

**Basic Car 19A1 Sylmar (West of Glenoaks Blvd.)**

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Welcome to the Newsletter for Basic Car 19A1 for September 2015

Basic Car Crime Trends: Residential burglaries and theft from vehicle

Burglary Theft from Vehicle (BTFV): An automobile is not a safe place to leave valuables even for a few moments-they will be stolen. Do not leave ANY personal property- including bills and mail, visible in your vehicle. Avoid becoming a victim- Lock your vehicle and secure all items of value out of sight, in the glove box or trunk.

Protect yourself from ID and Credit theft

Criminals scavenge through our trash and recycling bins on trash day. Please shred all papers thrown in the trash or recycling bin that contain personal information. If you see someone going through yours or your neighbor's trash immediately call (877) 275-5273 and request a Patrol car in your area.

Never give out your PIN, birthdate, social security number or other personal ID over the phone or in response to a text or email. When filling out forms question why the information is ask for and if it is required. Do NOT carry your Social Security card with you. You are allowed one free credit report yearly from each credit company: 1-877-322-8228, [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)  
When mailing bills, items with checks or personal information- Do not use Postal drop boxes after the last scheduled pick up or on weekends- use the slot located inside the Post Office.

When using an ATM: be cautious, go in the daytime with a friend who can look out. If you are alone or at night choose a well-lit and visible ATM. Inspect for tampering, if you feel something is wrong cancel the transaction and find a different machine. There is a secure ATM available to the public in the Mission Station lobby 11121 N. Sepulveda Blvd.

Community Awareness is the Key to Crime Prevention

A Neighborhood Watch of One- You can make a difference.

Do not depend on your neighbors to call the police. Responsibility starts with YOU! Keep an eye out for suspicious people and vehicles in your neighborhood and take action!

What you can do:

- Pay attention to what is going on in your neighborhood. Be aware of pedestrians and vehicles, joggers and bicyclists, vans and delivery trucks, juveniles out during school hours.
- A license plate number can crack a case. If it is safe- collect and report details including the number and description of suspects, vehicle description, and license plate numbers and distinguishing marks.
- If you see someone knocking on doors on your block or other suspicious or criminal activity immediately call LAPD non-emergency dispatch: (877) 275-5273 (1-877-ASK-LAPD).
- Call 911 for emergencies, immediate threat or if you believe a crime is in progress.
- Neighbors who know each other are more likely to watch out for each other. Get to know your neighbors, and then get them involved. Create a neighborhood roster and phone tree to alert your neighbors if you see suspicious persons or activity on your street
- Engrave expensive electronics such as television sets, DVD players, computers and game consoles with your California Driver License or an identifying mark. This will make your items identifiable for the police and returned to you.
- Communities with a Neighborhood Watch are better prepared and a less desirable target for criminals. You will learn ways to protect yourself. The more people we can get involved, the safer your community will be. Sylmar has several Neighborhood Watch Groups

Working together, the Community and LAPD will make a difference.

Quality of Life issues:

Graffiti removal call Sylmar Graffiti Busters (818) 362-8702

Free Bulky Item Pickup: When you need to discard items such as couches, mattresses, etc. call 311 to have them picked up. Wait until the evening before your collection date to put items at the curb.

Abandoned pets: In hard economic times there can be an increase in abandoned pets. These animals were once a part of a family but are scared, confused and hungry. If you encounter an abandoned pet call 311 or Animal Service (888) 452-7381 ext. 145. To assist the animal, leave out a dish of clean water and pet food or cut up scraps. Please Use Caution.

Meetings and links: The Sylmar Block Captains meeting and Neighborhood Watch is Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30– 7:30pm at Mission Community Police Station in the Community Room. We will share crime trends and community events. Everyone is welcome.

Sylmar Neighborhood Council meets the fourth Thursday, 6:30 PM. For meeting Location check their website: [www.sylmarneighborhoodcouncil.org](http://www.sylmarneighborhoodcouncil.org) or call (818)833-8737

Mission Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) The purpose of the Board is to improve relations with the LAPD and discuss Community issues. Committees include Public Nuisance, Community Outreach, Telephone Tree and Events. CPAB meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:15 PM, Mission Community Police Station Community Room, 11121 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills

**Basic Car 19A7 Sylmar (East of Glenoaks Blvd.)**  
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Welcome to the Newsletter for Basic Car 19A7 for August 2015.

### Crime Trends

Grand Theft Auto continues to be our primary concern at this time. If anyone has any information regarding the GTA suspects, please contact me as soon as possible. Most of the incidents involving Grand Theft Auto are taking place between 8:00 p.m. – 6:00 AM when most people are sleeping. Please be mindful of this and properly secure your vehicles and leave porch lights on to illuminate the area.

From 07/19/15 to 08/15/15, the crime trends were property crimes. The area had 10 Burglaries, 21 Grand Theft Autos, 13 Thefts, and 17 Burglary for Motor Vehicle, 0 homicides, and 7 robbery crime incidents. 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.

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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](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228

Reduce the amount of personal information available by limiting the number of pre-approved offers of credit that you receive. If thrown in the trash identity thieves can use them to open credit cards using your identity. To remove your name from the marketing lists: (888) 5OPTOUT (888-567-8688)

## At Home

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- Check to make sure the contents of your residence are not visible from outside.
- Lock your doors and windows and set your alarm every time you leave.
- 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.

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. Basic Car Area 19A43 (Mission Hills Area)

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## **Welcome to the Newsletter for Basic Car 19A43 for October 2015.**

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well. And each of you has survived our extreme heat-wave we just had. With that being said, I ask that you please remember to always keep your doors and windows locked when leaving your house, even if you're going to be gone for just a few minutes. We have had several burglaries to homes in the past few weeks, in which residents have left windows & door unsecured, making things that much easier for thieves to break in.

Remember if you observe any suspicious persons or suspicious activity in your neighborhoods, don't hesitate to call the non-emergency number at (1-877) 275-5273. Let us officers determine if it's just a big nothing!!!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, all area schools are now back in session. REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN, when driving through school zones or when you see children traveling to and from school. Drive defensively, as kids can be unpredictable and can make sudden moves into the street when you least expect it. I, along with Valley Traffic Division will be monitoring the stop signs around the local schools. So please remember to stop or you will be cited!!

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, October 27, 2015.

### **Crime Update:**

At the moment, we are currently up (+4.3 %) in Part-1 Crime from a year ago. Last year in 2014, we had a total of 373 Part-1 crimes in the Mission Hills Area. So far this year, we have had a total of 389 part-1 crimes. The hottest crimes at the moment are GTA (Grand Theft Auto) & BTFV (Burglary theft from motor vehicle). The area being targeted the most is the Sepulveda Corridor, from Lassen St to Mayall St. Most of these crimes have occurred between the hours of 6 PM to 6 AM. Please remember to lock and 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.

**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](mailto:MHNC@verizon.net)

1st Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Area Community Police Station Community Room

**Basic Car 19A61 North Hills**  
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Crime Trends/Statistics

Welcome to the Fall! We have been receiving complaints regarding gang recruitment on Nordhoff St and Orion Ave. We have been conducting extra patrol and Parents have been conducting Safe Passage. As a reminder, the Langdon St gang has a Court Injunction. It prevents them from being in public together. Please call when you see groups of gang members out in public. Please continue to call on suspicious activity. Please call 877 ASK LAPD on the suspicious activity. If you see something, say something!

We made more numerous narcotic arrests this period in the area of Sepulveda Bl and Roscoe Bl. The LAPD Drug Buy Team has been working the area and has made several arrests for drug sales!

We are trying to improve North Hills Park. Please contact your local Council Office 6 at 818 771-0236 and let them know that park safety is a priority. I need your voice so that the city will staff and open youth programs at the park again!

Graffiti is a big problem in North Hills. If you see graffiti, please report it! The faster we can remove the graffiti, the more it will discourage other graffiti from going up. Please call Graffiti Busters at 311.

Trash in the area has increased. Please call 311 and report your bulky items, such as couches and furniture, for free pick-up. It keeps the neighborhood clean and a clean neighborhood is a safer neighborhood! Especially Apartment Managers! Please be good neighborhood leaders and lead by example. Keep your buildings and streets clean for your residents and especially the children.

Crime Update

Aggravated Assault is on the rise! There is no excuse for Domestic Violence! Please contact Mission Station for resources and advise if you are in an abusive relationship.

## Crime Prevention Tip

Attend Neighborhood Watch! It makes a difference when we all work together to prevent crime. Please make sure that your vehicles are locked when parked on the street. We still have residents leaving valuables inside their parked vehicles. Individuals are looking into parked cars and stealing your property. Don't make it easy or attractive for them to break into your cars!

Call 311 for pick-up of trash, furniture and debris on YOUR streets! Let's have a safe and clean Holiday season.

Report suspicious activity and call 1(877)-ASK-LAPD.

Remember there is no excuse for domestic violence. Talk to a friend, pastor, or your local support group for relationship problems prior to any violence. You can always call a domestic violence hotline for referrals and assistance 24 hours a day at 1-818-887-6589.

## Upcoming Meetings

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Denny's Restaurant located at 15540 Roscoe Bl. There is also a Spanish Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for October 14, 2015 at 6pm at the Methodist Church located at 15435 Rayen St. See you there!

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Welcome to the Newsletter for Basic Car 19A79 for October 2015.

#### Crime Trends/Statistics

While 2015 crime has risen in the city Los Angeles, crime is down overall Year-to-Date in Mission Area and specifically in Arleta. Thanks so much for being a part of this! This allows us to focus on other quality-of-life issues in the Arleta area, such as parking, transients, illegal dumping, street vendors, loud parties and street racing.

Theft related crimes are the most prominent within the Arleta area. Be vigilant in protecting your belongings. Always lock your car doors, and keep items within your car out of plain sight. Lock the doors to your residence, and make sure windows are closed and screens are on the windows while you're away. And as always, keep a watchful eye out for strange behavior from others who might be looking to steal your property.

Recent key Arleta arrests: On September 10, officers from the Senior Lead Office arrested an individual near Terra Bella St and the Golden State Freeway for a Stolen Vehicle, as well as an unrelated Burglary from Motor Vehicle. On September 20, patrol officers arrested an individual in North Hills who was driving a stolen vehicle that was stolen from Arleta merely hours before the arrest.

Disaster Preparedness: With an increase in earthquakes all over California, make sure that you are preparing your house to withstand a natural disaster. Make sure you have at least 7 days of water, non-perishable foods, LED lighting, plastic bags, and a first aid kit.

Report! Report any suspicious activity you see! You can make a difference and help your community by calling 1 (877) ASK-LAPD. Share the info with friends and family. Working together to build safer communities.

**HOT TEMPERTURES!!!** With the temperatures well into the hundreds, be sure to never leave your child or animals in your vehicle. This could be catastrophic, even if it's for a short period of time.

Do something about illegal dumping by downloading the "MyLA311" app to your smartphone. Simple instructions allow you to report bulky items, the address they were abandoned at, and the app even allows you to snap a photo for Street Services to identify the object(s)!

Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A79:

Arleta Looky Loos  
13821 Osborne Street, Liberty Temple Church  
1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Debell Street Neighborhood Watch  
13222 Debell Street  
1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Branford Park Neighborhood Watch  
13306 Branford Street, Community Recreation Center  
2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm (bi-monthly)

Arleta Neighborhood Council  
9757 Beachy Avenue, Beach Elementary School  
3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Neighbors in Action Neighborhood Watch  
9603 Gullo Avenue  
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

Gain St Neighborhood Watch  
14219 Gain Street  
4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

If you have any questions or you want to become more involved within your community please contacts me at (818) 838-9844.

**Basic Car Area 19A85**  
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I would like to thank you for being involved in your community. The LAPD does such a great job reducing crime, but it is with your help that we are able to do so. I know I can count on you to help make Panorama City a safer place to live and work in by being aware of your surroundings. Please continue to be aware of what is happening and who is on your block.

#### Crime Trends/Statistics

As of 09/12/15, our Basic Car is -15.2 % down in Part 1 crime. We have had 452 Part 1 crimes, year to date. In 2014, at this time, we had 533 Part 1 crimes. I am asking the community to continue to help us with locking up their valuables. One car break-in is one too many. Remember "Lock it Hide it Keep it!" We have seen a rise in the theft of personal documents from inside vehicles, so please don't leave any paperwork with your personal information inside your cars.

#### Crime Update

During the period of 8/16/15-9/12/15, there were (3) robberies, (8) Aggravated Assaults, (8) car break-in's/thefts (BTFV's), and (5) Grand Theft Autos, particularly Hondas. Most of our crime is occurring on Mondays, between the hours of Noon-6 PM. There were (14) Thefts reported, which include the Shoplifts at our local stores. Thefts are something that the community can help us prevent; one easy way is by simply not leaving your property unattended, or not leaving any valuables out in plain sight when you park your vehicle.

We continue to do foot beats at our shopping centers. This is another way that we are trying to reduce the number of thefts and stolen vehicles in this area. I began a Panorama City Business Watch and held our first meeting, in which we discussed Retail Theft and how the businesses can prevent and deter it. Please contact me for the next meeting date.

#### Crime Prevention Tips

Thieves often access apartment building parking lots through inoperable gates. Please ensure that all the gates in your complex are working. Magnetic locks are very difficult to break and will last much longer. Cameras are a great investment and have often assisted us in making arrests.

We see a lot of thefts near the Panorama Mall and Wal-Mart. Please keep an eye on your personal property so that it does not get stolen; do not turn your backs to it. I strongly recommend that you get involved in your local Neighborhood Watch. Please see the below list of meetings.

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](http://www.nixle.com) and look for "LAPD Mission."

### Upcoming meetings

Below is a list of Community Meetings, please contact me with any questions.

#### Community/Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A85

##### Safer Cities Area Enhancement Meeting

(Covers area between 405 Fwy/Roscoe/Van Nuys/Nordhoff St)

Held on a Quarterly basis-next meeting is TBA

Location: Plaza Del Valle Community Room, 8700 Van Nuys Blvd Building G

\*The Community Room is located east of the Wells Fargo Bank

##### Panorama City-West Neighborhood Watch Meeting

2nd Wednesday of every month – 7:00 PM

Mission Community Hospital, 14860 Roscoe Boulevard

##### Panorama City-Tyrone Ave Neighborhood Watch Meeting

4th Wednesday of every month, 7:00 PM

8600 Block of Tyrone Ave, exact location TBA

##### Parthenia Neighborhood Watch

14811 Parthenia St Neighborhood Watch meeting (In Courtyard)

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

##### Panorama City Business Watch

Plaza Del Valle Community Room (8610 Van Nuys)

Every other month, next meeting November 18th at 10 AM

##### Panorama City Neighborhood Council

4th Thursday of every month – 6:30 PM

Mission Community Hospital, 14860 Roscoe Boulevard

##### Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)

3rd Wednesday of every month - 6:15 PM- Social/6:30 PM- meeting

Mission Community Police Station, Community Room

**Basic Car 19A93 Panorama City (South of Roscoe Blvd)**  
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Welcome to the Newsletter for Basic Car 19A93 for October 2015.

My name is Officer Daniel Ruelas and I am your new Senior Lead Officer. I have been assigned to Mission division since 2007 and I have been with the Department for over 17 years. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the community and looking forward to working with each and every one of you. I would like to thank Officers Lopez and Ramirez for doing such a great job in the absence of a permanent SLO. School is back in session; remember to always obey speed limit laws in school zones. School crossing guards are in place to insure students have safe passage to school, stop for students in crosswalks, and stay off cell phones in school zones. Have a good 2015-2016 school year.

**Crime Trends**

Grand Theft Auto is up 6.1% from last year. In the last four weeks we had 7 Grand Theft Auto versus 12 in the previous month. If anyone has any information regarding the GTA suspects, please contact me as soon as possible. Most of the incidents involving Grand Theft Auto are taking place between 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 P.M. when most people are shopping at local retail stores. Please be mindful of this and properly secure your vehicles and if you see anything suspicious call 911.

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Upcoming Events and meetings:

- Apartment Owners and Managers Meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6:30 PM-8:00 PM at the Sepulveda Recreation Center Multipurpose Room, 8801 Kester Ave, Panorama City, CA 91402.
- Blythe Street Neighborhood Watch, fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30 PM, 14705 Blythe Street.
- Panorama City Neighborhood Council, fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, Mission Community Hospital, 14860 Roscoe Bl.
- Marson Park Neighborhood Watch, first Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM, Marson Park (Sepulveda Bl and Marson St).
- Noble Marson Neighborhood Watch, first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM, Marson St and Saloma Ave (cul-de-sac).
- The LAPD continues to do our best to protect & serve the citizens of Los Angeles but we cannot be everywhere at once. Having a Neighborhood Watch could prevent crime from occurring in your area. Be a good neighbor. Call me for details.