellowship Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: Here are some tips and goals for 2018:

- Start a Neighborhood Watch Program…become a Block Leader;
- Volunteer in your community or with the Devonshire Police Program;
- Sign up for Nextdoor.com or Crimemapping.com to stay informed;
- If you have kids, get involved with what they are doing…inspire leadership programs;
- Invest in yourself, stay healthy and fit, be a good role model and de-escalate anger issues;
- Remove clutter and stay organized (including what’s in your car);
- Be respectful and treat others as you would like to be treated!
CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: We ended 2017 very strong with a significant crime reduction. Unfortunately, the New Year has started off with a crime increase specifically in Theft from Motor Vehicles. Thus far in 2018, most vehicles that have been broken into recently have been left unlocked. If you park your car in the driveway, lock it. If you are going into a business for just a minute, lock it. If you think you locked it, check again and lock it. I cannot stress it enough. Please protect your property and do not become a victim. Lock your vehicle.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: The next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., located at The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: New Year Resolutions: 5 ideas for you and your neighbors:

- Start a Neighborhood Watch group.
- Make sure that all the youth in the neighborhood have positive ways to spend their spare time through our PALS, CADET or DAP programs.
- Clean up the neighborhood! Call 311 for any trash pick-up needs.
- Register for e-policing and/or Nixle to obtain current crime trends and updates.
- Register for nextdoor.com to connect with your neighbors.