

West Los Angeles Basic Car Newsletter

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- When calling 911 or the non-emergency line, please be patient and know your location and a detailed description of the incident you are calling about. Our (LAPD) Dispatchers are very good at determining the nature of response.
- I encourage everyone to get a security system that will give you instant notification if someone is on your property. This helps us (LAPD), if you can see that someone is in your house and can give a good description of the suspects. It will bump our response up to a priority call instead of a non-priority (alarm only).
- If you have security cameras on your property, it is helpful for an investigation to have one or more cameras angled towards the street or sidewalk. Investigators can back track areas where people are seen coming from based on video footage. Hopefully with other cameras showing vehicles or other suspects, investigators can obtain valuable information.
- **Please continue to secure (lock) your house and vehicles.** Let's make it harder for these criminals to get our stuff.
- Be mindful if you are traveling in and around our local schools. I have had a few complaints regarding speeding and erratic maneuvering when parents and kids are dropping off or trying to park.
- When traveling to the popular areas of the Palisades or just parking on your street, do not leave valuables in your vehicle or especially out in the open on the seats.

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- The areas of concern are going to be our Burglaries, keep your exterior windows and doors secured at all times when you're not at home. It is helpful to have motioned sensor exterior lights.
- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle, lock it – Hide it – Keep it. We are still seeing vehicles with valuables laying in the backseat or other items that would entice our criminal element to break into your vehicle.
- If you are tandem parking do not leave your vehicle keys in the car. We have had a few vehicles taken due to the keys (key fob) being left in the car.

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- Auto related crimes are still our hot topic, do not leave valuables in your car. Most BFMV suspects will walk around the neighborhood or parking structure looking for something to steal.
- If you are visiting the village area, be mindful of your surroundings. We have had a couple brandishing's of a weapon in the area, in the past.

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- Due to a reported Aggravated Assault during the PM hours on Exposition Boulevard and the 405 freeway. Please use caution when out walking near this area and be mindful of

your surroundings. Keep your cell phone available in case you have to make a call for service or take video and or photos.

- As a reminder due to a slight increase in Grand Theft Auto. Please remember to keep valuables out of plain sight and to properly secure your vehicles. This includes not leaving your Key Fobs inside the center console and or glove compartment.
- We are also noticing an increase in plain Theft activity. These Thefts range from leaving property unattended for a few seconds; such as leaving a purse on a shopping cart and or leaving your laptop on a table while at a coffee shop. We are also seeing this Theft activity with Bicycles that aren't properly secured. Thank you for all your assistance and partnership. Stay safe!

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- Bike Thefts - Bike Index.org is the site to register new and or used bicycles. Bike theft has been escalating over the past few years and my area has been hit the hardest in WLA. Bikes are used as currency or bargaining chip for many of the men& women experiencing homelessness.
- Quality of Life issues - Homelessness; We have experienced fires and other crimes at homeless encampments that affect the entire WLA Sawtelle Community. The simple fact of excess garbage soiled and or contaminated items can adversely compromise a community. We have also had numerous ADW's at some of the homeless encampments: these crimes along with the encampment fires are usually homeless V. homeless. This issue can and will decrease the quality of life for this entire Community.
- BFMV & TFMV have been increasing, due to many factors. "Lock it, Hide it Keep it", continues to be a good tool to educate our public.

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- Lock your vehicle
- Store the key fob away from the general area of the vehicle. I am not sure how close a key fob has to be in order activate the vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in the vehicle (if possible) or in plain sight.
- Install cameras on the property, in order to identify a suspect or to catch a license plate of a suspect vehicle.
- Install motion lighting.
- Lock pedestrian, driveway, carport and underground gates if possible for resident only access.
- If parking in an apartment complex or single-family residence and tandem parking is the only way to park, do not leave the key to each other's vehicles for easy movement, suspects know this and will break into one vehicle and take both if time allows.
- Use a club device to lock the steering wheel in place. (yes, thieves can defeat these, but it will make them hopefully think twice and makes them be there longer than they might want to be in the area.)
- Get to know your neighbors, exchange phone numbers, so if they see a suspicious person or hear something suspicious they can call each other and call the police if needed.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

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- Do to the high number of Burglaries I would suggest that deliveries should only be made when your home. If you can't make it home have packages delivered to the amazon boxes in the supermarket or local 7/11.
- When parking your vehicle please remove all items in plain sight. I would even go as far as to leave my ask tray open, so the suspects see that there is nothing of value in the car.
- Thanksgiving is approaching. Please take precautions if you are traveling. Stop your mail. Set your lights on a timer, get motion detector lights, let your neighbors you trust know, and install a video camera doorbell.

Additional for Basic Cars 8A59 and 8A95

- Please call our West Los Angeles Senior Lead Office for any questions, concerns, or ideas (310) 444-0735.