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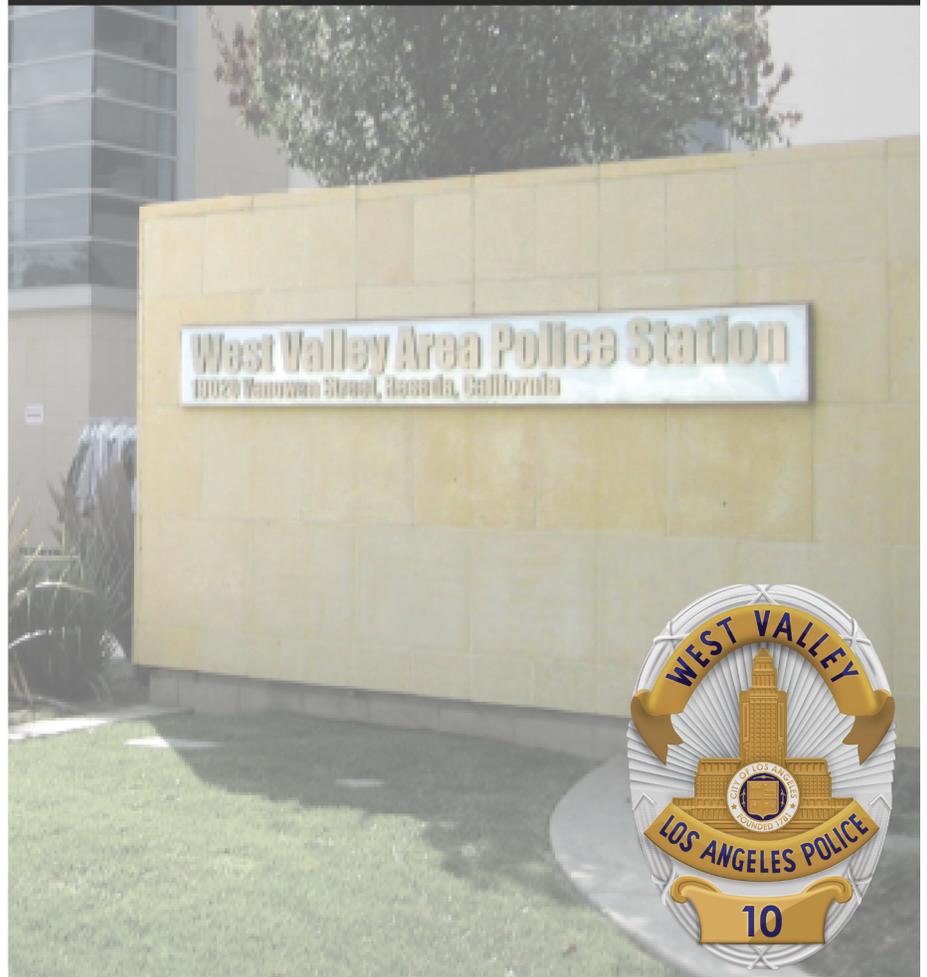
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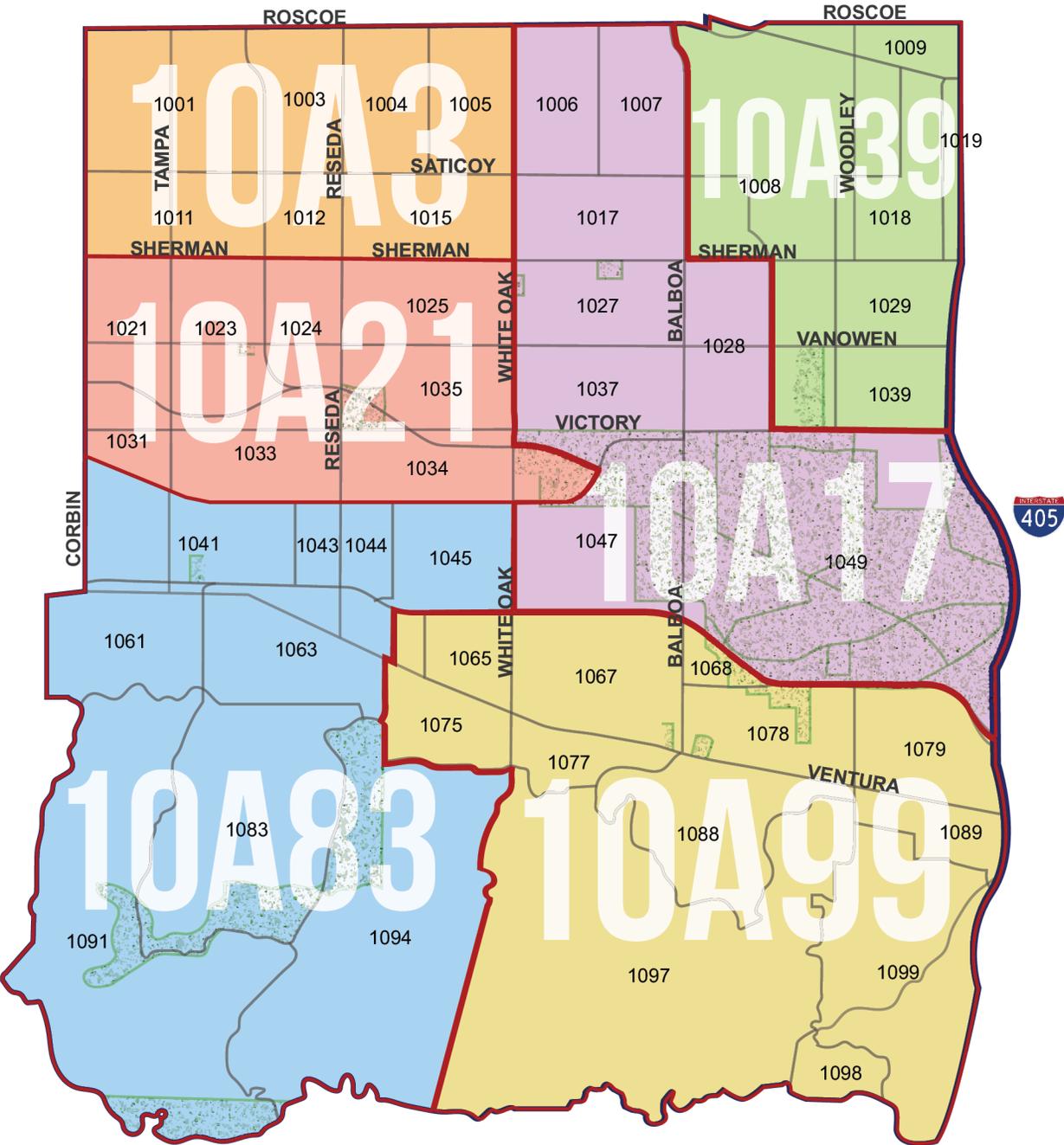
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WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY POLICE STATION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



WEST VALLEY BASIC CAR AREA MAP



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NORTH RESEDA COMMUNITY UPDATE



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Reseda Neighborhood Council Meeting

7 P.M.
1st Mon of the month
18118 Sherman Way,
Reseda

Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting

7 P.M.
2nd Thurs of the month
West Valley Community
Police Station
19020 Vanowen Street

West Valley Community Police Advisory Board

6:30 P.M.
2nd Wed of the month
West Valley Community
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North Reseda residents,

Out of a total of (70) crimes, there was a high number of property crimes, including stolen vehicles (GTAs) (22) and burglaries from motor vehicles (BFMVs) (18) in the month of May. Property crimes like these are, more often than not, crimes of opportunity. This means that the greater the opportunity for someone to commit a crime, the greater the chance the crime will happen, and vice versa. You can help reduce the occurrence of crime by reducing the opportunities for potential criminals to strike. You may keep yourself and your belongings protected from BFMVs by observing LAPD's motto: LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT.

- Do not forget to lock your car. It is easy to forget when we function on auto-pilot as we carry out our daily routines, or if we assume our neighborhoods are completely safe. Practice locking your vehicle each time you leave it, no matter where you are.
- Take all items in your car out of plain view, including items of seemingly little value, like bags with old clothes and shoes. Pay special attention to desirable items of higher value, such as electronics and cables or chargers.
- Keep all important documents with you, especially your car title and registration. Documents with your information on them in the wrong hands could lead to the very taxing problem of identity theft.

Overall, try and leave nothing for a potential thief to steal from your car. The less they have to take, the less your car is worth breaking into.

For tips on how to reduce the opportunity for a GTA, please refer to the South Reseda section of this newsletter

SOUTH RESEDA COMMUNITY UPDATE



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South Reseda residents,

Car thefts (GTAs) and burglaries from motor vehicles (BFMVs) were up for the month of May. Out of the total of (87) crimes, (16) were GTAs and (27) were BFMVs. Property crimes like these are, more often than not, crimes of opportunity. This means that the greater the opportunity for someone to commit a crime, the greater the chance the crime will happen, and vice versa. You can help reduce the occurrence of crime by reducing the opportunities for potential criminals to strike. There are many easy and cost-effective ways to protect your car from being stolen:

- Turn your car off anytime you leave it unattended. Never leave it running, even if you walk away for a few seconds. This is especially important if you have a child or pet in the car.
- Always take your car key with you. If you have a keyless car, be aware that there are some devices criminals use to amplify the signal on your remote, allowing them to unlock your car even if your remote is with you in your home. Fortunately, you can protect yourselves from this with anti-theft devices available to you in the market.
- Remember to lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up whenever you park your car.
- Use clubs to lock your steering wheel in place. Clubs are a great deterrent because it makes your car much harder to steal and much less attractive to criminals. If you have been a victim of GTA multiple times, the Auto Detectives at West Valley station will provide you're a club for free.

For tips on how to reduce the opportunity for a BFMV, please refer to the North Reseda section of this newsletter.

LAKE BALBOA COMMUNITY UPDATE



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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Meeting

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Gault Street School
17000 Gault St.

**West Valley Community
Police Advisory Board**
6:30 P.M.
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Summer Safety Tips

Vacation time is a relaxing time. The last thing you want is to come home from your relaxing getaway to find that you have been burglarized. There are a few easy things you can do to help protect your home.

- Don't project your moves
 - Show some caution when you talk about your trip. Don't post anything onto social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, etc) about your vacation plans. Be aware of the people around you when you discuss your trip in public places. Make sure that your children are discreet, too. The less information you put out there, the less likely it is to reach the wrong ears.
- Install security features
 - Installing a home security system and/or exterior lights that run on timers is a good way to ramp up security around the house and make it safer. One of the nice things about these features is that they are working while you're awake, asleep, or on vacation.
- Make your home look lived in.
 - Even when your away, make your home look like you're not. Invest in timers that turn on the interior lights for a few hours every evening, have your neighbor take out the garbage and return the trash cans after garbage pickup, or a friend house-sit from time to time, etc.
- Hold your mail
 - If you're leaving for more than a couple of days, call your local post office to stop mail delivery until you get back. In many locations, you can even submit a stop mail request online at www.usps.gov. All you have to do is enter your address and select the stop and start dates. This is a free feature courtesy of the United States Postal Service.
- Stop newspaper delivery
 - A pile of yellowing newspapers on the doorstep is a movie cliché for an unoccupied home. Stopping the newspaper when you leave town for a while is an easy detail to forget, and one that will make you a sure target.

VAN NUYS/LAKE BALBOA COMMUNITY UPDATE



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6:30 P.M.
2nd Wed of the month
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School is about to get out and our children are going to be enjoying yet another nice (agonizingly hot) summer here in SoCal. I waited until this time to write about a very sensitive topic which no one wants to really think about but is extremely important in today's world: "mass shootings".

As a Terrorism Liaison Officer, I am privileged to have access to sensitive information not available to the public. Some of this information is regarding mass shootings at schools and other locations. I have analyzed some of the information that is applicable to our public safety here in Los Angeles. With that in mind, I suggest gun safety and mass shooting preparation to empower our youth.

First and foremost, children need to be taught about firearms, beginning with safety. Nowadays, children and teens have several opportunities to put their hands on firearms, so the Firearms Safety Rules are a must. Education is key - there isn't a doubt that it would be better for children to understand how to safely operate a firearm if they ever came across one.

Next, we have the responsibility to show our children the force and power of a firearm. They can gain this experience by going to a shooting range and watching others shoot, or being given the chance to shoot a few rounds down range, with proper supervision, of course. This is not "programming" them to shoot guns. This is instilling respect for the force and potential damage that firearms can inflict.

The last thing that we need to teach our children is what to do if they are placed in a situation of an active shooter. LAPD has adapted the "Run, Hide, Fight" program. This means that a child should know that if they find themselves in a venue of a mass shooting, they should first try to run away to safety. If they are not able to run away, they must then find a solid hiding place that can be locked or barricaded, with the lights turned off, and cell phone turned to silent. If this does not work, the only way that the child might have any chance of surviving is to actually disable / disarm the gunman.

This last part can be very intimidating to a child. It has to be explained delicately and in a manner that the child will be able to understand. I recommend going onto the internet and searching "Run, Hide, Fight" for some good training material geared towards adolescents. We always want our children to be prepared for the life ahead of them. This is just one way to do it.

TARZANA COMMUNITY UPDATE



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Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting

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West Valley Community Police Advisory Board

6:30 P.M.
2nd Wed of the month
West Valley Community
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Tarzana had a total of (61) crimes in the month of May, with (53) property crimes and (8) violent crimes. Out of the (53) property crimes, (14) were burglaries and (17) were burglaries from motor vehicles (BFMVs).

Tarzana's reported burglaries showed no specific patterns and appeared to be scattered around the area. However, this does not mean you should let your guard down. Now that Summer is here and the weather is getting warmer, you may be tempted to leave your doors and windows open to keep your house cool. Unfortunately, this will attract potential burglars - it only takes a second for a burglar to enter your home and a few minutes for them to find something of value to steal without being detected. If possible, keep your doors and windows locked, especially if you plan to leave the room unattended. If you must keep your windows open, leave a stick in the window frame to prevent windows from opening up all the way. Post alarm and "beware of dog" signs on your gates. Of course, you may beef up your security by installing lights, cameras, and alarm systems on your property, or getting acquainted with your neighbors and working together to keep the whole block safe. Make it as hard as possible for potential criminals to target your home.

For tips on how to protect yourselves from BFMVs, please refer to Encino's section of this newsletter.

ENCINO COMMUNITY UPDATE



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Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting

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Encino Neighborhood Council Meeting

7 P.M.
4th Wed of the month
Council District 5 Office
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West Valley Community Police Advisory Board

6:30 P.M.
2nd Wed of the month
West Valley Community
Police Station
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For the month of May, Encino saw (4) robberies, (7) aggravated assaults, (18) Burglaries, (7) cars stolen; (25) cars broken into, and (15) plain thefts.

Remember: LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT! Going about on their day-to-day activities, people tend to forget what they have in their cars. Plan ahead before you park your car in areas with a lot of foot traffic, where it is relatively easy for potential criminals to scout for targets. Be extra vigilant about securing your cars by keeping them locked, no matter how quickly you plan on coming back, and rolling up your windows, no matter how hot it gets in the Summer.

Also, try this: step out of your car and look inside - if you are able to easily any of your belongings, chances are thieves will see them too. Hide items of value from plain sight, or take them out of your car with you. Even if you don't think a certain item is valuable, criminals might think otherwise; keep in mind that anything could attract a potential burglar - cables, chargers, electronic devices, clothes, bags, documents, etc. Take your things with you, especially documents with your information on them, or make sure they are hidden well before you leave your home.

For tips on how to protect your home from burglaries, please refer to Tarzana's section of this newsletter.

Please call police dispatch if you see anything suspicious at 1-877-275-5273. If you see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.



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