

**Wilshire Area Basic Car Newsletter**  
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**Basic Car 7A1**

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Hello all, first and foremost, Happy New Year from Me (Officer De'Antraye Dantzler), Area Captain Sonia Monico, and Patrol Captain Jerry Chaney. For those that don't know me, my name is De'Antraye Dantzler. I am the Senior Lead Officer for the 7A1 Area. The 7A1 Area covers Romaine Street to the north, Beverly Boulevard to the south, La Brea Avenue to the east and La Cienega Boulevard to the west.

**Crime Trends:**

Ending the 2022 year, I am happy to report, that through a concerted effort from our Captains, Council District 5 (Paul Koretz's Office) and our Community partners, the 7A1 area ended the year with a 4.3% reduction in Part 1 Crimes. Bravo!

For the current 2023 year (which has only recently started), overall Year to Date (YTD) the 7A1 Area has seen a 29% increase in Part 1 Crimes with an overall 50% increase in overall Property Crimes and a 200% reduction in Aggravated Assaults. We are at a 0 in homicides YTD. We ask that you please continue to lock your doors, be kind, patient and remain aware of your surroundings.

Heading into this New Year, we are looking forward to working with each and every one of you, our Community Partners like Melrose Action and the Melrose Business Improvement District. We are also looking forward to working with our city partners such as Council District 5 Katy Yaroslavsky's office, with the hope to continue to make an impact in the reduction of violent crimes that impact the livelihood and welfare of our community members.

So, what do we expect from you the community, when addressing the violent crime we are all working together to stop? The answer to that is simple; be a good witness! Our department would ask that you maintain your own safety and observe and report all that you feel is relevant. Should you observe a crime in progress, call 911, make note of the details (suspect's description, weapon used, vehicle used and avenue of escape) and report it to Police. Cameras are also a valuable tool. When crimes occur, our detectives use every resource available to bring the offender to justice, and good/ working cameras are extremely helpful. Also, get to know your community and your neighbors by getting involved.

**Meetings and Events:**

Our department continues to participate in community meetings hosted by the Melrose Action community group the first Wednesday of every month. Thank you to Peter Nichols and Melrose Action/Melrose Business Improvement District (BID). Upon writing this, I am looking forward

to a Coffee with a Cop event at Starbucks located at 7624 Melrose Ave. This event is scheduled to take place on Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 9AM to 11Am. Please come out, get to know your Officers and ask us questions. In addition to the Melrose Action meetings, on Wednesday nights, Shelby Blecker and the Melrose Neighborhood Alliance continues to host their Wednesday Night Walks. It is a great opportunity not only to get to know your neighbors but to also share your concerns with one another. We invite each of you to come out to strengthen the relationships among neighbors and your Community Officers.

### **Homeless Outreach and Enforcement:**

I continue to receive a lot of calls regarding, “Un-housed Angelinos” and encampments. Please know we in the Los Angeles Police Department do not criminalize the homeless. The direction of our department is consistent with that of the city, in that; we believe in a humanitarian approach to solve the underlying issue of homelessness. Should you see an encampment spring up please contact your local City Council District Office so that they are aware and can send out the appropriate resources. Also contact the city of Sanitation by simply calling 311 or utilizing the My LA 311 application. Through the joint effort, hopefully we can get people off the streets and sidewalks, housed and in a much better situation overall.

### **Tips:**

Please remember Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) is the entity to contact for those vacant businesses and or homes that have become problematic to your area. To phone you can call 311, or (213) 473-3231. You can also access LADBS online at <https://www.ladbs.org>.

As always, encourage each member of our community to continue to report crime by calling 911 (to report crimes in progress or life-threatening emergencies). For other crimes that have already occurred or suspicious activity, call our non-emergency line at (877) 275-5273. Only together can we create the community we all want to see!

We thank the community for its continued support and ask that you please continue to work with us as we create a safer community for all!

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**Basic Car 7A17**

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My name is Dave Cordova, I am the Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car Area 7A17. 7A17 Area covers from Wilshire Blvd. to the south, Willoughby Avenue to the north, Plymouth Boulevard to the east and La Brea Avenue to the west. 7A17 area also covers part of the Melrose corridor between Highland Avenue and La Brea Avenue.

The reduction and deterrence of violent crime remains our number one priority. Extra personnel continue to be deployed along Melrose, La Brea & Larchmont areas.

**Crime Trends:**

With the start on the new year, we will be making every effort to obtain the Mayor's goal of a 5% reduction in crime for 2023. In Basic Car 7A17 for the first week of the year (1/1/23 – 1/7/23) we have noticed an increase in burglaries and auto theft and stolen vehicles. There is (2) more burglaries this year as compared to the same time period last year along with (2) more stolen vehicles and (1) more vehicle that was broken into. It's imperative that everyone stays vigilant and lock secure their property. Make sure to lock and secure your home and vehicles. Lock all doors and close all windows and if you have an alarm make sure you set it. Take all property out of your vehicle even if it's parked in your garage. It's also extremely important to continue to look out for each other.

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**Basic Car 7A21**

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Hello, my name is Officer Ian O'Brien. I am your Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 7A21. Basic Car 7A21 covers from Fairfax Avenue on the east, the City of Beverly Hills border on the west, Beverly Boulevard on the north and Olympic Boulevard on the south.

**Basic Car 7A21 Crime Update:**

Basic car area 7A21 ended 2022 with a 7% increase in overall Part 1 crime. Highlighted in our year end stats, was a 5% decrease in Burglary from Motor Vehicles, a 15% increase in personal theft, and a 21% increase in aggravated assaults.

As we begin 2023, the CD5 community will have a new City Councilwoman. As a community officer within CD5, I look forward to working with Councilwoman Katy Young Yaroslavsky and her staff. Moving forward, I will make it a point to introduce the field deputy and staff members to the community leaders within my basic car area and highlight the issues and concerns of the community.

**Quick Tip:**

As a law enforcement officer, I commonly encounter individuals who have been victims of bicycle theft. During these investigations, victims are able to describe their bicycle (i.e. brand, logo, color) for report purposes and are even able to provide a photograph of the bicycle for detectives. This information is fine and assists officers in their investigation, but when I ask this one specific question, I am commonly met with a confused look. "What is the serial number of your bicycle?" Most people aren't able to provide this information, and in actuality, this information is crucial in returning your stolen property and arresting a suspect for theft or receiving stolen property. When an offer receives a serial number of a stolen bicycle, it is inputted into a database and will show "stolen" if an officer locates it and checks the serial number at a later date. Officers commonly locate large amounts of bicycles at encampments or abandoned properties and are unable to locate their owners without a serial inputted into this database. Please take a second out of your day document your bicycles serial number. It is usually located under the bottom bracket where the two pedal cranks meet.

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**Basic Car 7A33**

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Hello, my name is Officer Anna Schube, your Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car area 7A33. My area covers Beverly Boulevard to San Vicente Boulevard and from Fairfax Avenue to La Brea Avenue. If you have any question regarding quality of life issues, please contact me at the above number or email.

**Crime Trends:**

Year to date (YTD) 7A33 area is showing a 50% decrease in violent crime. This would include Robberies. However, please continue to be aware of your surroundings and keep your phone in your pocket. Our property crimes including Burglaries and thefts are on the rise at 6.7%. Our area has a lot of retail establishments which attract thieves. Please don't leave anything including gym bags or loose change inside your vehicle. Our burglary from motor vehicle thefts have increased since this time last year. It is very tempting for someone to break a \$500 window for two dollars' worth of change. Just remember that most thieves are opportunistic and look for an easy target.

We have also had a trend of vehicles with keys left in the ignition or key fobs being left in cars being stolen. Please do not leave your car running or the key inside the vehicle. Criminals are mostly opportunistic and will drive off with your car with little remorse. Catalytic Converter thieves are still out there. Arrests have been made, however we encourage you to have yours engraved with your drivers license or any other identifiable markings to assist Detectives with filing a case.

**Resources:**

A great resource to report encampments, graffiti, bulky items and illegal dumping is the MyLA311 phone application. It is simple to use and an effective way to assist the city with deploying resources and assistance to these locations. You can also call 311 and speak to a live person to put in the request.

Newly Elected Council District 5 Councilwoman Katy Young Yaroslavsky has begun staffing their office and can be reached (323) 866-1828.

**Community Meetings:**

Lastly, our next Coffee with a Cop will be held Melrose Avenue and Stanley Avenue at Starbucks, on 2/2/23 between 9-11am.

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**Basic Car 7A47**

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Hello, my name is Hebel Rodriguez, I'm the Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 7A47. 7A47 boundaries are from Venice Boulevard to the south, 8th Street to the north, Crenshaw Boulevard to east and Redondo Boulevard to the west.

**Crime Trends:**

This month there was an uptick in GTAs and Aggravated Assaults within my basic car. There was no specific type of vehicle that were targeted by thieves as indicated by reports, Hondas, Toyotas Mazdas and BMWs were stolen from various communities within my basic car. Usually car thieves in crews will target specific vehicles and areas and generally will not be as sporadic. Dates, times and locations were all different and unrelated.

One factor leading to an increase in burglaries was due to the crimes being related and multiple locations connected. There were 2 out of 4 which were related, as one of the locations was used as an entry point to gain access to the second location. The information was relayed to the general public to educate the community. Officers also met with detectives to address the above related crimes.

Although GTAs and Aggravated assaults in my basic car were up this month, we did see a decrease in car break ins which had been on a rise since the beginning of the year. Even though aggravated assaults were also up for the month we did have a decrease of 22%.

Overall, Basic Car 7A47 has seen a 72% increase in burglaries, a 50% increase in thefts and a 13% increase in robberies. Year to date there was an overall increase in part 1 crime by 20%. We did see a decrease in violent crime by 11% in addition to a 22% decrease in assaults. We also observed a decrease in sexual assaults by 33%. We ask that you continue to be our eyes and ears in the community so that we may continue to protect and serve you.

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Hello, this Adam Green, Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 7A53. Basic Car 7A53 includes the area bound by Olympic Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard to the north, Redondo Boulevard to the east, Venice Boulevard to the south and La Cienega Boulevard to the west.

I am sure a lot of you are aware of the ongoing trash, bulky items and homeless encampment that's located on Alvira Street north of Pico Boulevard, on both sides of the block. The other community complaint location is at the corner of La Cienega Boulevard and Pickford Street. I am currently working with Council District 5 and 10 regarding these homeless encampment locations.

Council District 10 is in the process of scheduling a cleanup for the La Cienega Boulevard and Pickford Street location. Since the encampment is within 500 feet of a school, 41.18(e) LAMC will be enforced. In regards to the Alvira Street north of Pico Boulevard location, Council District 5 has not advised me of any scheduled cleanups for that location.

**Crime Trends:**

Over the 14 years as I serviced your communities, Residential Burglary and Burglary from Motor Vehicle has always been an ongoing crime problem. Overall Year to Date (YTD) basic car 7A53 area has seen a 33.3% increase in Total Property Crimes. Burglaries are down -40% and BTFV's are up 100.0%.

Regarding crime, during the (7) day period of January 1, 2023 to January 7, 2023 there were (3) burglaries, one residential and two commercial. (1) car reported stolen and (10) Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles reported in my basic car area. Please remember to lock and secure your vehicles and homes. If you have an alarm system, please activate it on homes and cars.

On another note, be aware of package theft. If you place an order online, have your package shipped to a location where someone would be able to receive it. Amazon Lockers are also an option to protect your purchases. **DO NOT LEAVE A PACKAGE ON YOUR PORCH OR FRONT DOOR STEP.**

**Meetings/ Events:**

Please join us on February 2, at the Starbucks on Melrose Avenue and Stanley Street for our monthly Coffee with a Cop event. Officers will be at the location from 9-11 am.

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**Basic Car 7A69**

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My name is Spiro Roditis, I'm the Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 7A69. If you have any crime related questions or issues, including quality of life issues please reach out. My area encompasses Country Club Drive to the north, Crenshaw Boulevard to the west, Arlington Avenue to the east and the 10 freeway to the south.

**Crime Trends:**

In 2022 we ended the year with a 14.2% increase in crime. Personal theft is our most glaring issue. I cannot stress enough the importance of not leaving any items unattended. We routinely put out on social media and distribute flyers regarding keeping your property secured. It's imperative that we do a better job securing our items.

**Resources:**

A great resource to report encampments, graffiti, bulky items and illegal dumping is the MyLA311 phone application. It is simple to use and an effective way to assist the city with deploying resources and assistance to these locations.

**Meetings:**

Throughout the year Wilshire Division has multiple community events (Open House, Coffee with a Cop and community walks). Please look out for these events. It is a great way for you to meet the Officers that patrol your area. We will be having a Coffee with a Cop event on February 2, at the Starbucks located at Melrose and Stanley. Officers will be present from 9-11am.

Lastly, I am looking for community members who are interested in joining our "Community Police Advisory Board" (CPAB). It is a meeting that takes place the third Thursday of each month. It starts at 7pm and lasts approximately an hour. Our Captain attends the meeting along with each Senior Lead officer. You will be updated on all the current issues in the community and we routinely provide guest speakers who provide interesting information on a variety of topics. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions about any concerning issues. If you are interested, please contact Officer Figueroa at (213) 473-0200 or email him at [38087@lapd.online](mailto:38087@lapd.online).



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**Basic Car 7A73**

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Hello, my name is Timothy Estevez. I am your Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 7A73. I have been working as a Senior Lead Officer for the past five years and have been serving you and your community. My area covers from Longwood Avenue on the east, La Cienega Boulevard on the west, Venice Boulevard to 18<sup>th</sup> Street on the north and the 10 Freeway on the south.

**Crime Trends:**

Happy New Year! As we enter 2023 and say goodbye to 2022, I would like to congratulate you all on the hard work you collectively did. Overall, crime within Wilshire Division was up around 20%. However, due to the diligence of your community, crime was down 9.7% within Basic Car 7A73! This was the only area within all of Wilshire Division that saw a decrease in crime. All of the other 8 Basic Cars saw an increase in crime. Again, thank you for everything that you do.

As the new year begins, however, crime has unfortunately increased. As of January 14<sup>th</sup>, crime is up 28.6%. The increase in crime, however is skewed, due to the fact that it is only a difference of 4 crimes that had made that jump; 18 crimes this year as opposed to 14 last year. Early on in the year, the crime stats can jump dramatically one way or the other based off of an increase or decrease in one or two crimes.

I will continue to work with you and for you to continue the downward trajectory of crime and keep Basic Car 7A73 as the safest Basic Car within Wilshire Division.

**Reporting Tips:**

When reporting homeless encampments and clean up requests, please utilize the My LA 311 App on iPhone and Android devices. In addition, contact your Field Deputy from Council District 10 in conjunction with contacting me. The only way to address problematic encampments is to work in collaboration with all city entities.

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**Basic Car 7A85**

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Hello, my name is Hector Marquez. I am the Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 7A85. If you have any crime related questions or issues, including quality of life issues, you can reach me through my email. The Basic Car Area for 7A85 is bound by Venice Boulevard to the north, the 10 freeway to the south, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, and Redondo Boulevard to the west.

**Crime Trends:**

A Homicide occurred on the 1900 block of Longwood Ave. Suspect and the victims reside at the nursing home. Suspect approached the victims and stabbed both with a knife. Unfortunately, one of the victims succumbed to his injuries at scene and was pronounced dead. The suspect was detained and arrested.

Stolen Vehicle's are up (6) compared to last year (1). The most common vehicles being stolen are Kia's, Honda's and Hyundai's. We have had an increase in Aggravated Assaults (8) compared to last year (1). 5 of the Assaults were from one incident which resulted in an arrest. Burglaries are down (0) compared to last year (2).

**Resources:**

By downloading the MyLA311 App to a mobile device, you have access to city service requests such as graffiti removal, bulky item pick up and illegal dumping pick up.

MySafeLA has launched an app for reporting illegal fireworks. Please share it with the community. <https://www.mysafela.org/fireworks/report-fireworks/>

Other ways to report people using fireworks:

Use the MyLA311 app: [www.lacity.org/MyLA311](http://www.lacity.org/MyLA311)

Call Dispatch: (213) 617-5911 or (213) 617-5912

**Quick Tip:**

Community members commonly call 911 or our non-emergency dispatch number to report homeless encampments. These phone lines are used for emergencies. A great resource to report these encampments is the MyLA311 phone application. It is simple to use and an effective way to assist the city with deploying resources and assistance to these locations.