



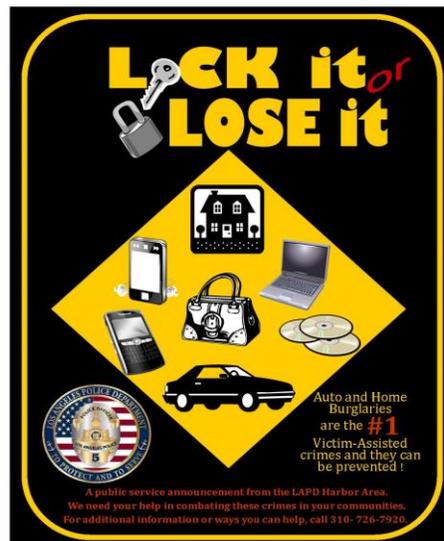
## LAPD Harbor Newsletter October 2021

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**REMEMBER TO “LOCK-IT OR LOSE-IT”**



**If you have a specific question, please contact the Los Angeles Police Department, Harbor Area Community Relations Office, 2175 John S. Gibson Boulevard, San Pedro, CA 90731, (310) 726-7920**

**Harbor Gateway – Basic Car Are 5A1**  
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Property crimes are the Harbor Gateway South's biggest crime problem! We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. The Los Angeles Police Department and Harbor Community Relations Office wishes you a safe Holiday Season.

Home Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes. When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch you house and pick up your newspapers and mail. Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer. Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied. Strangers at Your Door Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as Couriers delivery gifts. It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. Ask for their identification and find out how the donated funds will be used. Donate to a recognized charitable organization. To combat property crimes, PLEASE, LOCK your homes when you leave. If you can, park your vehicle(s) in your driveway. LOCK your vehicle(s) whenever you are not in them. DO NOT leave expensive or valuable items in your vehicle(s). For example, many victims have reported expensive items such as; laptop computers, purses, GPS devices, and money taken from their vehicle. Thieves have been targeting the catalytic converters from vehicles. The vehicles that have had the most crimes against the owners are Japanese made vehicles (Toyotas, Hondas, Nissans), especially the SUV models because the thieves can get under the rear of the vehicle easier. Please keep an eye out for potential car thieves. Park your vehicles in a driveway if possible. Other thefts include; GPS's, computers, vehicle batteries, purses, money, passports, etc. Furthermore, many of the vehicles were unlocked during the commission of the crime. Help your neighbors to remember to secure their homes and vehicles. If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch, please feel free to contact me. If there is a block watch already established in your neighborhood, then I will provide you all the information that you will need. To file a police report online, log into lapdonline.org. You can also call the Harbor Area front desk at (310) 726-7700. Report any graffiti and notify GAP at 311 for removal. To report GANG ACTIVITY in the Harbor Gateway, Please call the Harbor Area Gang Enforcement Detail at (310) 726-7891. To report NARCOTIC ACTIVITY in the Harbor Gateway, please call the Harbor Station Narcotics Detectives at (310) 726-7840. You can make the call anonymous, or if possible, please leave a message.

Many Harbor Gateway South residents have recently been the victims of vehicle burglaries. DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU! Please review the following information that will assist you in preventing your car from being broken into and your property stolen. Thieves can burglarize your car in the matter of just seconds. If you have a specific question, please contact the Los Angeles Police Department, Harbor Area Community Relations Office, 2175 John S. Gibson Boulevard, San Pedro, CA 90731, (310) 726-7920

Happy Holiday Season!!!!

**Harbor City – Basic Car Area 5A11**  
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**Officer Pitones is now the new acting Senior Lead Officer for Harbor City and he takes the place of Senior Lead Officer Frank Lopez, who is now covering Central San Pedro. Senior Lead Officer Dante Pagulayan was recently promoted to Sergeant! Congrats to Sergeant Pagulayan.**

**North-West Wilmington-Basic Car Area 5A15**  
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Catalytic Converter Thefts and Theft from Motor Vehicles is always up in RD-514 and RD-532 This is pretty much all the area between Figueroa St to Wilmington Blvd and from PCH to Anaheim. The Thefts are typically late night and the suspects will usually walk in the street and start “door checking” all the car driver-side doors they walk past until they find a door unlocked. Please brings all your wallets, money, purses, and pink slips into your house every night. Also lock your doors, if your door is unlocked...it’s a misdemeanor and they won’t be enforced as much. A locked door is a felony.

I have seen lots of activity at the old Foster Freeze at PCH and Neptune. The homeless have broken in and began destroying the inside of the property. I already warned multiple people and arrested one. I can’t find an owner of the property, so I can’t enforce any trespassing laws until they call me.

Homeless and transient related issues have still been a primary cause of concern for many of our residents. If you see any criminal activity related to these individuals, please report it by calling LAPD Dispatch at 877-275-5273. If an emergency condition exists, call 911 right away. For ongoing problems with the same individuals in the same area, reach out to me by email. You may also notify our Quality of Life Unit Officer Chris Eick #38627 ([38627@lapd.online](mailto:38627@lapd.online)). He can also assist if I’m not available.

If you all want to get involved email me and let me know how you want to contribute to our community! You can join Project: Wilmington on Facebook where we update all our current charity events on a weekly basis. I have a food giveaway on Oct 11th from 11am until 1pm and a Halloween Trunk or Treat at Port City Church on Oct 31. The church is located on Lomita and Avalon and will start around 7pm.

**East Wilmington – Basic Car Area 5A17**  
**Senior Lead Officer Roger Perez**  
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Hello East Wilmington Community, this is Sergeant Julie Sohn, writing on behalf of Senior Lead Officer Roger Perez. I wanted to thank you for the outpouring of support as Officer Perez takes some time to recuperate. In the meantime, you can reach out to Acting Senior Lead Officers Rey Solorzano, who can be reached at [39180@lapd.online](mailto:39180@lapd.online) or you can reach out to SLO Nick Ferrara, at 213-218-1059 or you can e-mail him at [37931@lapd.online](mailto:37931@lapd.online).

In the meantime, remember to lock your vehicles or if you have an older model car, please consider getting a steering wheel locking device. "Theft and Burglaries from motor vehicles" continue to be an issue in the East Wilmington Area. Additionally, we have seen a significant increase of "Grand Theft Autos" in 2021 compared to 2020. If you see any suspicious activity, please contact either Officers Ferrara or Solorzano and if it's an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

And I'll bring in some information that Roger shared last month that still hold true today:

As you know most vehicles are stolen due to many of our community members leaving the vehicles unlocked. Help your neighbors by reminding them to lock their vehicles and have them get any kind of safety device (The Club/Alarm) on their vehicle so that they DO NOT become our next victim.

Please do not leave valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle. It's always a great idea to secure valuables inside the trunk. Always be mindful of your surrounding's as you walk to and from your vehicle. The last advice I will give you is to not park your vehicle in dark areas when you shop.

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Burglary and Theft from Vehicle Prevention:

- Always lock your car.
- Make sure your windows are closed all the way.
- DO NOT leave any item that is worth money visible in your car, including phones, wallets, purses, computers, GPS devices, suit cases, and even loose change. Your valuables will be stolen!
- Park your car in well-travelled or lighted areas.
- Know where all your car keys are always located.

Warning Devices: Popular burglary/ theft prevention devices

- Audible theft alarms
- Anti-theft devices, such as "The Club"

- Vehicle warning device that alerts your smart phone.
- Closed circuit security cameras that view the area where you park your car.
- Kill switch works great too to prevent your vehicle from being stolen.

**Southwest Wilmington – Basic Car Area 5A25**

**Acting-Senior Lead Officer Solorzano**

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**Please note that Officer Solorzano is covering Senior Lead Officer Jacque Lopez's area until further notice as she is out on leave.**

**Northwest San Pedro - Basic Car Area 5A55**

**Senior Lead Officer Brown, D.**

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Although I have been recently reporting on the trend of catalytic converter thefts, I am pleased to say that the 5A55 basic car area is experiencing a more than 10% year-to-date reduction in reported thefts from vehicles, burglaries, and simple thefts. This is great news, but with the approach of the holiday season, we need to be ever more vigilant in protecting our neighborhoods from thefts from vehicles and package thefts from our homes. With COVID fears still prevalent, online shopping continues to be utilized to a high degree. This makes our local porch pirates more eager for the upcoming shopping season. Please do your part to secure your deliveries and keep an eye out for your neighbors.

On the violent crime front, we haven't been nearly so lucky. Overall, we are seeing about a 29% rise in year-to-date violent crimes reported. Many of these crimes are aggravated assaults which include attacks with weapons and felony batteries which result in serious injuries. Included in this number is 13 reported shootings so far in 2021 in our area (44% increase from 2020) with a total of 5 victims hit by gunfire. Some of these incidents have occurred in day time hours, so be careful out there and pay attention to your surroundings!

As many of you may already be aware, the Vagabond motel has ceased operations as a homeless shelter. The city lease with the company operating the shelter has terminated and the operations have now returned to the business. You may still see some homeless individuals on the premises and staying in the rooms at the location. This is because the motel is still accepting vouchers from various non-profits to pay for the rooms of homeless individuals while they continue to seek long-term affordable housing. If you have any questions, you can reach out to CD 15's offices at 310-732-4515.

**Central- Downtown San Pedro – Basic Car Area 5A59**

**Senior Lead Officer Frank Lopez**  
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**Office: (310) 726-7931**  
**Email address: [38192@lapd.online](mailto:38192@lapd.online)**

I'll be on vacation from October 25, 2021 – November 21, 2021. In my absence, please contact Officer Brown, 38616@lapd.online or Officer Shortle, 37142@lapd.online

Any quality of life issues such as homeless related, you can also contact Officer Eick at 38627@lapd.online , Officer Woodard 37419@lapd.online or Officer Ulmer at 40007@lapd.online

Please continue to lock and secure your vehicles. We have had an huge increase in vehicle thefts (GTAs). If you need an anti-theft device, we have several "Club" available free of charge to the community. Please contact me or any of the other Harbor Division Senior Lead Officers for assistance. We will distribute them on a first come first serve basis while supplies last.

With the holidays fast approaching, please remember to secure your vehicles when you are out shopping. Remember to "Lock It Hide It Keep It" Please also remember to secure your homes and don't advertise the amount of presents you have under your Christmas tree.

If you will be ordering presents online, please talk to your neighbors and ask them to pick up any deliveries for you if you will not be home to receive them. As always, we ask that you please report any suspicious activity to the police regarding porch pirates.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!!!

See you when I return in November.

### **Upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meetings**

24th @ Centre Neighborhood Watch  
8th St / Centre St  
Every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro California  
Every second Tuesday of month at 6:30 p.m.

Mesa Street/Bridgepoint Neighborhood Watch  
385 W. 18th Street (New Harvest Christian Church)  
Every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Rancho San Pedro Housing Development R.A.C. Meeting  
275 W. 1st Street  
Last Wednesday of every month

Consider becoming a Block Captain and forming a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Block Captains training sessions are available for any community member that wants it. If you have any questions, please call SLO Frank Lopez.

**Coastal San Pedro – Basic Car Area 5A85**

**Senior Lead Officer Melody Shortle #37142 Cell: 213-361-5963**

**Email address: [37142@lapd.online](mailto:37142@lapd.online)**

Call 311 for any City of Los Angeles service or entity OR use “MYLA311” app on your smart phone.

Hello Coastal San Pedro,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy during this time. Coastal San Pedro has had an increase of total violent crimes and an increase of property crimes. Grand Theft Auto has doubled and vehicles stolen have between midnight- 6 a.m. Theft from Motor Vehicle/Thefts have also increased 44%. The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to take preventative measures. Always lock your doors /window even if you plan on being away for a short time. If you able to, Park your vehicle inside your garage or driveway. Also, you're your vehicle in a well-lit area. Don't leave anything in your vehicle open to view that might attract thieves. This includes but is not limited to purses, bags, laptop computers, cellphones, GPS devices, expensive sunglasses, work IDs, garage door openers and tools.

There has also been “porch Pirates” in the area as well. If you are expecting a package and will not be home during the delivery let your neighbor or a family member know that you are expecting a delivery and to keep an eye out so they can hold it for you. Many mail order services offer locker service where your package will be delivered and kept securely until you are ready to pick up from a secured locker. (UPS “Access Point “Lockers, “Amazon” lockers, FedEx “Ship & Get” lockers) . If you are interested in “the Club” send me an email.

Catalytic Converter Theft is also on the rise. The type of vehicles that have been affected are Toyotas, Hondas, Nissans. On August 21, LAPD Harbor Division partnered with OPG TOW (7th St Garage) and hosted a Catalytic Converter Etching Event and it was a success . Although the planned event that was held in San Pedro at Cabrillo beach was cancelled, we will plan on a make-up day.

The kids are back in School and as a reminder, please drive slowly, obey stop signs and be aware of your surroundings while near a school. There are so many children/teens that walk to school and tend to have ear pods in their ears or looking down on their cell phone while walking. Please make sure that they see you so that they can get to school safely and you can get to your destination safely. We also have LAUSD School Police Officer Isakson in the San Pedro School area. He is the officer patrolling in the South Division. (email [jisakson@laspd.com](mailto:jisakson@laspd.com) )

To report **gang activity**, in the San Pedro area, please call the Gang Enforcement detail at 310-726-7891. Officer Sherman, Officer Garabay and Officer Langer are assigned San Pedro Area. They can also be reached via email . (Ofcr Sherman [42707@lapd.online](mailto:42707@lapd.online), Ofcr Garabay [41203@lapd.online](mailto:41203@lapd.online) and Ofcr Langer

[42509@lapd.online](mailto:42509@lapd.online) )

To report **Narcotic activity** in Coastal San Pedro area, please call the Narcotics Detectives at 310-726-7840.

If you are interested in joining your neighborhood watch or do not know if your neighborhood has one, contact me and I will provide you with that information. Neighborhood watches are a great way to get to know your neighbors in an informal setting and allows citizens to take a more active role in protecting their neighborhood and keeping their families, homes and possessions safe from criminals.

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

None.

#### **Joint/Sunken City**

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month

#### **Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

#### **Alma Park Neighborhood Watch**

Park clean ups held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

#### **Cabrillo Marina Aquarium**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

### **Crime Prevention Tips and Reporting Information**

**You can now report Fireworks via 3-1-1, LAPD Non-Emergency number 877-275-LAPD or mysafela.org.**

If you have any Quality of Life issues such as homeless, you may also contact Officer Woodard, Serial No. 37419@lapd.online and Officer Ulmer, Serial No. 40007@lapd.online. They can assist if I'm not available.

The City of LA has lost the Vehicle Dwelling ordinance 85.02 LAMC. City Council will re-visit this ordinance in the future. Please be advised that at this time LAPD is unable to tow any vehicles being utilized for dwelling purposes due to COVID-19 restrictions. CD15 has a "Safe Parking" alternative for those people experiencing homelessness. The parking lot is in San Pedro located at 7<sup>th</sup> St and Beacon St. To get more information on this program, please call CD15 at 310-732-4515.

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**To report GANG ACTIVITY**, please call the Harbor Area Gang Enforcement Detail at (310) 726-7891.

**To report VANDALISM**, photograph the graffiti and notify GAP at 311 for removal.