

WHY CALL THE POLICE?

T A K E A C T I O N !

A critical component to stopping crime is for you to **CALL THE POLICE** when you observe something unusual, suspicious or even if something makes you feel uncomfortable. It sounds so simple but calls are not made nearly as frequently as they need to be. While the police spend their time patrolling our streets, they obviously cannot be everywhere at once. *Only with your call* will an officer be dispatched to check out a situation. *Only with your call* will an officer be able to stop a crime from being committed. *Only with your call* can you make a difference in the safety of your neighborhood. Ofc. Golf stresses this and assures us that we are not 'bothering' the police if we call. **They want and need us to call** so they can do the jobs they have been hired to do. Do not leave it to someone else to call. It is much better for the police to receive several calls about a situation than not to receive a single call; they cannot help if you do not call. **Please,**

CALL THE POLICE TO REPORT:**CRIME IN PROGRESS 911****SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 323-7911****GRAFFITI 217-9568 (provide address/location of the graffiti)****To provide info about a major crime 800-78CRIME (800-782-7463)****CITIZEN'S HANDBOOK**

- Accompanying this month's newsletter is the Citizen's Handbook. This is an important tool to help you recognize and report unusual activity. Everyone in the house should review this handbook and learn how to observe. If you need additional copies, please call your Area Coordinator (see 'Contact Information' in newsletter).

The essence of NW is not our monthly meetings, our guest speakers, or these newsletters. These elements help bring us together as a community and provide an opportunity to share our concerns and learn what actions we can take. However, the backbone of NW is completely and utterly dependent on you observing and reporting unusual activity or a crime. Following the guidelines in this handbook is all you really need to make NW work and, of course, to call the police!

FROM THE JUNE MEETING ...

- **Crime Overview.** Our area had little reported activity during the previous month, however, summer is typically a time of greater activity especially along Crenshaw. People stay out later on warmer nights and leaving your windows open when you are not home may keep your house cooler but it also makes your home vulnerable to intruders.
- **Traffic concerns** raised at the May meeting that speed limits are exceeded in our area prompted Ofc. Golf to set up a speed monitor on Van Ness on June 9 from 7:45AM to 7:30PM. During this time, 5,455 cars passed by, at speeds ranging from 9mph to 63mph, with the average speed being 32mph (35mph zone). Ofc. Golf will set up the speed monitor in other parts of our neighborhood. This is a helpful reminder to motorists to observe the speed limit and lets them know how they are driving in relation to that limit.
- **Illegal parking** at red zones and too close to crosswalks is another concern. Please be sure you and people who may be visiting you observe the parking restrictions.
- **Neighborhood Watch Signs** will be affixed to existing 'No Parking' and 'Street Sweeping' signs in our area. These will identify our area as a NW area, a warning to those who might consider committing crime here.
- **GPD Volunteer Program.** Barbara Warren presented information about the GPD Community Volunteer program. The GPD welcomes and trains qualified people in scheduled sessions throughout the year. From helping out at the station with office work to assisting with patrolling, there are many opportunities to volunteer if you are over the age of 21. The next training program starts in the Fall. The 24-hour information line is 217-6141.

- Training the swelling ranks of the GPD has kept people busy at the station, which is why Ofc. Semko (aka "The Traffic Man") was unable to attend our June meeting. We look forward to having him speak with us in the future and welcome the new police officers.

THANK YOU!

- Larry Shimabukuro, donated a box of trash bags that Josephine Bantigue and her housemates will use in cleaning up the alley in their area. She will gladly accept donated or lended rakes & brooms, so call her at her number listed below. Thank you for keeping those alleys clean!
- Mike Locano works at Marina Graphics Center and generously provided the printing of the newsletter.
- To our Area Coordinators for distributing the newsletter.
- To the men and women of the GPD who are in our neighborhood daily, watching out for us and our property.

Louise Stein, Block Captain Louise*GardenaCircle.com	You are a vital part of NW even if you cannot attend a meeting! I welcome your calls/emails and encourage you to contact me w/ your ideas for NW.
Officer Dave Golf 217-9670 Dgolf@gardenapd.org	Ofc. Golf is happy to hear from you and address your questions about crime or to discuss situations in the neighborhood. He is a great resource for us!
Area Coordinators	Call to offer your help distributing newsletters:
Jim Lopez	Area A: East side of Crenshaw to West side of Marigold; both sides 154th to North side of 156th
Les Suderman	Area B: East side of Marigold to West side of Purche; both sides of 154th to North side of 156th
Josephine Bantigue	Area C: East side of Purche to West side of Van Ness; both sides of 154th to North side of 156th
Stan Cabotaje	Area D: East side of Crenshaw to West side of Marigold; South side of 156th to North side of Manhattan Beach Blvd (MBB). If you are interested in taking over for this area for Stan, please call me.
Ingrid Tsukiyama	Area E: East side of Marigold to West side of Purche; South side of 156 to North side of MBB
Helen Stone	Area F: East side of Purche to West side of Van Ness; South side of 156 to North side of MBB

NEXT MEETING

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 17,
7:00 &endash; 8:30PM**

**FREEMAN CENTER at the end of
154th Street, just across Van Ness
SPECIAL GUESTS ... Ofc. Kang will
present 'Dan', one of the GPD's
trained police dogs. Learn about the
training and use of dogs in police
work.**

CONTACT INFO

**For crime-related matters, call one
of the following numbers:**



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GRAFFITI 217-9568
WeTIP 800-78CRIME (800-782-7463)



For ideas & issues regarding
GCNW contact:

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Safe neighborhoods don't just happen. Make the call!

