MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, DEVONSHIRE AREA

Greetings all,

Captain Burns and I would like to thank our officers, volunteers and Devonshire community for your hard work in 2017. We started the year at the bottom out of 21 divisions for Total Part-I crime statistics, which is nothing to brag about in terms of fighting crime. However, we moved our way to 11th by year end. Great improvement! It gets better…as we start 2018, we are number 1 out of 21 divisions, as far as the least amount of Total Part-I crime (229 vs. 404). Excellent work by all! What does that mean you may ask? We have made tremendous strides to make the Devonshire Community a safer place to live and raise a family. We all have a vested role in doing our part and not providing an opportunity for the criminals. By keeping our “foot on the gas” we need to continue to improve our downward crime trend. Keep up the good work as we move forward for the New Year! Please contact your Senior Lead Officer if you wish to arrange a start-up Neighborhood Watch meeting or have questions about crime prevention or safety tips at (818) 832-0283.

During the month of January there were a few events, such as the Winnetka Park Community Clean up, Senior Lead Officer Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meetings and the Community Police Advisory Board meeting. As the planning begins for the rest of the year, there will be plenty of events to be involved and participate in the festivities with the Devonshire Community Police Station. Please follow on social media or through the Senior Lead newsletters listed below.

Upcoming events for the month of February: On Friday, February 9th from 8:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M., American Red Cross Blood Drive in front of Devonshire Station, 10250 Etiwanda Avenue in Northridge. On Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 P.M., Town Hall meeting with City Attorney Mike Feuer at the Women’s Club, 10666 White Oak Avenue in Granada Hills. Finally, on Monday, February 26th from 10:00 A.M to 11:30 A.M., Coffee with the Captain at Starbucks, Northridge Fashion Center (lower level next to JCPenny), 9301 Tampa Avenue in Northridge. For more details, contact your Senior Lead Officers or monitor our Devonshire Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter social media cites.

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.

Facebook at LAPD Devonshire Community Police Station, follow us on Twitter @LAPDDEVONSHIRE and join us on NIXLE by going to www.nixle.com

BRYAN D. LIUM
Commanding Officer
Devonshire Community Police Station
Twitter@captainlium
BASIC CAR HIGHLIGHTS  
SLO Supervisor, Sgt. II Jose Torres  
32324@lapd.online, Direct No.: (818) 832-0283 or Main No.: (818) 832-0998

BASIC CAR AREA 17A23  
Senior Lead Officer Daniel Del Valle, Direct No.: (818) 832-0875  
27677@lapd.online and Twitter: @SLO17A23

CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The crime of concern for Basic Car 17A23 is Burglary Theft from Vehicle (BTFV) and Burglary. Most of the crimes are occurring from Devonshire Street to Rinaldi Street and Farralone Avenue to Winnetka Avenue. BTFV generally occur at night and Burglary during the daytime. Please let others know of the crime activity that is occurring in the area and report suspicious activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: All Basic Car Neighborhood Watch Meetings in February are CANCELLED. The next Basic Car 17A23 Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. located at St. John Eudes Church, 9901 Mason Avenue in Chatsworth. 17A23 Basic Car Neighborhood meetings are generally on the 4th Thursday of every month. Since our Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meetings are cancelled, we are encouraging everyone to attend the Devonshire Town Hall meeting presented by City Attorney, Mike Feuer. The Devonshire Town Hall meeting is on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:30 P.M., located at the Granada Hills Women’s Club, 10666 White Oak Avenue in Granada Hills.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: We have seen an increase with phone scams. Citizens have received phone calls stating that a person representing the Internal Revenue Services (IRS), states that the IRS is owed payment for back taxes immediately or their property will be seized. The IRS does not take payments or conducts business over the phone. This is a scare tactic scam. Please pass this information onto your family and friends.

BASIC CAR AREA 17A35  
Acting Senior Lead Officer Sellers, Direct No.: (818) 832-0577  
31934@lapd.online and Twitter: @SLO17A35

CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: Statistical information is not available now due to it being the beginning of the year. The property crime is still our primary issue with BFMV(s) leading the way. These are usually crimes of opportunity occurring in darkened areas, or business parking lots. Parking your vehicles in your garage is the best bet to insure the safety of your vehicles.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: The Basic car meeting will be on 02-13-18 at 7 PM at St. Euphrasia Church 11766 Shoshone Ave. Granada Hills. The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at Devonshire Station Friday, February 9, 2018 8 AM to 2:00 PM. To schedule an appointment 1-800-733-2767 or 1-800-RED CROSS.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS:
• Secure gardening tools. Suspects use home owner’s tools to break into homes;
• Don’t leave ladders unsecure. Suspects use those to enter second story windows;
• Locked gates make it more difficult to enter your property;
• Make sure your garage door closes behind you when you enter your house;
• Leave vehicle parked in the garage;
• Report suspicious activity, and
• Don’t allow unidentified persons enter through security gates in gated communities.

If you witness a crime in progress, Call 9-1-1 immediately! For non-emergency call (877) 275-5273.

BASIC CAR AREA 17A49
Senior Lead Officer Janine Angeles, Phone: (818) 832-0754
30392@lapd.online and Twitter: @SLO17A49

CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from December 31, 2017 to January 06, 2018. These numbers reflect the number of crimes which occurred in Basic Car 17A49 only. There were (3) Grand Theft Autos, (1) Robberies, (2) Thefts, (2) Burglaries, (6) Aggravated Assaults and (6) Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles. Please be sure to lock your vehicles and hide all your valuables!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: There will be no Basic Car meeting in February due to LA City Attorney Mike Feuer’s Town Hall Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M., located at the Granada Hills Women’s Club, 10666 White Oak Avenue in Granada Hills. We hope to see you there!

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: Many of the vehicles being broken into are unlocked. Suspects are trying the door handles. If they are locked, they move on to the next vehicle. If they are unlocked, they enter the vehicle, take what they can and leave. Always hide your property! Even better, don’t have any property in your vehicle! Property being taken includes jackets, change, cell phone charges etc. Also, there were three tail gates taken from vehicles.

Four of the six Burglary/Theft from Vehicles involved Toyotas. The suspects removed a catalytic converter from one and two tailgates were removed from two others. A third-row seat was also taken from a Chevy Tahoe. Whenever possible, park your vehicle inside of your garage. If that is not possible, back your vehicle into the driveway to make it more difficult to remove the third-row seat. If you see someone driving with tail-gates or vehicle parts in their vehicle, if possible, please (safely) get the vehicle license plate and/or vehicle description and report it to “We Tip Hotline” at 877-527-3247. Never put yourself in harm’s way while being a witness.

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. I will help you get started!

BASIC CAR AREA 17A67
CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from January 1st 2018 to January 13th 2018. The crime trends for Part-I crime are as follows: (0) Homicide, (0) Rapes, (0) Robberies, (0) Aggravated Assaults, (0) Burglaries, (3) GTAs, (2) Burglary Theft from Vehicles and (5) Thefts. Our Violent Crime totals are down to -0.0%. Our Property Crime totals are also down -45.2%. We’re off to a great start this year, thanks to all of our hard-working officers.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our neighborhood Basic Car meeting for the month of February is canceled.

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.

BASIC CAR AREA 17A81
Senior Lead Officer John Parker, Direct No.: (818) 832-0773
36560@lapd.online and Twitter: @SLO17A81

CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS: The following crime statistics are from January 1, 2018 to January 20, 2018. The crime trends for Part-I are as follows: (0) Homicides, (1) Rapes, (4) Robberies, (3) Aggravated Assaults with a Total Violent crime increase of 60.0%. There are (4) Burglaries, (4) Grand Theft Autos, (18) Burglary Theft from Vehicles, and (17) Thefts with a Total Property crime decrease of –43.4%. Currently for the year we are at a decrease of Part-I crime at –37.0%. Most of the crime has been focused around De Soto Avenue and Parthenia Street, mostly during 12:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., and on Friday.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS: Our Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting for February is cancelled; however, we will have a Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:30 P.M., located at the Granada Hills Women’s Club, 10666 White Oak Avenue in Granada Hills. Our next Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., located at the Garden Christian Fellowship Church, 20745 Nordhoff Street in Chatsworth.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS: Since Robbery is the only area we have an increase in crime (4 vs. 2), I would like the community to focus on some useful tips:

- Be aware of your surrounding;
- Do not get so engaged with your phone while walking or sitting in your vehicle;
- Remember to hide your PIN number when withdrawing money from the ATM;
- Keep your purse on your person when shopping and not left in a shopping cart; and
• Do not walk alone late at night on dark streets...walk in groups and earlier hours

**BASIC CAR AREA 17A95**  
Senior Lead Officer Efren Corral, Direct No.: (424) 339-4079  
35472@lapd.online and Twitter: @SLO17A95

**CRIME TRENDS AND LOCATIONS:** Unfortunately, the New Year has started off with a crime increase specifically in Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles. Most of the vehicles that have been broken into 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. Some criminals go down the street checking vehicle doors until they find the one that is unlocked. Please protect your property and do not become a victim.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS:** No Basic Car Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for the month of February 2018. My next basic car meeting will be on Thursday, March 8th, 2018, 7:00P.M., located at The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17037 Plummer Street in Northridge.

**CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION AND TIPS:** For updated and accurate information regarding all crimes which are impacting your local community, please refer to the free crime mapping service which was developed by the Omega Group. This crime mapping service was developed to assist law enforcement agencies throughout North America in providing the public with valuable information. Log on to “CrimeMapping.com”, select a central point (your home, for example) and a radius of up to two miles from that point, and receive daily emails with all crime that has occurred in that area including the type of crime, and the day and time of the crime, and the address of the crime.