Newsletter June 2023

Basic Car 19A1 Sylmar (West of Glenoaks Blvd)
Senior Lead Officer Joseph Carter
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Crime Trends/Statistics
Overall Part I crime is up 28.3% compared to November 2021. Violent crime is down 15.5%. Property crime decreased 31.5%. Be vigilant, talk to your neighbors and report suspicious activity. Keep the areas around your residence well lit and utilize surveillance equipment if possible. Report abandoned vehicle to DOT.

Please remember to Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It. Don’t leave valuables visible in your vehicle. You can make a police report online at LAPDonline.org for thefts, vandalism, lost property, theft from a vehicle, and for a minor traffic collision. You may also call the Mission front desk at 818-838-9800 to make a telephonic report.

If you need police to respond to a non-emergency situation, please call 877-ASK-LAPD.

Stay Informed
You can stay informed by using Nextdoor, following us on Facebook at “LAPD Mission Community Police Station”, and on Instagram at “LAPDMission19”.

Community/Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A1
Sylmar Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm

Contact Officer Carter at 818-634-0610 or 38835@lapd.online for the location.

Useful Contacts
LAPD Valley Traffic
Community Traffic Services Unit
Officer Bronk
818-644-8017
38980@lapd.online

Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez (CD7)
Sylmar Area Director Jose Hernandez
818-756-8409
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Basic Car 19A7 Sylmar (East of Glenoaks Blvd)
Senior Lead Officer Keith Crawford/Mary Stebbins
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Crime Trends/Statistics
Overall Part I crime is down 25.8% compared to June 2022 Violent crime is down 18.4%. Property crime is down 28.0%. There has been an increase in vehicles and catalytic converters being stolen. Here are some tips to prevent catalytic converter thefts. Park in well-lit areas and personal garages when possible. Consider having the converter welded to the frame or install a security device. Engrave the VIN or license plate info onto the converter.

Cameras are a great idea to deter burglars. Install motion detection lights and cameras around your house!

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Community/Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A7
Sylmar Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Next meeting is Tuesday June 22nd at 6:00 pm

Contact Officer Crawford at 38491@lapd.online.

Useful Contacts
LAPD Valley Traffic
Community Traffic Services Unit
Officer Bronk
818-644-8017
38980@lapd.online

Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez (CD7)
Sylmar Area Director Anthony Espinoza

Anthony.espinoza@lacity.org
Hello, this is Senior Lead Officer Ruiz for Basic Car 19A43 (Mission Hills Area). I hope everyone is doing well and is staying safe and healthy.

Just a reminder, the telephone number to the Mission Police Station front desk is (818) 838-9800. You may call the station directly to obtain general information, crime related advice and to make crime reports. Remember you can also file an LAPD Police Report Online at lapdonline.org for thefts, vandalism, lost property, theft from a vehicle, and for a minor traffic collision.

I would like to remind everyone to please don’t call my office or cellular telephone numbers if you want to report crimes in progress. Please call 911 if there is an emergency or (877) 275-5273 for non-emergencies. Time is valuable so do not hesitate to call.

Remember, if you see something out of the ordinary, be a good witness and report it. See something! Say Something! With the community and Police Department working together, we can achieve our yearly goals of reducing crime.

**Crime Update:**

Crime in the Mission Hills Area is currently down (- 21%) from a year ago.

Although our crime numbers are down from a year ago, we still have a high number of BTFV’s (Burglary Thefts from Vehicles) occurring ion the Mission Hills Area. So please remember to lock & secure your vehicles at all times & do not leave any valuables in plain sight.

Remember to Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It. Once again, personal responsibility is the best prevention to becoming a victim.

**Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A43**

Mission Hills Neighborhood Watch Meeting (ZOOM MEETING) take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:00 PM (Via Zoom Only).
Hello, this is Senior Lead Officer Cuellar for Basic Car 19A61 (North Hills Area). I hope everyone is doing well and is staying safe. The borders for basic car 19A61 are following: Lassen Street to the North, Roscoe Street to the South, the Pacoima wash at Sepulveda Recreational Center to the East, and the 405 Freeway to the West.

The prevalence of vehicle break-ins persists as one of the most frequently occurring crimes. Hence, it is imperative to emphasize the importance of diligently securing and locking your vehicles when parked and unattended, both at home and in public areas. Additionally, it is crucial to exercise caution by refraining from leaving any valuable items visible within your vehicle. By adhering to these preventive measures, we can significantly reduce the risk of vehicle break-ins and safeguard our belongings.

It is vital to maintain a vigilant approach and contribute to a safe community by promptly reporting any suspicious or unusual activities that come to your attention. By assuming the role of a responsible witness, we can actively participate in maintaining public safety. Through collaborative efforts between the community and the Police Department, we can work harmoniously towards achieving our annual objectives of crime reduction.

**Crime Update:**

Crime in the North Hills Area is currently down (-23%) from a year ago.

As members of our community, we earnestly appeal to you to foster an atmosphere of engagement and collaboration among your fellow community members. Encouraging their active involvement in community and neighborhood watch meetings is vital in our collective efforts to identify and address prevalent issues effectively. By doing so, we can enhance our capacity to identify problems and work collaboratively towards their resolution.

**Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A61.**

North Hills Neighborhood Council Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month.

Your invited to our Summer Night Lights where all Senior Lead Officers will be attending. Mission Divisions PAL center will be open Tuesday’s and Thursday’s throughout the summer.
Senior Lead Officer Sean Smith #35183
Los Angeles Police Department
Mission Area
Basic Car Area 19A75
Office Line (818) 838-9842
Cell Phone (818) 442-3183

Crime Trends/Statistics:
Burglaries have continued to along the Van Nuys corridor between Nordhoff and Plummer. Although I have seen an increase in Robberies, most of the suspects have been identified or are in custody. Please remember to lock and secure your vehicles and park in well-lit streets. If you see graffiti or homeless encampments, please use the MYLA311 App or dial 311 to request services.

Crime Updates:
There has been an increase in robberies along the Woodman corridor and Van Nuys corridor. I have also noticed an increase in vehicle thefts on Tupper Street between Van Nuys and Terra Bella. If you see anything unusual, please call 911 or our Non-Emergency number to report any crime.

Crime Prevention Tips:
Remember to lock your doors and windows, don’t leave valuables in plain view, be aware of your surroundings, and report suspicious activity. To report any suspicious activity call LAPD non-emergency number (877) ASK-LAPD or call 911. If you have any questions or you want to become more involved within your community, please contacts me at (818) 442-3183 or (818) 838-9842. For additional information, please follow me on Nextdoor.com

Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A75:

Villa America Apartment Neighborhood Watch Meeting
9618 Van Nuys Blvd (First Tuesday of the Month at 5:00 pm)
Via Zoom

Hazeltine Neighborhood Watch
9008 Hazeltine Ave (Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm)

Tyrone Street/Katherine Ave Neighborhood Watch Meeting
8600 Hazeltine Ave (third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm)
The Panorama Rec Center

Panorama City Neighborhood Council Public Safety Meeting
The fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
Basic Car 19A79 ARLETA
Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware
Cell: 818-634-0624
Email: 34621@lapd.online

Crime Trends/Statistics:
Burglaries are down 37%, GTAdown 18%, and Robbery is down 16%. Property crime is down over 22% in Arleta area compared to last year 2022. Homicide is down by 100% YTD. Arleta area had an increase of Violent Crime by 4% YTD. If you see any encampments, graffiti or need assistance from city resources, please use the MYLA311 App or dial 311 to request services.

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File an LAPD Police Report online – lapdonline.org the following reports can be filed online: Theft, Lost Property, Theft/Burglary from a Motor Vehicle, Identity Theft, Non-Injury Hit& Run Traffic Collision, Annoying or Harassing phone calls, Vandalism.

If you’ve been a victim of identity theft you should take the following steps:
• Call the companies where you know the fraud occurred and let them know that someone stole your identity. Ask them to freeze the account so that no new purchases occur. Change passwords, logins, and pins for your accounts.
• Place a fraud alert on your accounts by contacting one of the three credit bureaus:
  o www.experian.com/fraudalert or by phone at (888) 397-3742.
  o www.transunion.com/fraud or by phone at (800) 680-7289
  o www.equifax.com/creditreportassistance or by phone (888) 766-0008
  • Get a free yearly credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com or call (877) 322-8228.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A79:
Arleta Neighborhood Council, 3rd Tuesday of the month
June 20, 2023 1830 HRS Branford Park Gym

Useful Numbers:
Council District 6 Office (Vacant)
9300 Laurel Canyon Bl, 2nd Floor
Sun Valley, Ca 91331
(818) 771-0236

Download MYLA311 APP
Basic Car Area 19A85  
Senior Lead Officer Antonio Martin  
Office: 818-838-9854  
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Email: 34796@lapd.online

Crime Trends/Statistics
Hello, my name is Antonio Martin, I Am the Senior Lead Officer for basic car area 19A85 (Panorama City). The borders for basic car 19A85 are the following: Nordhoff Street to the North, Roscoe Street to the South, Wakefield Avenue to the East, and the Pacoima Wash at Sepulveda Recreational Center to the West.

Crime Update
Our crime numbers continue to go down as the year goes on. We are seeing slight increases in Robberies (11%), Burglaries (11%) and Aggravated assaults (25%). Violent crime is up for the year (Up 16%) but is starting to trend downwards. Crime is down significantly in all other categories. Don’t be a victim, make sure to be aware of your surroundings. If you see something suspicious, call 911.

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  - www.equifax.com/creditreportassistance or by phone (888) 766-0008
- Get a free yearly credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com or call (877) 322-8228.

Graffiti Removal can be reported via My311 app. It will allow you to monitor the status of the report made and you will receive an email with the final disposition.

Stay Informed
Another way to stay informed is by signing up for the Nixle service, Nextdoor, and Twitter. They are free and they help you receive critical information. Sign up at www.nixle.com and look for “LAPD Mission.”
Upcoming Events
Community Engagement Dates to be announced.

Community/Neighborhood Watch Meetings for Basic Car 19A85
Public Safety Council Meeting
3rd Thursday of the month via ZOOM

Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)
3rd Wednesday of every month via ZOOM

Panorama City Neighborhood Council Meeting
4th Thursday of the month via ZOOM

Katherine Neighborhood Watch
1st Tuesday of the month.
**Senior Lead Officer Daniel Ruelas**

**Office Phone 818-838-9847**

**Cell Phone 213-706-7045**

I would like to thank everyone for being involved and making your communities safer. Please invite your neighbors to attend the neighborhood watch meetings and become involved. Be safe and always be aware of your surroundings. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING...

**Crime Trends**

Overall crime is down 1.0% year to date. Robberies are up 10.5% and aggravated assaults are up 32.4%. We are down in crime in all other categories. Please report any suspicious activity. The Mission Detectives are working hard to solve these crimes. If you have any information that could help us find these criminals, please contact the Detective front desk at 818-838-9810.

Please lock your vehicles and park in a well lit area when possible. If you have a garage or a secured parking spot, please park your vehicles there. Burglary form Motor Vehicles and Grand Theft Autos are a major issue in Basic Car A93. Take all and any precautions to secure your vehicle as best as you can.

Burglary/Thefts from motorvehicles in most cases can be prevented. Don’t leave your valuables in plain sight including documents with your information.

Inspect your credit report. Credit reports contain information about you, including what accounts you have and your bill paying history. The law requires the major nationwide consumer reporting companies (Equifax, Experian and Transunion) to give you a free copy of your credit report each year if you ask for it. Experts tell me to use a different company every 4 months, utilizing the free service three times a year. [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228

As everyone knows, Mission has seen an influx of homeless encampments. Several organizations have offered outreach to the homeless. Some of the homeless refuse these services and choose to live in those conditions. Some of these individuals contribute to the spike in crime in the area. Please notify myself or City Council if you see an encampment so we can address it as soon as possible.

**At Home**

- Make an inspection of your residence’s exterior in the daytime and at night and note areas where someone can hide. Trim bushes and trees to remove hiding places and add exterior lighting.
- Lock your doors and windows and set your alarm every time you leave.
- Check to make sure the contents of your residence are not visible from outside.
- Put an interior light on a timer so your residence is not dark when you are out.
- Put a lock on your gate
• Remember to bring in your trash cans on trash days. Trash cans left outside tell burglars no one is home
• Secure your vehicles and do not leave anything in plain sight including documents. LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT.

Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood by calling the LAPD non-emergency number at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273). Please share this information with family and friends.

**Upcoming Meetings**

June 29, 2023 @ 1730 hrs

Vecinos Meeting

14705 Blythe St

June 22, 2023 @ 1830 hrs

Panorama City Neighborhood Council Meeting

8610 Van Nuys Blvd

**Upcoming Events**

**Mission Ride to Remember**

July 23, 2023 @ 6:30 AM

11121 N. Sepulveda Blvd

Mission Hills, CA 91345

The LAPD continues to do our best to protect and serve the citizens of Los Angeles but we can use your help. Having a neighborhood watch could prevent crime from occurring in your area. Be a good neighbor. Call me for details.

*You can now follow us on FACEBOOK at “@LAPDMission19”*