



Van Nuys Community Police Station

Serving: Sherman Oaks, Valley Glen and Van Nuys

http://www.lapdonline.org/van_nuys_community_police_station

Station info:

6240 Sylmar Ave
Van Nuys 91401
(818) 374-9500
(818) 785-6619 TDD/TTY

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 877-ASK-LAPD (275-5273)
Van Nuys Station Front Desk: (818) 374-9500
Area Detective Desk: (818) 374-0040

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee would be happy to help connect you with the neighborhood watch group on your block or help establish a new one.

Introduction: Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Crime Watch, Business Watch – whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear in your neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch Programs fight the isolation and separation that crime creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents and businesses, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is the cornerstone of the LAPD's crime prevention strategy. It enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in communities throughout the City.

The Neighborhood Watch program was pioneered by the Los Angeles Police Department to educate community residents regarding their roles and responsibilities in the prevention of crime, and to encourage them to take active measures to prevent crime. The program calls upon residents to step forward and assist the police in organizing the community into a cohesive unit working toward the goal of building a safer, crime-free neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch groups discuss neighborhood crime problems with the objective of developing solutions to local problems. Los Angeles Police Officers supply crime information to neighborhood watch organizations and instruct these groups in various crime prevention techniques.



Neighborhood Leads and Block Captains

The continuity and success of the Neighborhood Watch program hinges on the person referred to as the Neighborhood Lead or Block Captain. The Lead or Block Captain is a community member who acts as a liaison between those who work and/or live in a particular area, and the officers assigned to that area. Through the Lead or Block Captain, and through neighborhood meetings, officers pass along crime prevention tips and information to members of the community. This liaison is maintained on an informal basis within the framework of the Neighborhood Watch group.

What Neighborhood Watch Members Look For

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars
- Unusual noises
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or a business is closed
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly without apparent destination, or without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Any unusual activity or activities at unusual times

Report these incidents to the police department at the time of incident. Then notify your Block Captain or Watch Lead.

For life threatening emergencies or crime in progress, call 911.

To report suspicious activity as it is occurring, call non-emergency: 877-ASK-LAPD (5273). If the situation changes to a crime in progress after you've called non-emergency, you need to then call 911 to inform LAPD of the new situation.

How to Report

- Give your name and address
- Briefly describe the event - what happened, when, where, and who was involved.
- Describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as beard, mustache, scars, tattoos or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers, dents, or decals.
- To submit videos, please follow these directions: For all videos/photos to be sent to the specific Detective directly by email please indicate the following:
 - Date/Time of Footage
 - Crime Report Taken (yes or no)
 - Victim contact name and phone number (if applicable)
 - Location i.e., specific address if possible.
 - Person who took the video/photo and a contact number

Important Telephone Numbers

City-Wide Directory: 311

Parking Enforcement/Traffic Control (ie. blocked driveway, traffic light out): (818) 374-4823

Abandoned Vehicles: (800) ABANDON (222-6366)

Valley Traffic (over-sized vehicles, speeding): 818-644-8000

Illegal Dumping: (888)-8DUMPING or by emailing/texting dumping@ladpw.org

Councilmember David Ryu office (CD4): (818) 728.9924

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council: (818) 503-2399