

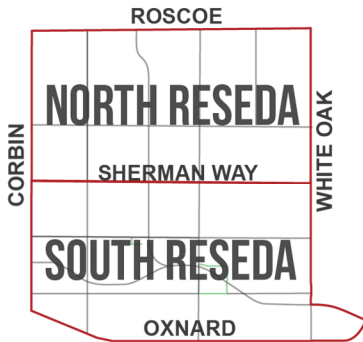


LAPD WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Reseda Neighborhood
Watch Meeting
7 P.M.
2nd Thurs of the month
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West Valley Community
Police Advisory Board
6:30 P.M.
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Greetings Reseda!!

We have been working hard this month addressing your concerns. Our enforcement efforts continue to be focused on addressing our violent crimes, and reducing our property crimes.

In the month of January, there was a total of (73) crimes reported in North Reseda, and (87) reported in South Reseda. Of those crimes, (45) were Burglaries from Motor Vehicles, (14) were Burglaries, (40) were Stolen Vehicles, (27) were Thefts, (20) were Aggravated Assaults, and (11) were Robberies.

Most of these crimes have been occurring close to or on our major thoroughfares. Property crime continues to occur more often between the hours of midnight and 6 AM. Family violence is most often the cause of our violent crime, and tends to occur throughout the course of the day.

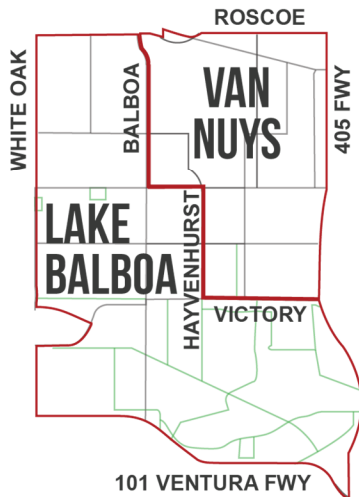
Community involvement is very important to us. This year, we would like to focus on increasing the number of neighborhood watch groups, empowering our community members with knowledge, and more importantly improving the quality of life for Reseda residents by bringing down crime. The key to accomplishing our goals is YOU!

The best way for you to help us reach these goals is simply to communicate with us. Let us know what is happening in your neighborhood. This can be done easily via phone or E-mail. We understand that life gets busy and family comes first, so this is an easy way that you can help from the comfort of your home.

Report suspicious people or activities occurring in your neighborhood. You can do this by calling the LAPD Non-emergency line, **1-877-ASK-LAPD (10877-257-5273)** for non-emergency situations. In the event of an emergency, or if you see a crime in progress, call **9-1-1**.

If you encounter something suspicious but are not sure whether it requires police presence, call the police anyway. We would rather receive multiple calls concerning the same incident, than no calls at all. Let us investigate and determine if a crime has occurred or not. In addition to that, please notify your Senior Lead Officer. We would love to hear from you and remain updated on the events occurring in your neighborhood.

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The new year has brought in some changes. Lake Balboa has had the good fortune of working with Senior Lead Officer Ham for the last 15 years. Now, they will have the pleasure of working with Senior Lead Officer Parra.

Senior Lead Officer Parra is going to be an asset to Lake Balboa due to her experience and enthusiasm to address the issues that are of concern to this community. Having said that, one of the biggest challenges that Lake Balboa and Van Nuys must take on this year is the growing homeless population.

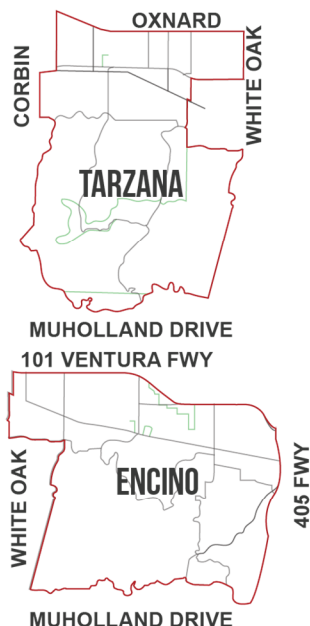
Over the last several months there have been many changes in the laws that govern how we as a police department deal with transients. As many of you may have seen, there was a lot of commotion in the Sepulveda Basin during the recent storms. Although we have made it a habit to attempt to provide resources to the homeless population in Van Nuys and Lake Balboa, it is difficult to get a lot of them to accept it. The old saying goes: "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink." This applies to a lot of our habitual homeless.

So now, under our new set of LAMC, we are able to cite and arrest the habitual homeless people who refuse to take services and who refuse to leave a location when trespassing. LAMC 85.02 and 56.11 are the two new laws that allow us to enforce as a last resort. There is also a map of where homeless people can live in their vehicles throughout the city. To access this map, visit: <https://www.lacity.org/for-residents/popular-services/comprehensive-homeless-strategy-implementation/los-angeles-municipal>.

In addition to that, it is projected that in the later part of February the San Fernando Valley will have their very own "Strike Team". A "Strike Team" is a team of personnel from the Bureau of Sanitation that specializes in cleaning up encampments. The Strike team works in conjunction with the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority and our LAPD H.O.P.E units.

Remember that community involvement is crucial to reducing crime and improving quality of life. Please do not hesitate to report suspicious activity to the police and use MyLA 3-1-1 for all other city related issues.

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Crime Trends/Statistics

During the months of January & February, 2017, our burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles showed to be on a slight increase. **Let me remind you that most of our home burglaries occur during daytime hours.**

Please remember to lock & secure your home. Get a camera system and use your home alarm system. Put locks on your backyard gates and, if possible, install a deadbolt key lock on your front door. In regard to securing your vehicle, don't leave valuables in plain sight. Lock your car and activate your car's alarm system. If you can put your car in your garage, please do so. Remember: "LOCK IT, HIDE IT, KEEP IT".

Report any suspicious persons or activity seen in the area by calling the LAPD non-emergency phone number: **1-877-ASK-LAPD** (1-877-257-5273). If you see a crime in progress, dial **9-1-1**. Working together, we can make your neighborhoods safer.

Upcoming Community/Neighborhood Events

During February 2017, Neighborhood Watch Meetings will commence as usual. Please note that most Neighborhood Watch Meetings for the Encino/Tarzana area fall on the **2nd Tuesday of the month**, starting between **6:30 - 7:00 PM**, at the **West Valley Community Police Station Community Room**, unless specified otherwise.

If you would like to schedule a meeting in your neighborhood separate from the regularly scheduled meetings, please contact your Senior Lead Officer.

Upcoming Meeting Schedules:

- Neighborhood Watch Meeting -- Tuesday, Feb 7th @ 7:00 PM at the West Valley Community Police Station (19020 Vanowen St, Reseda)
- Tarzana Neighborhood Council Meeting (fourth Tuesday of every month) -- Tuesday, Feb 21st @ 7:00 PM at 5726 Topeka Dr, Tarzana
- Encino Neighborhood Community Council Meeting (fourth Wednesday of every month) -- Wednesday, Feb 22nd @ 7:00 PM at 4935 Balboa Blvd, Encino

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your neighborhood, feel free to contact your Senior Lead Officers via E-mail.