

Devonshire Area
Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @7:00 PM
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

New Member Intro:

Shawn Sangeladji, Devonshire PALS Board Member, formerly with C.E.M.P.

Visitor:

Patty Bittle, Property Manager at public storage business in Chatsworth area

Guest Speaker: Bill Cotter on Cyber Security

- Background: Started by discovering how to bypass the phone system to make free calls which led to being recruited by the US Navy, Disney, WB etc.
None of the security systems set up by Bill have ever been hacked
- Devonshire front desk sees multiple victims of fraud/scams and identity thefts
- Credit Card Protection does not cover cases of a fraudulent transaction when the cardholder willingly gives card info and 3-digit number on the bank to another individual to purchase a item and then find out more items of value have been purchased
- Debit cards also have no protection once money is withdrawn
- Most important password is your **email password** -- all activities are linked to your email account
Once an email account is hacked, the hacker can find out your bank and other accounts that you have and can easily change the password by going to password reset
Many people leave their password on their laptop/computer or leave a memo under their devices
Many people set their password as Password or 12345
Same password is often used for multiple accounts which makes it easier for the hackers to break in to multiple accounts
- Top 5 Passwords commonly used and very easily cracked are:
123456, 123456789, picture1, password, 12345678 (from zerofox.com)
- The longer the password with upper case, lower case, numbers and symbols, the harder it is to hack.
(see chart)

Number of Characters	Numbers Only	Lowercase Letters	Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters, Symbols
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
7	Instantly	Instantly	1 sec	2 secs	4 secs
8	Instantly	Instantly	28 secs	2 mins	5 mins
9	Instantly	3 secs	24 mins	2 hours	6 hours
10	Instantly	1 min	21 hours	5 days	2 weeks
11	Instantly	32 mins	1 month	10 months	3 years
12	1 sec	14 hours	6 years	53 years	226 years
13	5 secs	2 weeks	332 years	3k years	15k years
14	52 secs	1 year	17k years	202k years	1m years
15	9 mins	27 years	898k years	12m years	77m years
16	1 hour	713 years	46m years	779m years	5bn years
17	14 hours	18k years	2bn years	48bn years	380bn years
18	6 days	481k years	126bn years	2tn years	26tn years



**TIME IT TAKES
A HACKER TO
BRUTE FORCE
YOUR
PASSWORD
IN 2023**



> Learn how we made this table at hivesystems.io/password

- Beware of the surveys that are on Facebook such as what was your first car or what was your first pet's name – these are all similar to password reset questions
You can lie about favorite color or first car, don't use the same answer as your password reset questions, do not put out too much personal information
- Beware of friend requests especially if you are already friends with the requester
Call and ask if they made that request
There is a lot of information about you on social media sites
Never click on attachments or links sent by unknown sender or someone pretending to be a friend (check their email address or call them and ask)
- You can check if your account has been hacked by going to: <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> and type in your email
- Check the SSL Certificate of the website you are visiting
- You can protect your data by backing up your files on to an external drive or storing it to the cloud
- If your i-phone is lost or stolen, use the "find my i-phone" feature but also deactivate your account immediately so no one can get the information from your phone
- Chances of getting any money back from a cybercrime is nearly zero
- Please THINK before you CLICK

Comment/Questions:

- PIN number for debit cards can be reset to more than a 4-digit number but never tell anyone that you reset it
- The less information you share with others, the better

State of Devonshire by Captain Burns:

- As mentioned at the February Meeting, the Burglaries have shifted from the Granada Hills/Porter Ranch areas to all over Devonshire
- Devonshire was hit hard last week with 41 BTFMV – 15 more than the average number
The areas hit were between the 405 Freeway and Balboa Ave., areas around the Northridge Fashion Center and the south part of Northridge
- Increase in catalytic converter thefts – Prius, Toyotas and Hondas
Use a cage/casing for protection
Catalytic converters are melted down and etching seems not to be a deterrent
People taking in the catalytic converters knowingly that they are stolen
If parking in a garage is not an option, park the vehicle in a well-lit area or install a vehicle alarm that has a notification feature
- Metropolitan Division was at the 9200 block of Devonshire the other day, surrounding a RV where they believed the suspect was hiding
Suspect was not there but the RV was searched and towed
Working on cleaning up the traffic lane
- The LA Police Commission Community Meeting at Bishop Alemany HS on April 16 at 6 PM will serve as our April C-PAB meeting.
- Open House is on April 20. Hope to see as many of the members there.
- Staffing – Devonshire is getting 2 detectives in a few weeks and another detective in naroctis in several weeks
Unfortunately there has not been any new patrol officer transfers but we are losing a few officers
Big challenge is the hiring freeze on civilian personnel – the person may disappear but the work (paperwork) remains which gets delayed
- No feedback yet on the new unarmed crisis response team in Devonshire

They mostly respond to calls involving unarmed mental health issues, but they do not respond to calls involving Juveniles

Penny Lane is the contracted non-profit for the unarmed crisis response team in Devonshire

- New acting commander at OVB – Commander John Shaw, from Internal Affairs
Commander Shaw will be handling the west side of the San Fernando Valley

Senior Lead Reports/Updates:

- 17A23 – acting Senior Lead Officer Phillip Yu
Numbers are down in BURG, but BTFMV is up
Spreading the word of the Lock It Hide It Keep It Campaign and recommending catalytic converter shields to mitigate catalytic converter thefts
Next Basic Car Meeting for A23 is with 17A49 on Tuesday, March 26
Chatsworth Block Fest is on April 13
- 17A35 – Senior Lead Officer John Parker
BURG's in 17A35 has shifted except for the cluster that happened on Tampa between the 118 and Devonshire Street within a short time span
Increase in GTA and BTFMV in the area of Chatsworth St./Balboa Ave. and north of Petit Park
Attach or weld a cage/shield over the catalytic converter or attach a thick chain to the catalytic converter to deter theft
2nd Annual Car Show at the Pancake Breakfast/Open House on April 20
Open House Station Tour will incorporate the Car Show where people can vote on the People's Choice award
- 17A49 – acting Senior Lead Officer Anthony Sigston
Task Force at Devonshire St/Balboa Ave. and has been clean since with education and enforcement
3 weeks post detail, part 1 crimes are down by 20%
There was an incident at Devonshire St./Haskell Ave. – female suspect will be released next week
Holding a Joint Basic Car Meeting with Officer Yu on Tuesday, March 26, 2024
- 17A67 -- Senior Lead Officer Sandra Zamora
Violent crime is down by 27.6% and property crime is down by 17.9%
GTA is up by 50% -- mostly on both sides of Reseda Ave. south of Parthenia
There were 23 crimes were in RD 94
Devonshire PALS is getting ready for Cooking with Cops Event and starting other new programs with the officers
Schools and Daycare Centers are requesting the officers to come speak at their schools
SARA Project at Reseda/Canby – Sanitation and other resources will be available
- 17A81 – Senior Lead officer Sean Taylor
GTA's is a new city-wide trend
75% of the stolen cars in Devonshire are Kias, Hondas, Chevy Cameros and Chevy Silverados
Shoplifting, BTMV and GTA's around the Northridge Fashion Center and the industrial area
Per Burglary Detective, Det. Eastburn, the quality of the camera system is making a big difference in facial recognition
87% of the catalytic converter thefts in Devonshire are Toyota Prius and mostly Toyotas as their catalytic converters have more value than others
Be careful making purchases online such as FB market place – check the item before you make payment
There is a new park manager at Winnetka Recreation Center

Upgrades being made at the Winnetka Park are – security cameras, lighting for sports field, fencing around the daycare center with protective wrapping around the fencing, lock on the commercial trash bins and they are now back to closing the gate at the parking lot at night

- 17A95 – Senior Lead Officer Jerome Knopp
Crime is trending in an otherwise quiet area
Having clusters of residential BURG and BTFMV in the eastern portion of 17A95 closer to the freeway for an easier getaway
MO's are similar for BURG – small group entering through an unlocked window/door or breaking and entering through the sliding door in the back
Addressing these main issues by deploying plain clothes officers to monitor the area
- Sgt. Jose Torres
Hope to spread the word/educate the elderly who are often victims of fraud/scam
Big clean up at Oso Ave./Plummer St. with CD 12 and City partners
Continuing efforts with outreach and providing assistance as primary option
Enforcement follows moving forward
Coordinating with CD 12
Getting busy with special events such as the Greek Festival, 4th of July and National Night Out
If you hear of any events that are coming up, please notify Sgt. Torres

C-PAB Updates:

- Please continue to send in volunteer hours
Police Commission may look at numbers and may not feel that the hours the Senior Lead Officers spend supporting the C-PAB meetings are justified and decide to remove C-PAB
- Advise the City representatives/Councilmembers how the hiring freeze is impacting the Department
- Please sign up for upcoming 2 outreach tables – Chatsworth Block Fest (4/13) and Open House (4/20)
- 2024 stickers for the ID cards are available
- Upcoming events
 - 3/25 Basic Car 17A67 Meeting via Zoom at 6 PM
 - 3/26 Basic Car 17A23/49 Meeting via Zoom at 6 PM
 - 4/13 Chatsworth Block Fest (C-PAB Outreach Table) 10 AM to 6 PM
 - 4/16 LA Police Commission Community Meeting at Bishop Alemany HS 6 pm to 8 pm
 - 4/20 Open House/Pancake Breakfast 8am
 - 5/1 CERT training at Our Lady of Lourdes (coordinated by Senior Lead Office)
 - 5/9 OVB Community Police Academy in Spanish at CBS Radford Studios
- Other Questions/Comments
For Cybersecurity, your credit can be locked through Experian to prevent anyone from checking your credit (you can check online on how to lock my credit)
Event at Monroe HS this Saturday with American Red Cross, to install free smoke detectors for seniors who signed up
Grateful Hearts Event (fundraiser for LAPD West Valley and Topanga and LAFD Battalion 17) on Saturday, April 6 at Warner Center Park
LAFD CERT is holding refresher drills in 3 different groups/times at the Grateful Hearts Event – more info on CERT Eventbrite page
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM