

# Southwest Area Community Newsletter

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## CAPTAIN LOPEZ'S MESSAGE

Happy Halloween!! Halloween is one of the best times of the year for children within our community; however, it can be one of the most dangerous as well. We at Southwest Division want to ensure you and your family enjoy this fun holiday as safely as possible, which is why we would like to offer you the following trick-or-treating tips.

Please take the time to review the following safety tips, which are provided by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, and have a safe and happy Halloween.

[www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)



## 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**

**\*\*\*CLOSED\*\*\***

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

**\*\*\*CLOSED\*\*\***

Community relations

213-847-5800

Southwest Area Official Police  
Garage

Swanney & McDonald Tow

4833 Exposition Blvd.

323-733-6898

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Station

Twitter: @LAPD\_Southwest

1546 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING BL. LOS  
ANGELES, CA 90062

# **CAPTAIN LOPEZ'S MESSAGE CONTIN.**

## **Watch out for your kids:**

- By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk. Never run across a street.
- Only cross the street at corners or at established crosswalks.
- Never let your kids go out with realistic replicas of firearms.
- Do not let them go trick-or-treating alone, or without an accompanying adult.
- Give your children a curfew and have them tell you what route they will be taking.
- Closely inspect any treats before anyone eats them.
- Cut and wash fruit to make sure it is safe to consume.
- All costumes should be made of light-colored, fireproof material.
- Make sure masks and wigs are fireproof and do not impair vision.

## **Remind your kids:**

- Only go to homes with a porch light on.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Never enter a stranger's home.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Stay on the sidewalks, not the streets, and avoid backyards, shortcuts and alleys.
- Stick with your friends.

# **CAPTAIN LOPEZ'S MESSAGE CONTIN.**

Southwest would like to continue to partner with the community through our various community programs. If you are interested in joining please contact the Officer below.

- 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 Sheena Grant at 42888@lapd.online or Police Officer II Cesar Lopez 38512@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

## ***3SL015***

### **West Adams**

Basic Car 3A15 has continued to have a GTA problem throughout the area. Please make sure to always remove your property from your vehicles and to make sure you always lock and secure your vehicles.

On Western Ave, between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, we have had more prostitution activity in the area, as well as in SLO Whiteman area. SLO Whiteman and I have met with Southwest VICE Sergeant and advised of the increased activity in these areas. I also have requested for extra Patrols in the area for any enforcement.

In the area of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. and Budlong Avenue I continue to have a quality-of-life issue regarding RVs in the area and homeless encampments. I will continue to work with CD-8, Deputy Diaz, and we will continue to do clean-ups in this area. We also will continue to conduct outreach in this area as well. I have requested for extra patrols and Southwest GED for any enforcement in this area for gang activity.

Remember if anyone in our community observes any person or vehicle that looks suspicious or might be involved in any criminal activity, please notify the police immediately.

If you live in Basic Car 3A15 area and would like to receive a weekly Crime Update, please email Senior Lead Officer Ana Maria Mejia at [33682@lapd.online](mailto:33682@lapd.online)

# SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

## 3SL019/3SL059

### North University Park and University of Southern California

A19:

We have experienced thefts and auto related crimes in the area. The thefts have been various items that were left unattended and packages. Auto related crimes were burglary from motor vehicle, GTA and recovered stolen vehicles.

To prevent from becoming victim to auto related crimes please keep your property out of plain sight, lock, and secure your vehicle. As for thefts, do not leave your property unattended and utilize Amazon pick up locations.

I have been working with the community to address quality of life concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Senior Lead Officer Garner at 332272@lapd.online or Officer Lopez at 38512@lapd.online.



**Introducing LiveSafe**  
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- 3 SELECT "University of Southern California" as your school

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Utilities  
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**Wellness Assessment Tool**

Thank you for completing your daily wellness assessment.

**Wednesday July 22**

**Request Access**

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# SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

## ***3SL031***

### **Jefferson Park**

Hello everyone! It's Senior Lead Officer Tyler Whiteman.

Within the last month 's there has been an uptick in vehicle thefts which mostly have been Kia and Hyundai's. Please be mindful of locking and securing all vehicles upon exiting and removing all your valuable belongings.

Types of Crime Reports That Can Be Filed Online at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org).

Harassing Phone Calls: Any person who repeatedly, with the intent to annoy, telephones or makes contact by means of an electronic communication.

For example, immediate hang-ups, obscene language, emails, text messages with no known suspects.

Lost Property: Personal property that was unintentionally left by its true owner.

For example, property left behind at an unknown location or left behind with no attempt to retrieve it.

Vandalism: Any person who maliciously damages, destroys or defaces the property of another person.

For example, knocking over a mailbox, spray painting a wall, or throwing a rock through a window.

Theft: Personal property taken from a publicly accessible location.

For example, a package is taken from your porch; or you left your wallet behind in a restaurant, but when you attempted to go back to retrieve it, the wallet was no longer there.



# SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

**Theft from Vehicle:** Theft from an unlocked or locked vehicle.

**Minor Traffic Collisions:** Minor injuries and you have exchanged information.

**Hit and Run:** Damage caused by another vehicle in which the driver should have left information or fled the scene without stopping to provide information.

If you would like to be emailed a weekly update of Basic Car 3A31, please email Officer Whiteman at 39471@lapd.online.

## ***3SL041***

### **Baldwin Hills**

Senior Lead Officer (SLO)-41 Officer Sanchez impounded 6 vehicles that were left abandoned in the parking lot next to the tennis courts of Jim Gilliam Park. One of the vehicles returned stolen, and two were vandalized.

Please lock and secure vehicles along with homes, making sure the sliding doors are locked and secured.

If you're interested in sponsoring officers for the Special Olympic Plane Pull please let me know. We are trying to get a team together. Money raised from this event will help sponsor an athlete in the Special Olympics.

If you would like to be emailed a weekly update of Basic Car 3A41, please email Officer Sanchez at 37713@lapd.online or contact him at (213) 359-6947.

# SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

## ***3SL057***

### University Village

Since last month, there has been a huge increase in residential burglaries, specifically in RD 0338. Since 08/01/23, there have been 12 reported burglaries. Many of the crimes occurred on the same day, within minutes of one another. With the assistance of residences whose security systems caught pictures and video of the suspects and their vehicle, Southwest burglary detectives assumed investigative responsibility. Due to their hard work, as of 08-29-23, one of the suspects have been arrested and all others have been identified.

Please use these incidents as incentive to take action. If you have don't have a security plan in place, look at the list below and use it as a starting point.

Remember, layers of security are the best way to protect your residence and vehicle. Think about including these items in your security plan:

- Lights
- Cameras (that work and record). The more you have the better it is.
- Securely locking doors and windows
- Alarm system
- Dog (the ultimate analog alarm/camera system, and it still works if the power or Wi-Fi goes down)
- Good neighbors (these are an essential part of making not only your residence but the entire neighborhood safe).
- Create a partnership with the police (start a block club or attend community police partnership meetings)

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 added, simply email me with your name at [36576@lapd.online](mailto:36576@lapd.online).



# SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

## ***3SL063***

### Baldwin Village

#### Crime Trends/Nuisance Issues.

Senior Lead Officer Saldana has seen an increase in graffiti in Baldwin Village area. If you see graffiti on private property, please don't hesitate to ask your landlord to remove it as soon as possible. If you see the graffiti on public property, please dial 311 and report it. If you have a smart phone, download the free MyLA311 app and report it. Thanks for the help!

#### Upcoming Community/ Neighborhood Watch Events

Southwest will be having the 18th annual Taste of Soul Family Festival. October 21, 2023, from 10:00AM to 7:00PM on Crenshaw Blvd from Obama Blvd to Stocker St and on Martin Luther King Blvd from Degnan Blvd to Marlton Ave. If you live in the area, please plan accordingly as traffic congestion is expected.

#### Neighborhood Watch News

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

As you have likely heard in the news, Kia and Hyundai vehicles are some of the more common vehicles stolen, sometimes accounting for more than 75%. In case you or anyone you know owns one of these vehicles, some models are eligible for a free manufacturer's product update. For applicable models, some are receiving software updates to the security system as well as the ignition.

For further details, please refer to the link below from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For all makes and models, we also encourage supplemental security devices such as a steering wheel lock device.

Also, when parking off the street is not possible, we recommend parking in a well-lit area in front of occupied residences. Parking at night in front of a closed business, unoccupied home, parks, schools, etc. is not ideal if you can avoid it.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/hyundai-kia-campaign-prevent-vehicle-theft>



[Hyundai and Kia Launch Service Campaign to Prevent Theft of Millions of Vehicles Targeted by Social Media Challenge | NHTSA](#)

Hyundai and Kia develop free anti-theft software update for millions of their vehicles amid TikTok social media challenge.

[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

As a reminder, when installing security cameras at your home or business, consider placing at least one lower than the standard height. When installed lower, the footage is more likely to record suspect faces, and if positioned correctly, may read license plates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Senior Lead Officer Evleth at [38086@lapd.online](mailto:38086@lapd.online).

# SENIOR LEAD UPDATES

## ***3SL099***

### Vermont Square

In the past month, basic car 3A99, which covers from Martin Luther King to Vernon Ave from Van Ness to 110 Freeway, experienced an uptick in aggravated assaults and auto related crimes.

Although the numbers are up, most of the aggravated assaults have been domestic related or neighbor related incidents where the victim and suspect knew each other. The top auto related crimes have been removing catalytic converters. Officers will continue to provide extra patrol in the highest crime areas.

SL099 continues to do encampment enforcement and clean-ups within the area, primarily along Flower St between 40<sup>th</sup> Pl and Vernon Ave, and across the freeway overpasses.

SL0 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](mailto:31256@lapd.online)

# LEIMERT PARK FOOTBEAT

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

- The Leimert Foot Beat 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](mailto:37623@lapd.online)

Police Officer Derrick Harris at [42892@lapd.online](mailto:42892@lapd.online)

Police Officer Kenneth Fernandez at [42718@lapd.online](mailto:42718@lapd.online)

# **SOUTHWEST YOUTH PROGRAMS**

## **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 YOUTH PROGRAMS



JOIN  
NOW!

FREE TO ENROLL  
FOR YOUTH  
AGES 13 TO 17

GPA 2.0 OR HIGHER  
REQUIRED  
\*NO EXCEPTIONS\*

LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHARACTER BUILDING

MEANINGFUL AND LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

RESPECT

SELF-MOTIVATION

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LAPD CADET  
PROGRAM





# SOUTHWEST YOUTH PROGRAMS



**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of a new 15-week Cadet Academy. Recruit Cadets meet once a week every Saturday morning for classroom lectures, physical training, and drills.**

**If you are interested in the next Cadet Academy class, please contact Officer Bush [41577@lapd.online](mailto:41577@lapd.online) or Officer Gonzalez [36632@lapd.online](mailto:36632@lapd.online).**

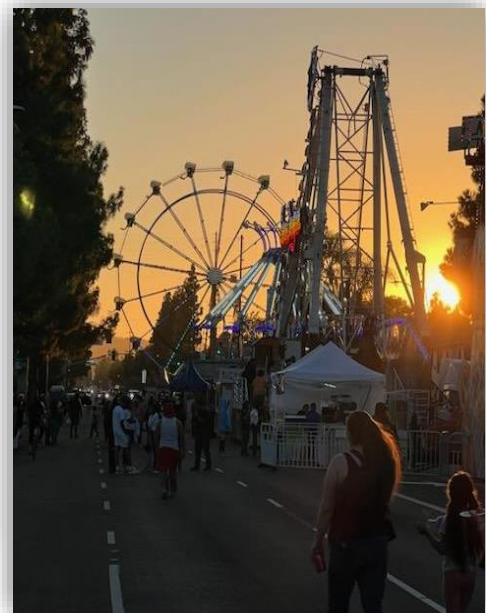




# SOUTHWEST YOUTH PROGRAMS



**Southwest Carnival August 25,26,27**



# 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](mailto: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

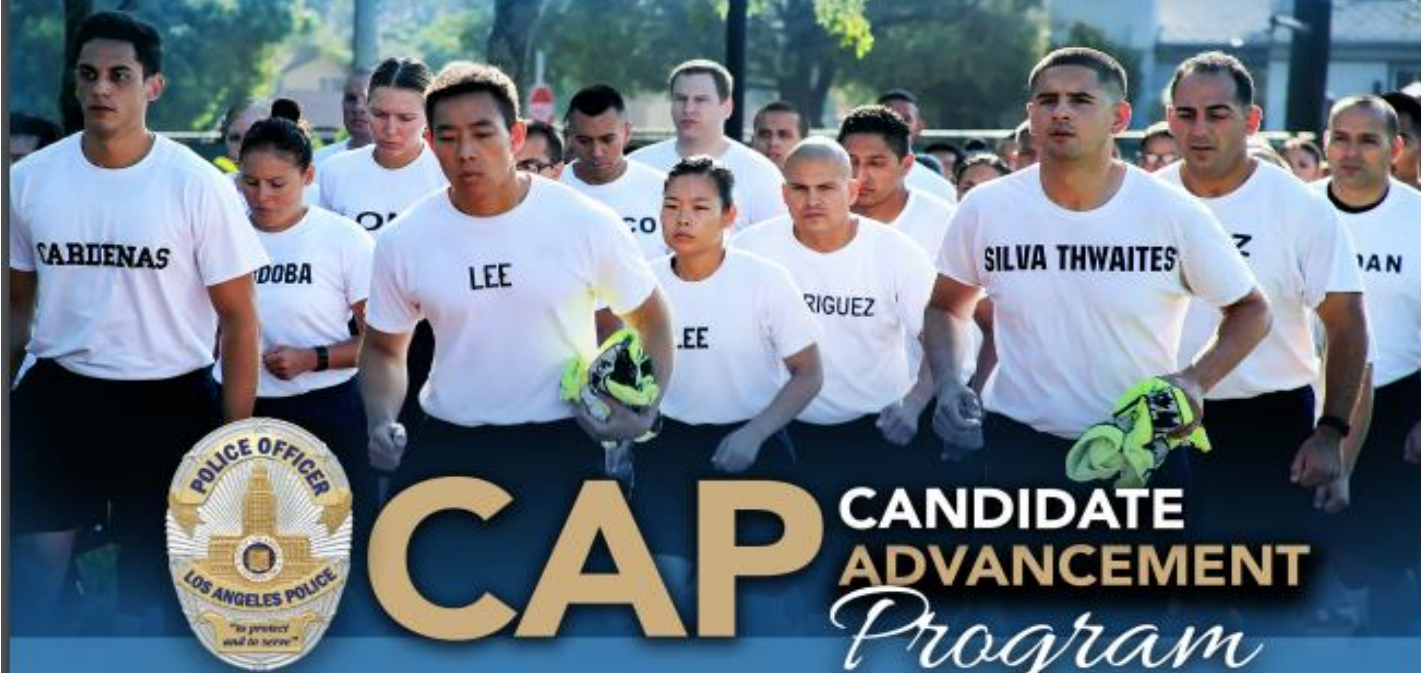
[www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org)





# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## GET WITH THE PROGRAM



## CAP CANDIDATE ADVANCEMENT *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.

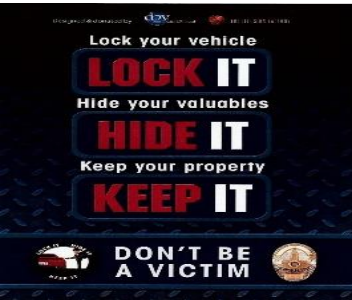


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# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



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### Lock It!

*Remember to lock and  
Secure your car.*

### Pongale Llave!

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

### Hide It!

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

### Escondanlos!

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

### Keep It!

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

### Mantenganlos!

*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**



## 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
- Fix potholes
- Bulky item pick up
- Park and tree maintenance
- Illegal dumping pick up
- Street repair
- Report encampments
- 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](http://www.myLA311.lacity.org)

