

LAPD Crime Update & Crime Tips...

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I have been receiving complaints of individuals removing recyclables from their trash bins. A question was asked, if this activity is a crime? Yes, taking recyclables from the recyclable container is a crime of theft. Once a resident has placed the recyclables in the container they become property of the city. I know the economy has been hard, and we have seen an increase of this activity. Most of us will have our own opinions whether or not this activity truly is a crime. If this is a problem that you're experiencing, I suggest that you to tell (from a safe distance) the individuals to stay out of your bins. If you feel that the individual does not understand or does not want to listen, call for police. Our major problem criminal activity for our area is Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (BTFMV). **I ask everyone to remove all property of value from your vehicles.** Most criminals are opportunists and look for the easy target. If you are leaving a GPS, wallet, purse, or computer in plain sight in your vehicle, it is only a matter of time for you to become the next victim.

I have a **Basic Car Neighborhood Watch Meeting for our area on October 22, 2009.** The meeting will start at 7:00PM and will be at Saint John Eudes Church, located at 9901 Mason Avenue. At the Neighborhood Watch Meeting we will cover crime issues and concerns around the area. **On October 23rd and 24th Devonshire Division will be hosting the first Haunted Halloween Station from 6:00PM to 10:00PM.** The Devonshire Station is located at 10250 Etiwanda Avenue in Northridge. This will be a fun and safe time for all!