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What can I do about CRIME in my neighborhood?

Your deputies at San Dimas Station want to share with you some recent crime trends to protect your home, cars, property and family.

In Los Angeles County, overall crime decreased in the second month of 2013 compared to 2012, and the 5 year decrease in overall crime continues. However, some recent crime trends bring to light some important facts that can help prevent you from becoming a victim.

Got stuff? In your car? Don't be an easy target for opportunist thieves.

Laptops, purses, iPads, portable navigation, and other electronic devices continue to be popular targets. A surprising fact about recent thefts from vehicles: Many people leave valuables in plain sight, or keep their cars unlocked. Keeping items hidden, or secured in the trunk (or in your house) can prevent opportunist thieves from gaining access to your valuables. Don't forget to lock your car, but remember that car windows won't stop a determined thief.

**Knock knock. Who's there? Maybe a burglar!
Neighbors can keep each other safe.**

A long-time method used by burglars has become more common in the areas we patrol: A stranger knocks at the door. They might ask for a person who does not live at the residence, or offer a service for which they have no license. If no one answers, after a quick look around, the burglar or his friends enter through a rear window or door, often by smashing a window to gain access. What can you do? If you're home, answer the door, or at least make noise to send a message that someone is home. Watch for solicitors in your neighborhood and ask for a business license... or call us, and we'll ask them! Any legitimate sales person will carry identification. If you encounter unlicensed solicitors, persons asking random questions at your door, or unfamiliar vehicles in your neighborhood, call your Sheriff's Station. The City of San Dimas Municipal Code and the Los Angeles County Code of Ordinances requires most solicitors to obtain and carry a business license.

About us

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department San Dimas Station provides law enforcement services to the City of San Dimas, as well as the unincorporated areas of Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Glendora, La Verne and Pomona, as well as the mountain areas of Los Angeles County near Mt. Baldy Village, Glendora, Azusa, Highway 39, Crystal Lake, and the Angeles National Forest. We serve 105,000 residents in an area encompassing 276 square miles.

More info on [our web site](#):

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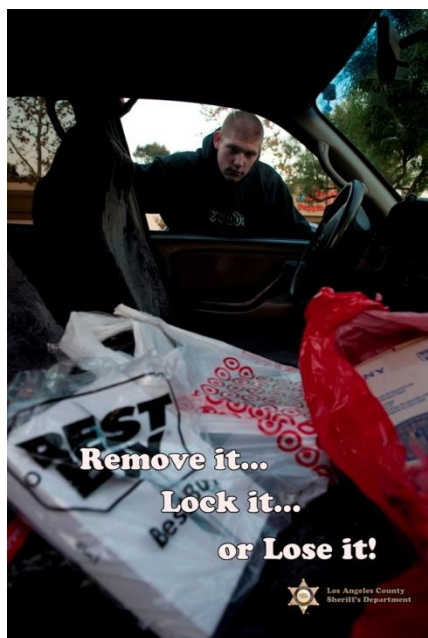
or call us at (909)450-2700.

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What to do before a crime occurs.

Look out for your neighbors!. Get to know one another, and form your own informal neighborhood watch. Report suspicious persons and vehicles in your neighborhood to the Sheriff's Department at (909)450-2700. If you become the unfortunate victim of theft, it will be important to accurately describe and identify any stolen items. Keep records of your valuables (with serial numbers!) such as electronics, bicycles, power tools, cameras, and other items popular among thieves. Write down brand, model numbers and serial numbers of items when you purchase them; packing boxes and instruction manuals often contain this information. Photograph jewelry and other non-serialized valuables. To form a larger neighborhood watch in your neighborhood, contact the Crime Prevention office at San Dimas Station at (909)450-2763. To report in-progress crimes and other emergencies, call 9-1-1. To report suspicious activities, past crimes, disturbances, or other routine matters, please call the San Dimas Station at (909)450-2700. To help prevent car burglaries, PLEASE always lock your car doors and do not leave property that looks valuable in plain sight in your car.



Crime Statistics for Los Angeles County and your area

119 pages of details showing preliminary reported crime statistics for the unincorporated communities and 42 contract cities policed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department can be found at www.lasd.org. Visit the "Crime Prevention and Information" page or access them directly at http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1_148405.pdf

These include year to date (YTD) February 2013 preliminary reported crime statistics compared to 2012, and compared to five years ago (2008). Reported crimes for each sheriff's station and city include homicides, robberies, burglaries, etc. To review the statistics, open

the file, right click with your computer mouse and use the search engine:

http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1_148405.pdf

As of the end of February 2013, preliminary reported crime data shows that reported overall incidents of violent crimes (Part 1) have decreased **14.66** percent, and serious property crimes reported (Part I) have increased by **3.40** percent in Sheriff's patrol areas

countywide, compared to last year at this time. These numbers combine to show a 0.23 percent increase in overall Part I crimes.

In comparison, the 5 year (2013/2008) change in YTD crime rate for February, preliminary reported crime data shows that reported overall incidents of violent crimes reported (Part 1) have decreased by 30.50 percent, and serious property crimes reported (Part 1) have decreased by 8.31 percent in Sheriff's patrol areas countywide, compared to a five year period. These numbers combined to show a 12.48 percent decrease in overall Part 1 crimes.

As of the end of February 2013, preliminary reported crime data shows that criminal homicides slightly increased in Sheriff's patrol areas (27 YTD in 2013 compared to 22 YTD in 2012), and have decreased by 18.18% (32 homicides) compared to five years ago (2008). 2011 had the lowest homicide rate (allowing for population changes) in Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patrol areas since 1965.

Population source for crime rates per 10,000 population: 2001- 2009 population projections from the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) Office of Urban Research and California Department of Finance. 2011 and 2012 Year-To-Date (YTD) population source from the 2010 United States Census Population count.

Note: The LASD East Los Angeles Station has policed the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles and the city of Commerce for many years. Beginning July 1, 2010, East Los Angeles Station added the policing of the cities of Maywood and Cudahy. This should be considered when comparing 2011/2012 crime statistics to 2007.

To view the LASD 1960-2010 homicides and ratios, and 1960-2010 charts of Part 1 crimes and rates on the official website of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (<http://www.lasd.org>), click on the following link:

http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/media/detail?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/lasd+content/lasd+site/home/home+top+stories/homicide_rate_declines_2010

You do not need to wait to see the monthly crime statistics summary. Continuously available expanded crime mapping for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patrol areas is available at www.Crimemapping.com and www.lasd.org at:

<http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/crimeprevention/>

Partner to prevent or report crime by contacting your local sheriff's station. Or, if you wish to remain anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org> .

To access the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) national Online Tool that makes decades of crime statistics research easier, go to:

http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd!/ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gLAWgwcjfdDPw9Hf3dAswNjcyCDLRDwfpwK3CyRwib4ADOBro-3nk56bqF2Rnpzk6KioCAMV4niQ!/dl3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfOTAwMEdPQIMyRzZNOTBJQ1Q2S1Y0UDFPMzA!/?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/wps/wcm/connect/lasd+content/lasd+site/home/home+top+stories/fbi_crime_tool

and logon to the following links: UCR Data Tool; Crime Statistics; Uniform Crime Reporting Program; Crime in the United States, 2009.

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