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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Please come out and help shape the future of your community.

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council: General meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Marvin Braude Constituents Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA.

Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council: General meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Valley College, located at 5800 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, CA.

Valley Glen Neighborhood Association: General meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of every even numbered month at 7:00 p.m., at Concorde College located at 12412 Victory Blvd., Classroom 003.

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council: General meeting is the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at Sherman Oaks Elementary School located at 14755 Greenleaf Street.

Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce: General meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Devry Building located at 15301 Ventura Blvd.

Sherman Oaks Homeowners' Association: General meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at Notre Dame High School located at 13645 Riverside Drive.

Van Nuys Clergy Council Meeting: General meeting is the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m., at the Church on the Way, 14424 Sherman Way.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain and starting a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood, please call your Senior Lead Officer at their number below for further details.



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WHO TO CONTACT

For crimes in progress dial: 911.

To report any suspicious activity or persons call the Los Angeles Police Department Non-Emergency phone number at: **877-ASK-LAPD (877-275-5273)**.

Keep our community clean! Call: 311 or visit <http://lacity.org/MyLA311/index.htm> to report graffiti, bulky items on the street or sidewalks, and shopping carts in the area. You can also download the MyLA311 Smartphone Mobile Application to submit your report. Keeping the streets clean shows the criminals that we have pride in our community and we will not tolerate their activities.

If you would like information on resources available to support or counsel victims of domestic violence, call the City of Los Angeles “**211**” support number (option 7) or www.211LA.org.

For more information about domestic violence see the LAPD webpage, where you will find online information and resources go to: http://www.lapdonline.org/get_informed/content_basic_view/8893.

Also, you can contact The National Domestic Violence Hotline (**800-799-7233**) and Domestic Abuse Center, 14402 Haynes St., Van Nuys, CA 91401; (**818**) **904-1700** (not a 24-hour hotline)

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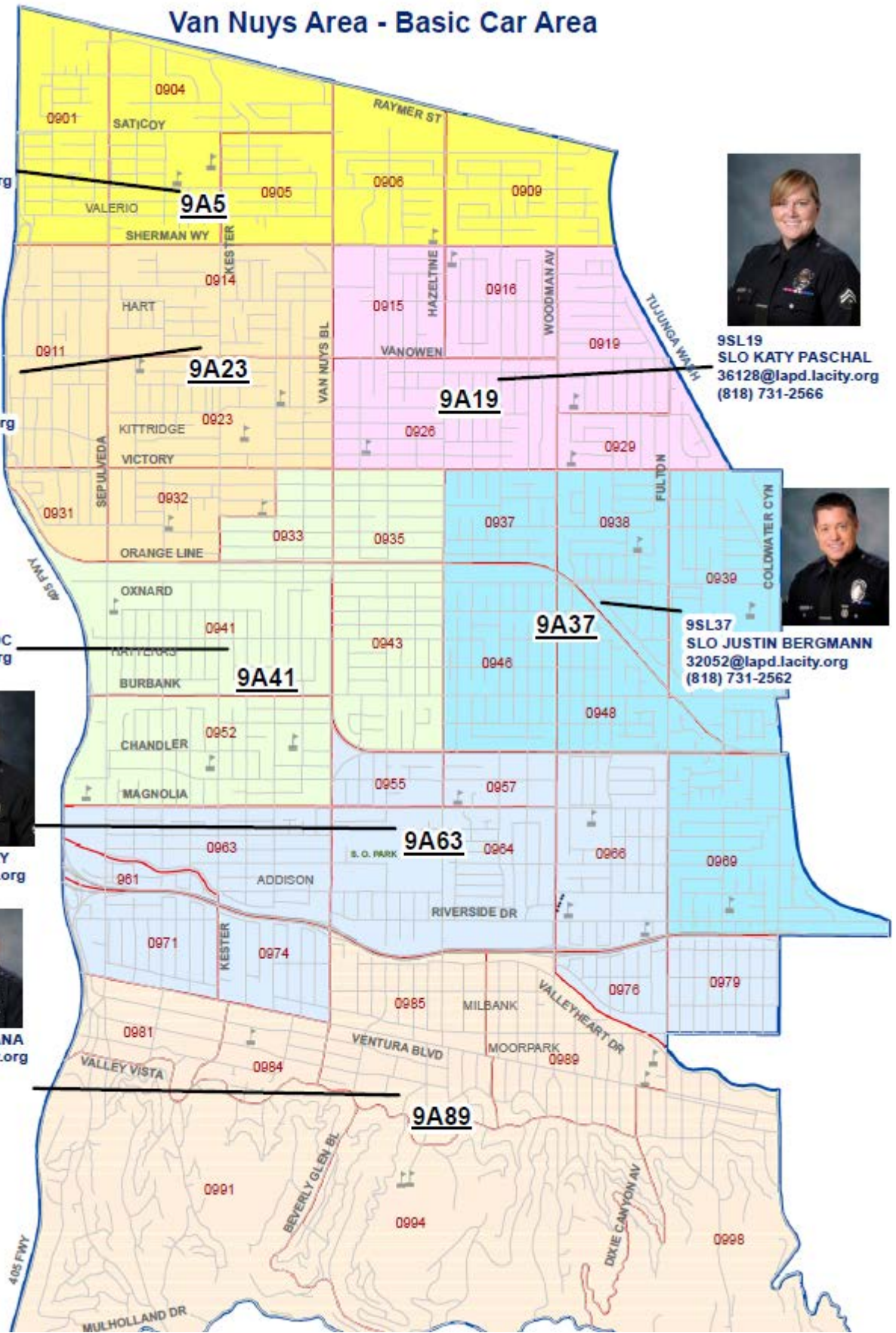
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Crime Update

Part I Crimes are divided into two categories - Violent and Property. **Violent Crimes** include Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assaults. **Property Crimes** include Burglary (residential and commercial), Grand Theft Auto, Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles, and Personal/Other Thefts.

**all crimes are compared against the previous year YTD*
Crime Statistics as of February 11, 2017

Basic Car 9A5: Senior Lead Officer John Bailey
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Basic Car A5 has seen a small decrease (-1%) in Part I crimes. Burglaries are down -46.2%, Aggravated Assaults are down -50.0%, as well as, Personal/Other thefts being down -9.4%. Both Grand Theft Autos (+9.5%) and Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles (43.8%) are up.

Basic Car 9A19: Senior Lead Officer Katy Paschal
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Basic Car A19 has started the year with +5.5% total increase in Part I Crimes. That equates to four (4) more crimes than this time last year (77 versus 73). Grand Theft Autos are down -52.2% while Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles are up +47.4%. Burglaries (residential and commercial) are up +50% (9 crimes versus 6 last year YTD). Aggravated Assaults are also down by -36.4%. Personal/Other Thefts are up by +62.5% (13 versus 10), as well as, Robberies which are up +100% (8 crimes versus 4).

Basic Car 9A23: Senior Lead Officer Erika Kirk
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Basic Car A23 has seen a significant drop (-11.8%) in Part I Crimes. Burglaries, Robberies, and Aggravated Assaults are down at least -40%. Grand Theft Autos continue to be an issue as we have seen a +15.4% increase (which is only a 2 crime increase over last year).

Basic Car 9A37: Senior Lead Officer Justin Bergmann
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Basic Car A37 has seen a slight increase in Total Part I Crimes (+1.6%). Robberies (-80%), Aggravated Assaults (-50%), and Burglaries (54.5%) are all down YTD in comparison to last year. Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles is the biggest issue right now with an increase YTD of 89.5% (36 versus 19 crimes last year).

We are seeing an increase in garage burglaries. In some cases, garage doors are being left open and/or unlocked. This includes garage rear or side doors. Please remember to always keep every part of your residence locked and secured, including your garage. Also, it is highly recommended to not leave your car keys or other valuables inside your vehicle when left in the garage. Lastly, if your garage is attached to your house, please ensure that the interior door remains locked as well.

Basic Car 9A41: Senior Lead Officer Tony Cabunoc
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Basic Car A41 is up slightly so far this YTD with an increase of +2% in Total Part I Crimes. We have seen a -37.5% decrease in Burglaries and -16.2% decrease in Personal/Other Theft. The area is up +45.5% in Grand Theft Autos, +57.1 in Aggravated Assaults, and +6.7% in Burglary/Thefts from Motor Vehicles. The largest increase right now is in Robberies with an increase of +300% (4 crimes versus 1 compared to last year this time).

Basic Car 9A63: Senior Lead Officer Trent Berry

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Basic Car A63 is currently experiencing an increase in residential burglaries and Grand Theft Auto. In addition, we are also experiencing activity with regards to vehicle break-ins during the late night hours. Please be mindful of this and properly secure your vehicles and remove all valuables from inside. Please continue to track your packages when ordering on-line and make arrangements to be home or have a trusted neighbor receive the package. This will help to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft.

Basic Car 9A89: Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana

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Basic Car A89 is up a total +24.4% in Part I Crimes YTD. The area has seen the largest increase in Burglaries (+94.1%, 33 crimes versus 17 last year YTD), and Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles (+58.3% 38 versus 24 crimes). The largest decreases have been in the areas of Robberies (-75%) and Grand Theft Auto (-60%). Personal/Other Thefts have seen a decrease of -8%.

Crime Prevention Tips

- **LOCK YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS** when you leave the house. Close your blinds/drapes so no one can see into your house. Keep every part of your residence locked and secured, including your garage.
- **DON'T LEAVE EXPENSIVE ITEMS OUT.** Put them in a drawer, safe, or somewhere else out of sight.
- **TAKE YOUR ELECTRONIC ITEMS OUT OF YOUR CAR!** Your cell phones, computer tablets, other portable electronics, and chargers.
- **LOCK YOUR CAR AND PARK IT IN A GARAGE OR LIGHTED AREA.** Make it difficult to get into your car. If it is outside, make your car as visible as possible.
- **IF YOU'RE HOME AND SOMEONE KNOCKS OR RINGS YOUR DOORBELL, DO NOT IGNORE IT.** Would be burglars like to knock to determine if someone is home before attempting to break in. So, please make sure you verbally acknowledge the person without opening the door. If you have not invited someone to your home, you should not open the door for them.
- In this day and age, video cameras are becoming an affordable option to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim. Please consider this option to protect your home.