

Southwest Area Community Newsletter

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CAPTAIN MENDOZA'S MESSAGE

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community.

The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of the Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial. The names etched on the Memorial Wall will live forever. We continue our commitment to the Police Unity Tour and the motto, "WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED." The Police Unity Tour is the largest fundraiser for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Myself and Sergeant Brawner, Assistant Watch Commander, will be participating in the Police Unity Tour.

Police Officers throughout this Nation continue to be killed in the line of duty. The Law Enforcement Memorial is the only memorial, which honors those who die in the line of service, that has names of men and women added year after year that made the ultimate sacrifice. I ask that we all pray for them and their families that continue living without their loved one.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical
Emergencies call

9-1-1

Non-Emergency Police Dispatch
(877) ASK-LAPD (275-5273)
Southwest Community Telephone
Directory

To report any non-emergency crime

FRONT DESK

213-485-2582

Southwest Area VICE Unit

213-485-2593

**For prostitution, gambling, and
alcohol related complaints**

Southwest Area Gang Unit

323-290-6523

Detective Front Desk

213-485-6570

Community Relations

213-847-5800

Southwest Area Official
Police Garage

Swanney & McDonald Tow

4833 Exposition Blvd.

323-733-6898

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CAPTAIN MENDOZA'S MESSAGE CONTIN.

- **Community Police advisory Board (CPAB):** Police Officer III Larry Cole at 37623@lapd.online
- **Clergy Council:** Police Officer II Sheena Grant at 4288@lapd.online
- **Cadet Program** – Police Officer III Art Gonzalez at 36632@lapd.online or Police Officer II Tamika Bush at 41577@lapd.online
- **Jr. Cadet Program** – Police Officer II Cesar Lopez at 38512@lapd.online or Police Officer II Sheena Grant at 42888@lapd.online
- **Jeopardy Program** – Police Officer III Erwin Rocha at 37504@lapd.online
- **Reserve Officer Program** – Police Officer II Tamika Bush at 41577@lapd.online
- **Volunteer Program** – Police Officer III Larry Cole at 37623@lapd.online

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

3SL01

Baldwin Vista

Our officers in the Southwest Division have been working extremely hard to reduce crime and provide a safe environment and a better quality of life for our community members of the Southwest Division.

In the last 3 weeks we have been doing exceptionally well as far as crime. In the first 3 weeks of the month basic car 3A1 only had 4 crimes. Out of the 4 crimes only one was an aggravated assault between husband and wife, the other 3 were recovered vehicles. The last week of the month we had 5 burglary from motor vehicles, so please remember to lock your car and do not leave anything of value in your car. Please remember our LAPD saying, "Lock It, Hide it and Keep it."

Just wanted to give a quick update on Westside Park. I have been providing extra patrol in the park and it looks great since CD 10 cut all of the bushes back and trimmed all of the trees. I have not seen any homeless individuals in the park or any of their tents. I will continue to monitor this location and if you see any illegal activity please do not hesitate to call me.

Basic Street Sense

- Wherever you are – on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or subway – stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

Senior Lead Officer Sanchez is still looking to establish new block clubs in your community. If you are interested, please contact him at (323) 387-9615 or 38621@lapd.online.

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

3SL015

West Adams

Basic Car 3A15 had 5 GTAs throughout my area during the last few weeks. Please always make sure to always lock and secure your vehicles and remove your property.

On Western Ave between Adams Blvd south down to Jefferson Blvd we have had several complaints with prostitution in the area. I have met with Captain Lorenz and we will work on having VICE conduct enforcement in this area. I will also meet with Southwest VICE Sergeant Cervantes and discuss the complaints and concern from the community. Southwest Vice will monitor the area.

I also have had South Traffic Division monitor/enforce the Adams Blvd corridor between Crenshaw east to Arlington Ave for any speed violations. STD is also monitoring the West Adams Aves for violators and any street takeovers.

On my eastside I'm still working with CD-8 on 22nd St between Normandie Ave and Vermont Ave with the quality-of-life concerns regarding the homeless encampments and the problem RVs in this area. I will also request from Patrol to conduct enforcement between 0200-0600 with the posted signs in the area. Remember if anyone observes any suspicious activity please call the non-emergency line or 911 if it is an emergency. On April 15 we conducted a Care Plus Clean-up on 22nd St west of Raymond Ave. Also 25th St/Vermont area was cleaned as well.

If you live in Basic Car 3A15 area and have any questions and would like to receive a Weekly Crime Update, please email me at 33682@lapd.online.

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

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North University Park

In basic car 3A19 I have been working with the council districts to collaborate efforts when it comes to quality of life issues.

In my basic car auto related crimes and aggravated assaults have occurred. Majority of the aggravated assaults have resulted in an arrest.

Please make sure when you park your vehicle that your personal property is out of plain sight and to properly lock/secure your vehicle.

Quality of Life Issues:

Download the MyLA311 app to report any quality of life issues/bulky item pick up/graffiti removal. Browse the app for additional services offered. Report suspicious activity to L.A.P.D.

Please call L.A.P.D. non-emergency number (877-ASK-LAPD) if you see someone in the area near your vehicle/residence that does not look familiar to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Senior Lead Officer Garner at 32272@lapd.online

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

3SL031

Jefferson Park

In Jefferson Park there has been numerous vehicle thefts. Please be mindful of locking and securing all vehicles upon exiting.

Southwest Auto Detectives will have a of anti-theft devices (CLUBS) available to community at southwest station please email or text me if you would like one for your vehicle.

There has been an uptick in Burglary from Motor Vehicles. Remember to "Lock it, Hide it, Keep it!" to prevent your vehicle from break-Ins!

If you would like to be emailed a weekly update of Basic Car 3A31, please email Senior Lead Officer Whiteman at 39471@lapd.online or call or text Officer Whiteman at (213)359-6947

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

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Baldwin Hills

SLO-41 has seen a rise in property crime related to thefts and vehicle break ins. Please lock and secure your items from inside your vehicle as there is a rise in vehicle break-ins. We are preparing for Summer Night Lights at Jim Gilliam Park.

Officer Saldana is interested in establishing new block clubs. If you are interested in starting a new block club or have a block club that has not been meeting recently and wants to start up again, please contact Officer Saldana at (323) 387-9614.

3SL055

Western Corridor/Jefferson Park

Hello, I'm Senior Lead Officer Crowder with some info pertaining to Basic Car 3A55:

- Burglary Theft from Vehicles had a slight uptick, and catalytic converter crimes have slowed in the area over the past 4 weeks. The crimes committed consisted of window smashing with unknown objects, and property being taken. If possible, remember to lock and secure your vehicles, and invest in anti-theft devices.
- An Interim Homeless Housing Site cleanup was conducted at the Western Ave & Browning Blvd tunnels. LAHSA & CIRCLE responded to provide services, and all efforts will continue until the issue has been completely resolved.

Officer Crowder is interested in establishing new block clubs. If you are interested in starting a new block club or have a block club that has not been meeting recently and wants to start up again, please contact Officer Crowder at (213) 422-5498 or email 36763@lapd.online.

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

3SL057

University Village

Greetings:

On April 10, 2024, from 7:30am-8:30 am Southwest Division in partnership with South Traffic Division, Transit Services Division and LAUSD, hosted a Coffee With A Cop at Weemes Elementary School, (1260 West 36th Pl). The Starbucks location at Exposition and Figueroa provided the refreshing coffee, (Thanks to Lupita and her crew). Officers assisted with the schools Valet program, educated parents on car seat and pedestrian safety, provided youth activity resources and of course, passed out dozens and dozens of stickers. Thank you to all who participated in this event. You helped make it a great success.

On 04/09/24, at approximately 5:05 pm, a gang related homicide occurred in the strip mall at the N/W/C of MLK and Vermont. At that time (2) males observed a single male standing in the parking lot. One of the persons in the vehicle fired a handgun at the victim, striking the victim several times. At nearly the same time Southwest LAPD Officers literally turned the corner in their patrol vehicle and heard shots being fired. They observed the vehicle leaving the scene with the suspects inside. Officers stopped the vehicle and ultimately detained the driver. The passenger fled the scene on foot and was eventually apprehended after a thorough search of the area. Both suspects as well as (2) firearms were recovered. the victim ultimately succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Each week I create and e-distribute an update about goings on in my Basic Car, crime trends and special events. If you would like to be emailed a weekly update of Basic Car 57, please email Senior Lead Officer Biondo at 36576@lapd.online

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES



Officer Biondo and Weemes Elementary: Coffee with a Cop Event on April 10th 2023.



SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

3SL063

Baldwin Village

Senior Lead Officer Saldana has seen an increase in illegal dumping in his area. Illegal dumping is a major contributor to the build-up of waste and debris on streets, alleyways, and sidewalks. It is the result of businesses and individuals failing to properly dispose of solid waste or hazardous waste in our communities. Businesses and individuals that dump waste also gain an unfair competitive advantage over those that pay proper waste disposal costs. Those who dump illegally in the city are likely breaking the law due to a perceived lack of consequences.

The health, safety, and environmental impacts of illegal dumping and the accumulation of trash and harmful substances are of great concern to all in the City. Senior Lead Officer Saldana is consistently focusing on public safety and how illegally dumping affects public safety in our community. Illegal dumping can obstruct and inhibit the ability of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists to safely reach their destination. Some sites have items that can cause bodily harm, and substances that are flammable and cause damage to nearby structures.

- Please do your part and report any suspicious activities to LAPD.

Officer Saldana is interested in establishing new block clubs. If you are interested in starting a new block club or have a block club that has not been meeting recently and wants to start up again, please contact Officer Saldana at (323) 387-9614

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

3SL073

Leimert Park/ Crenshaw Corridor

Senior Lead Officer Evleth can be reached at 38086@lapd.online and by cell phone at 323-387-96518.



SLO Evleth & Leimert Park Footbeat Officers arranged for an impound of a motorhome on 43rd St/Leimert Blvd after verifying that it was not being used for vehicle dwelling.

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES



C-PAB Co-Chair Johnnie Raines, Field Deputy Eric Aguiar (Council District Ten), SLO Evleth, SLO Whiteman with South Traffic Motor Officers at the first permitted Crenshaw Blvd Low Rider Car Show (April 7th).



SLO Evleth enjoying his visit at Jack's Family Kitchen with Lawana, a Community Member he met there.

SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

3SL099

Vermont Square

SLO99 continues to do encampment enforcement and clean-ups within the area, primarily along Flower St between 40th Pl and Vernon Ave, and across the freeway overpasses.

SLO 99 continues graffiti removal efforts in the high target areas of Menlo Ave between Martin Luther King Blvd and Vernon Ave.

No other special events in the month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Senior Lead Officer Salazar at 31256@lapd.online

LEIMERT PARK FOOTBEAT

The Leimert Footbeat Unit consists of four Police Officers that monitor and patrols the Crenshaw Corridor, Leimert Park Area, and Crenshaw Mall. The Footbeat Unit handles quality of life issues in basic car areas 3A41, 3A63, and 3A73.

- The Leimert Footbeat will continue to collaborate with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) on parking issues in the parking lot and city streets within the Leimert Park area.
- Monitor the Crenshaw Corridor which consist of the Crenshaw Mall area and the Crenshaw Square.

■ If you have any questions or concerns, please email the following officers:

■ Police Officer Larry Cole at 37623@lapd.online

■ Police Officer Gabriel Chavez 36761@lapd.online

■ Police Officer Kenneth Fernandez 42718@lapd.online

■ Police Officer Derrick Harris at 42892@lapd.online

SOUTHWEST CADETS

SOUTHWEST **JR.** CADETS

WHEN

**Wednesday
6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

WHERE

**Los Angeles Swim
Stadium Lawn
3980 Bill Robertson Lane Los
Angeles, CA 90037**

VALUES

**Discipline, Respect for Others, Integrity,
Teamwork, Self-Confidence, Character,
Leadership**

**AGES
8-13**

**FREE TO JOIN
Contact us for an
Application**

**CONTACT
Officer Grant
42888@lapd.online
(213) 361-4047**

**Officer Lopez
38512@lapd.online
(213) 712-2206**

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SOUTHWEST CADETS



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NOW!

FREE TO ENROLL
FOR YOUTH
AGES 13 TO 17

**GPA 2.5 OR HIGHER
REQUIRED**

NO EXCEPTIONS

LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHARACTER BUILDING

MEANINGFUL AND LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

SELF-MOTIVATION

CONTACT- Police Officer III Art Gonzalez at
36632@lapd.online or Police Officer II Tamika Bush at
41577@lapd.online

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LAPD CADET
PROGRAM



SOUTHWEST CADETS



Officer Bush and Officer Gonzalez at Career Day at Birdielee V. Bright Elementary on April 12th.



SOUTHWEST CADETS

Below, Southwest Recruit Cadets at their weekly Saturday Cadet Academy. Once recruit Cadets have graduated from the Cadet Academy, they are officially LAPD Cadets.

For more information regarding the next academy class, please contact Officer Bush or Officer Gonzalez.



COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

(C-PAB)

The Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) acts as the manifestation of the partnership between the police and community, providing community members with an avenue to share their voice in the policing of their communities.

- **C-PAB identifies disorder and neglect that can breed serious crime, develops strategies to address these potential criminal issues, and mobilizes the community and government resources to help solve these problems.**
- **Each C-PAB has two co-chairs – one is the Area Commanding Officer and the other is a member of the community. The members of C-PAB are selected by the Area Commanding Officer with recommendations from the community.**
- **Community members include representatives from the business, educational, religious, and social entities within the Southwest Area, each able to fulfill the role of liaison.**
- **The C-PAB liaison advises the police leadership of the Southwest Area of the concerns of the community while participating in the monthly New Employee Orientation.**
- **The primary goal of this organization is to reduce the fear and incidence of crime while enhancing the quality of life in our area.**

For further information on C-PAB, contact the Southwest Community Relations Office at 213-847-5800 and visit the website <http://southwestcpab.org>



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Southwest Clergy Council

**Southwest Division is doing the work to make our
community a peaceful and safer place.**

**If you are a leader in a Place of Worship
And**

**Interested in working with the Los Angeles Police
Department Southwest Division**

Please Join Us!

**You can contact Police Officer II Grant at
42888@lapd.online to join Southwest Clergy Council.**

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Burglary Prevention Checklist



- Lock all doors and windows when leaving your residence
- Know your neighbors and exchange contact information
- Install an audible alarm security system
 - Always turn it on, even if you leave for a few minutes
 - Consider an exterior bell in addition to a siren
 - Use yard signs to help deter criminals, front and rear yards
 - Test system periodically
- Install camera surveillance systems and/or doorbell camera
- Secure irreplaceable items and valuables
- Do not hide valuables in unlocked drawers or cabinets
- Ask neighbors to move in trash containers, newspapers, mail, etc.
- Window security bars – make sure they are secure and not loose
- Safes should be bolted down to floor or wall
- Keep records of serial numbers of expensive items; photos help too
- Lighting (use a timer, dusk-dawn sensor or motion sensor)
 - Exterior lights on at night
 - Interior lights on when away

Please report all suspicious activity to LAPD: 877-275-5273
(non-emergency) or 911



Los Angeles Police Department

Southwest Area Community and Crime Information Center
1546 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90062

www.lapdonline.org



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Reserve Police Officers:

- Individuals who have careers in another profession
- Volunteer to serve the community as a Reserve Officer
- Training provided by the Los Angeles Police Academy

Minimum Requirements:

- U.S. High School Diploma or Equivalent
- U.S. Citizen or Have Applied for Citizenship
- Excellent Health and Physical Condition
- Background Suitable for Employment as a Police Officer

LAPD Reserve Police Officer Level III:

- Administrative/Limited Police Duties
- 18 Years of Age/No Maximum Age

LAPD Reserve Police Officer Level I & II:

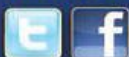
- Regular Police Duties
- 20 ½ Years of Age/No Maximum Age

Start the process by attending an orientation held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Personnel Department.

700 E. Temple Street , Los Angeles 90012



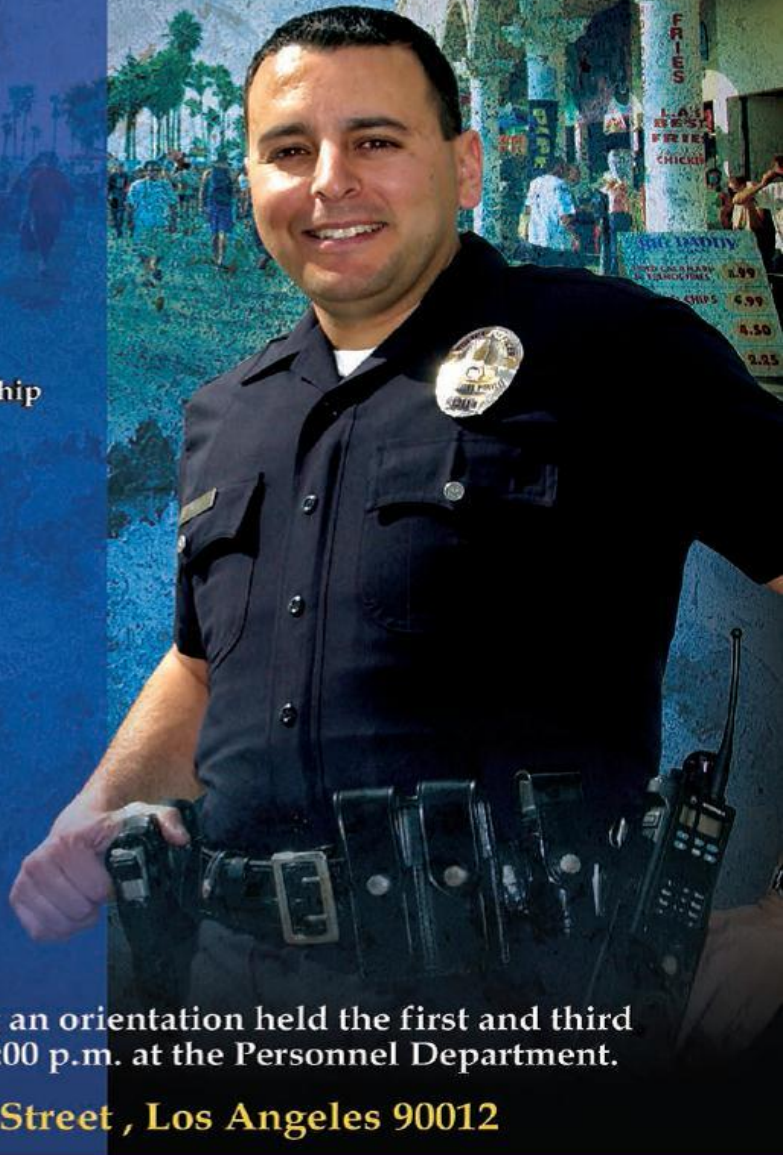
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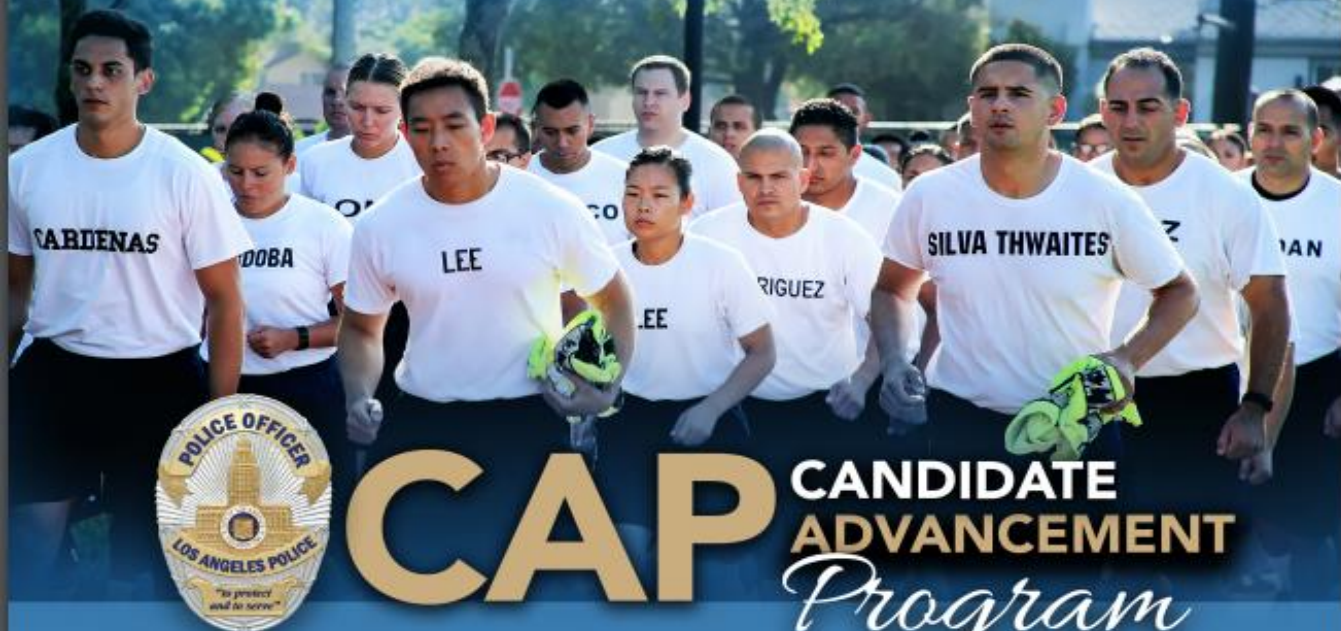
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police officer*



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

GET WITH THE PROGRAM



MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 6 PM - 9 PM
SATURDAY, 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

AHMANSON RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER
5651 W. Manchester Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

TUESDAY & THURSDAY
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LAPD POLICE ACADEMY
1880 Academy Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

TUESDAY & THURSDAY
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

DEVONSHIRE POLICE STATION
10250 Etiwanda Ave.
Northridge, CA 91324

WOMEN'S CAP EVERY 3RD SATURDAY
7:30 PM - 10:30 AM

AHMANSON RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER
5651 W. Manchester Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

The Los Angeles Police Department offers the Candidate Advancement Program (CAP) to help you get physically fit and accustomed to the training style you will encounter in the Academy.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Get a head start on getting in the best shape of your life.
- Learn what to expect at the Academy.
- Familiarize yourself with the Police Academy training style.
- Get to know active LAPD officers that can provide useful information.
- Network with other candidates for support and encouragement.

FREE OF CHARGE

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN THE LAPD HIRING PROCESS.

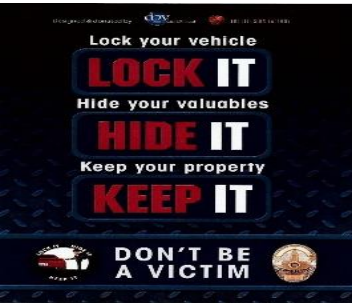
- Participants need to arrive wearing workout gear and appropriate running shoes.
- Schedule is subject to change.
- Classes not held on holidays or holiday weekends.



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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



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Lock It!

Pongale Llave!

*Remember to lock and
Secure your car.*

*Un recordatorio de que siempre
e debe ponerle llave al vehículo*

Hide It!

Escondanlos!

*If you need to leave valuable
personal items in your car, hide
it from view of others*

*Si tienen que dejar sus objetos
de valor en su vehículo,
escondanlos de la vista de otros*

Keep It!

Mantenganlos!

*A Positive reminder that personal
Responsibility and prevention
Can protect against theft*

*Un recordatorio positivo de que
responsabilidad personal Y
Prevencion los pueden proteger
Contra el robo*

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Problems with
any of these?

Report it.

[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov)



If you are having issues with anything listed above, please go on the website and file a report for fraud. This website is very useful especially in the time of the pandemic where more community members are using online resources every day.

3-1-1

What is it?

3-1-1 is a FREE citywide resource that links you to the services and information you need to beautify your neighborhood and stay connected to City Hall

FREE CITY SERVICES

- ▲ Graffiti removal
- ▲ Bulky item pick up
- ▲ Illegal dumping pick up
- ▲ Report encampments
- ▲ Fix potholes
- ▲ Park and tree maintenance
- ▲ Street repair
- ▲ Review public meeting schedules and more!

How to access MyLA311:



DIAL:

3-1-1
(213) 473-3231



DOWNLOAD:
"MyLA311" from
your mobile app
store



WEBSITE:

www.myLA311.lacity.org

