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ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

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**CRIME PREVENTION**

Rolling Hills Estates is among one of the safest communities in Los Angeles County, if not the state and the country. Not only is it safe, but the generally low levels of crime have remained steady over the past several years. That being said, it is important to remind ourselves from time to time of simple measures we can take to keep our community and our families safe.

Of primary concern to residents is always safety within their own homes and neighborhoods. In this regard, there are some things you can do. Know your neighbors, and be aware of the normal neighborhood activities so you can sense when something or someone looks out of place. Lock your doors and vehicles and leave nothing of value in plain sight inside your car. Start a Neighborhood Watch group. Also, be aware that your computer is a window into your home and your life. Be careful with personal information when on-line as identity theft is among the fastest growing crimes in the country.

While the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provides outstanding service to Rolling Hills Estates and our neighbors in Rolling Hills and Rancho Palos Verdes, it is important that our residents and merchants know that they too have a primary role in crime prevention and community safety. You will soon receive a mailer that provides simple, common sense steps you can take to reduce and prevent crime in our community. The most important message to take away from this informative mailer is: **"See Something, Say Something."**

Whether at home, or out and about on business or pleasure, be aware of your surroundings. If something doesn't look right, report it to the Lomita Sheriff Station at (310) 539-1661. For emergencies, call 911.

The City also continues to do its part in improving ways to protect our community. In the past, we have assisted the Sheriff's Department in the purchase of an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) equipped patrol unit, a mobile command unit for emergencies, off road units for patrol in our canyons, trails and open spaces, night vision equipment and other essential law enforcement technology.

Additionally, the City is taking an active role in promoting the Neighborhood Watch program, which is a national crime prevention community program bridging residents and public safety. In the coming months, the City Council will visit Homeowners' Association groups to discuss Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention and Emergency Preparedness among other important City-specific topics. The Sheriff's department will work as a close partner in this effort.

As the City continues its efforts to protect our community, we ask that you do your part as well.