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March 8, 2013

The figures for serious crimes in the Topanga area are listed below for the month of February 2013.

I. CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME	CURRENT	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery				
Armed	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary				
Residential	1	1	5	-4
Business	0	0	1	-1
Garage/Out-Building	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	1	1	0	1
Theft				
Grand (S400 +)	1	1	3	-2
Petty	1	1	2	-1
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	0	0
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence Felony	0	0	0	0
Total Part I Crimes	4	4	11	-7
Percent Change				-63.6%
Domestic Violence Misdemeanor	2	2	1	1

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II. NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

A residential burglary was reported in the 900 block of Fernwood Pacific Drive. The residence is under construction and did not have a door hung in the front door frame. There was a large plank of wood and a mattress against the door frame. Person(s) unknown entered the location by pushing aside the wood and mattress. U.S. currency was taken from a shelf. (13-00859)

A theft incident which occurred between October and November 2012 was reported this month. A purse, wallet, and phone cover were taken from the victim's bedroom. (13-00582)

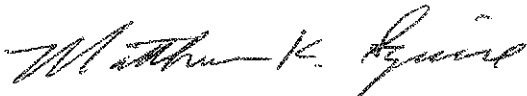
A vehicle burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Fernwood Pacific Drive. The vehicle's window was smashed to gain entry. Property inside the victim's purse was taken (debit cards, U.S. currency, a watch, sunglasses, jewelry, and cell phone). No suspect(s) seen or heard. (13-00807)

A theft occurred in the 1800 block of Tuna Canyon. Person(s) unknown stole a mailbox which was located at the bottom of the location's driveway. (13-00992)

Two incidents of domestic violence were reported this month. One incident occurred in the 21400 block of Entrada Road. The suspect was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend during an argument. The other incident occurred in the 1700 block of Topanga Skyline Drive. The suspect fled the location after assaulting his girlfriend. The investigation continues. (13-00949, 01050)

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF



Matthew K. Squire, A/Captain
Malibu/Lost Hills Station

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTOFFICE CORRESPONDENCEDATE March 09, 2013
FILE NO.

FROM: TUI O. WRIGHT, SERGEANT
MALIBU/LOST HILLS STATION

TO: MATTHEW K. SQUIRE, A/CAPTAIN
MALIBU/LOST HILLS STATION

SUBJECT: UNINCORPORATED AREA RESERVE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY

Reserve Deputies assigned to Malibu/Lost Hills Station provide a variety of functions within each of our contract cities. In addition to hours deployed in the field, additional administrative hours are included. These administrative hours include such things as critical training, report writing, court appearances, and other reserve staff management activities in support of field deployment. Below are the hours dedicated to the unincorporated areas within our jurisdiction:

Uniform Patrol	273
Malibu Search and Rescue	257
Administrative Support	<u>1479</u>
TOTAL	2009

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES:**02-02-13**

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded a trail regarding two missing hikers.

02-03-13

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Cheeseboro Trail regarding a downed bicyclist.

02-08-13

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Old Topanga Canyon Road regarding a vehicle over the side.

02-16-13

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Kanan Road regarding a vehicle over the side.

02-17-13

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Backbone Trail regarding an injured hiker.

02-17-13

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Escondido Falls regarding an injured child.

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Community Crime Prevention Tips

GET WISE ABOUT WIRELESS

[Super] [Cyber] [Smart]

Remember These Three Words and Have Fun With your Wireless Device!

Wireless devices present lots of advantages for today's on-the-go young people, and young cell phone users also need to be cyber smart. Both kids and their parents need to be super cyber aware and discuss the tips for kids and the answers to the quiz presented below.

Here are some tips to remember:

- Know who is texting or calling you.
- Know what not to send. The impact of words or pictures can be harmful.
- Know whether you should respond. If you receive a word or text message that makes you feel uncomfortable, tell a parent or a trusted adult.

Your cell phone is supposed to be used to:

- Help you get in touch with your friends and family.
- Summon help in an emergency.
- Get information you need anytime.

Take control of your own safety by:

- Programming your family and friends' numbers into your phone.
- Knowing whom to contact in case of an emergency
- Not answering calls from people you don't know.
- Not replying to inappropriate text messages.
- Being courteous when talking and texting, because aggressive behavior online and on phones can have serious consequences.

QUIZ:

- Your friend tells you about a cool new game that you can download on your cell phone. You
(a) find the link on the internet and download the game;
(b) ask your parents first because there may be a change to your account; or

(c) give your friend your phone and have him download the game for you.

- You receive a picture message from a classmate that makes you feel uncomfortable. You
(a) send back a text message telling him to leave you alone.
(b) show your parent when you get home; or
(c) send it to a friend and ask what he or she thinks.

- You receive an inappropriate text message from someone you don't know. You
(a) respond to the text;
(b) ignore it and hope it does not happen again; or
(c) don't respond and take your phone to a parent or other trusted adult.

- Your friends are sending around an embarrassing picture message of a classmate. You
(a) forward it when you receive it.
(b) ignore it - this kind of thing happens all the time; or
(c) tell your friends to stop this mean and inappropriate behavior.

- You receive a text message to meet someone you don't know. You
(a) respond and ask who it is
(b) don't respond and tell a parent or trusted adult; or
(c) go to meet the person, who sounds cool.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Shawn Brownell at (818) 878-3506.

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Community Crime Prevention Tips

HOME SECURITY - Invest In It Now

If you were locked out of your house, would you still be able to get in? Maybe you keep an unlocked window in the back, a hidden key in your mailbox or on top of a window ledge? You may think this is a good idea, but guess what? If you can break in, so can a burglar! One out of ten homes will be burglarized this year. For a small amount of time and money you can make your home more secure and reduce your chances of being a victim.

Many burglars will spend no longer than 60 seconds to try breaking into a home. Good locks -- and good neighbors who watch out for each other -- can be big deterrents to burglars.

Check The Locks

Did you know that in almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves simply breezed in through unlocked doors or crawled through unlocked windows?

- ✘ Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed dead bolt lock. Key-in-the knob locks alone are not enough.
- ✘ Sliding glass doors can offer easy access if they are not properly secured. You can secure them by installing commercially available locks or putting a broomstick or dowel in the inside track to jam the door. To prevent the door from being lifted off the track, drill a hole through the sliding door frame and the fixed frame. Then insert a pin in the hole.
- ✘ Lock double-hung windows with key locks or "pin" windows by drilling a small hole into a 45 degree angle between the inner and outer frames, then insert a nail that can be removed. Secure basement windows with grills or grates.
- ✘ Instead of hiding keys around the outside of your home, give an extra key to a neighbor you trust.
- ✘ When you move into a new house or apartment, re-key the locks.

Check The Doors

A lock on a flimsy door is about as effective as locking your car door but leaving the window down.

- ✘ All outside doors should be metal or solid wood.
- ✘ If your doors don't fit tightly in their frames, install weather stripping around them.
- ✘ Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door. Door chains break easily and don't keep out intruders.

Check The Outside

Look at your house from the outside. Make sure you know the following tips:

- ✘ Thieves hate bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night.
- ✘ Keep your yard clean. Prune back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that a thief could use to climb to an upper-level window.

- ✘ Clearly display your house number so police and other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.
- ✘ If you travel, create the illusion that you're at home by getting some timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening. Lights burning 24 hours a day signal an empty house.
- ✘ Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in normal positions. And don't let your mail or newspapers pile up! Call the post office and newspaper offices to stop delivery or have a neighbor collect it.
- ✘ Make a list of your valuables -- VCR's, stereos, computers, jewelry. Take photos of the items, list their serial numbers and descriptions. Check with law enforcement about engraving your valuables through Operation Identification.
- ✘ Ask local law enforcement for a free home security survey.

Consider An Alarm

Alarms can be a good investment, especially if you have many valuables in your home, or live in an isolated area or one with a history of break-ins.

- ✘ Check with several companies before you buy so you can decide what level of security fits your needs. Do business with an established company and check references before signing a contract.
- ✘ Learn how to use your system properly! Don't "cry wolf" by setting off false alarms. People will stop paying attention and you'll probably be fined.
- ✘ Some less expensive options . . . a sound-detecting socket that plugs into a light fixture and makes the light flash when it detects certain noises, motion sensing outdoor lights that turn on when someone approaches, or lights with photo cells that turn on when it's dark, and off when it's light.

Burglars Do More Than Steal

Burglars can commit rapes, robberies, and assaults if they are surprised by someone coming home or pick a home that is occupied.

- ✘ If something looks questionable -- a slit screen, a broken window or an open door -- don't go in. Call the police from a neighbor's house or a public phone.
- ✘ At night, if you think you hear someone breaking in, leave safely if you can, then call police. If you can't leave, lock yourself in a room with a phone and call police. If an intruder is in your room, pretend you are asleep.
- ✘ Guns are responsible for many accidental deaths in the home every year. Think carefully before buying a gun. If you do own one, learn how to store it and use it safely.

Tips Regarding Your Vehicles

- ✘ Always lock your vehicles
- ✘ Never keep any valuables in plain view, I.E., laptops, cell phones, brief cases, purses, etc.
- ✘ Don't leave your garage doors open.

There's More You Can Do

- ✘ Join a Neighborhood Watch group. If one doesn't exist, you can start one with help from local law enforcement.
- ✘ Never leave a message on your answering machine that indicates you may be away from home. Rather than saying, "I'm not at home right now," say, "I'm not available right now."
- ✘ Work with neighbors and local government to organize community clean-ups. The cleaner your neighborhood, the less attractive it is to crime.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Shawn Brownell at (818) 878-5506