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TO: All Area Commanding Officers

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL WATCH PROGRAM

PURPOSE

This Notice informs Office of Operations personnel of the "Neighborhood School Watch Program". This new program is a joint effort between this Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to help reduce crimes on LAUSD campuses.

INFORMATION

The Department has always enjoyed a very close working relationship with the LAUSD. For years, both organizations have collaborated to ensure a safe school environment for all of the children of Los Angeles.

The Department demonstrates its support for community policing through its assistance to viable community crime prevention efforts. Recent statistics reveal an increase in property related crimes (burglary and vandalism) on LAUSD campuses during those hours when schools are not in session, i.e., nights and weekends. With the 1996 Fall Semester which began on September 10, the LAUSD implemented the "Neighborhood School Watch Program" to reduce these types of crimes.

This program involves the specific support of citizens who live or work near school campuses. When they observe any type of suspicious or criminal activity at or near LAUSD school grounds, they will be asked to immediately notify the LAUSD Police or Department personnel. The school district has prepared an information notice advising citizens of this new program.

On September 5, 1996, the "Neighborhood School Watch Program" was introduced at the annual Safe Return to School Meeting at the


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to all Department personnel in attendance. Area commanding officers should support this program and incorporate it into their command based on the specific needs of the communities they serve.

Questions regarding the "Neighborhood School Watch Program" should be directed to the Operations Section, Juvenile Division, at (213) 485-2803.



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