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# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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let's watch out for each other

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## With Residents' Help **PVE Crime Rate Drops**

by Jeff Kepley, Police Chief

I am pleased to share with you that crime is significantly down in PVE! Our residents' crime prevention efforts and willingness to report suspicious activity is paying off. During the month of July, only one residential burglary was reported for the city. Happily, this was only an attempted burglary with no loss of property.

PVE continues to be among the safest cities around, ranking #7 safest city in California according to the website Safewise.com (www.safewise.com/blog/safest cities California 2016/).

Here is a summary of activity for July 2016:

**Arrest/Citations:** PVEPD officers made 55 arrests, issued 69 traffic citations, wrote 18 traffic warnings, and 152 parking citations. These

are meaningful consequences to offenders in our city. The PVEPD Communications Staff (Dispatchers), handled 2,168 phone calls/activities, many of which resulted in an officer being dispatched to handle an incident in the city.

**Response Times:** PVEPD officers responded to 81 Priority 1 calls (emergency/immediate response) with an average response time of 1 minute 44 seconds (South Bay average is about 5-6 minutes) and 410 Priority 2 calls (non-emergency/routine response) with an average response time of 4 minutes.

It's not just a slogan on the police cars, your PVEPD officers and PD staff are truly committed to this community!

Let's Pledge to be Prepared

- ❑ keep our eyes & ears open
- ❑ lock doors and windows
- ❑ close gates and garage doors
- ❑ get to know our neighbors
- ❑ report suspicious activity
- ❑ have an emergency plan

If we pledge together we can make a difference, sending a strong message to potential criminals that PVE is not the place they want to be.



## Disaster District Program (DDP)

The City of PVE has developed a comprehensive community based disaster preparedness and response program known as PVE Disaster District Program (DDP). With a select group of volunteers the program is designed to increase disaster readiness and survivability at the neighborhood level during a disaster. The program divides the City into 6 Disaster Districts, each equipped with a cache of equipment and supplies to support community responders. Managed by sworn Disaster Service Worker Volunteers under the City's Disaster Services Coordinator, the program integrates the resources of PVE's disaster services including area CERT members, Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team (NART), Disaster Service Workers (DSW) and the PVE Police Dept. Reserve Corps. To learn more about the city's Disaster District Program please contact the Community Relations Officer at (310) 378-4211 for more information.

## Annual Meeting Nov 6

### Hot Topic: Home Security Tips

Join us at the Neighborhood Watch Annual Meeting from 3-5pm at PVE City Hall where we will be discussing **Home Security Tips**, along with other important community topics. Many residents have been asking questions about alarm and camera systems for their homes. We will be providing information to help you make a more educated decision. Mark your calendars to attend and find out more.

## House Numbers Help

Seconds count when you call 911. Help our dispatch and emergency responders by making sure your house number is clearly marked and lighted--even painted on the curb--so your home can be found quickly in the event of an emergency. When you call 911, be sure to provide special instructions if access to your driveway or front door is not obvious. If you have a secured gate, consider providing Police with the code so they will have it on file and can gain entry quickly for suspicious activity or emergencies.

## Trick or Treat!

Be prepared for a safe and fun Halloween this October 31 by following these simple safety reminders: Drive slowly. Watch for children running in the streets. Supervise kids who aren't old enough to trick-or-treat alone. Stay in a group and visit only trick-or-treat-friendly homes that have lights on and Halloween decorations. Don't go inside someone's house. Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see well.



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NW website: [www.pvenw.org](http://www.pvenw.org)

## President's Message:

By Larry Manth



A community that is prepared is much safer than a community that is not prepared. Prepared for what you may ask? That is the theme we chose for this newsletter. Prepared for crime, prepared for a disaster, prepared for anything that may come our way. For crime, Neighborhood Watch was formed to help the police catch the bad guys, hopefully before something happens. Having neighbors know each other and looking out for each other naturally leads

to a safer place to live. This not only helps in combatting crime, but also can help if a disaster strikes. Our community has done a great job connecting with one another and has an outstanding Police Chief and department meeting with residents discussing current events. Social media has also helped us to connect and stay alert with websites such as Nextdoor and Nixle. What have you done to be prepared?

## Being Prepared = Being Connected:

### Nextdoor.com

A private social network for neighbors to talk online about safety and local happenings.

### Nixle.com

Posts up-to-date information from local public safety departments & schools.

### PVENW.org

PVE Neighborhood Watch's website providing key information about neighborhood safety and membership. Find links to documents, articles and information to help you and your family be prepared.

### PVESTATES.org

PVE City website providing information about city government, history, city services, local news, community events, disaster preparedness and the environment.

## Traffic Stop Etiquette: What To Do If You Are Pulled Over by Police



**1) RED LIGHTS & SIREN:** If an officer activates their police car lights or siren requesting you to pull over, activate your turn signal, drive to the nearest safe location and pull over as far to the right as you can without delay. The officer may direct you off the roadway and into a parking lot. Calmly, slowly proceed as directed.

**2) IN THE CAR:** Remain seated and do not move around which may cause the officer to become concerned for their safety. Once stopped, turn off your motor, turn on interior

car lights (if it's dark). Roll down your window all the way (unless you are concerned for your safety) or just low enough to talk through until you're comfortable it is a legitimate officer, then roll it down all the way. Keep your hands on your steering wheel, and don't remove your seat belt. Do not search for your license, or reach in the glove box for your registration and insurance information or get out of the car unless directed.

**3) OFFICER APPROACHES:** Be courteous and polite. You may be asked if you know why you're being pulled over. If not sure, simply say, "I'm not sure" and then wait for the officer to explain. If you have disagreement over reason, speeding for example, you may discuss in a calm and civil manner, but do not become argumentative.

**4) OUT OF THE CAR:** If the officer has reasonable suspicion that you or your passengers could be a threat, or may have committed an offense worthy of further investigation, they have the right to ask you and your passengers to get out of the car. Comply with these directions and cooperate with the officer(s).

**5) RECEIVING A TICKET:** If you are issued a traffic citation, accept it. If you disagree, save the debate for court. Do not refuse to sign the citation which is a separate and arrest-able offense. Signing a citation is simply promising to appear in court and is not an admission of guilt. The officer's name and badge/ID number will be on the citation for your reference if needed.

**6) BACK ON THE ROAD:** When the officer tells you that you are free to go, don't forget to fasten your seat belt. Use your turn signal, be aware of approaching traffic, and know that the officer will let you drive away first as to ensure your safety re-entering traffic. Merge safely.

*This article is assembled from various sources that seemed to provide some common sense information to keep us safe and prepared.*

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

For 2016, the #Pink Patch Project has grown into a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Chiefs' of Police Association and 24 Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies, including the PVE Police Department. Police officers at each of the participating agencies will wear these specially designed pink patches on their regular police uniforms for the entire month of October.

The pink patches are to stimulate awareness about the on-going fight against this disease and importance of early detection. You may purchase these special pink patches, pink patch T-shirts and other commemorative items directly from the PVE PD by contacting Officer Rebecca Garcia at [rgarcia@pvestates.org](mailto:rgarcia@pvestates.org) or (310) 378-4211.

Money raised from the sale of these items will go directly to fund the research, treatment and education needed to help find a cure. To view the items for sale, visit the City's website: [pvestates.org/services/police-department/pink-patch-project](http://pvestates.org/services/police-department/pink-patch-project).



## Great Turnout at National Night Out

On August 2, 2016, cities nationwide celebrated National Night Out (NNO). Palos Verdes Estates joined in with their annual celebration, which included caravan stops throughout the city. NNO provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors as one way of keeping our neighborhoods safe from crime. A special "thank you" to everyone who held a party and to all who attended and supported our 2016 NNO. Thank you to our City's representatives: Mayor Jennifer King, Council Members Jim Goodhart, John Rea, Betty Lin Peterson, James Vandever and City Manager Tony Dahlerbruch. In addition, appreciation to the Police representatives Chief Jeff Kepley, Captain Valez, Sgt. Hellinga, CRO Herrera, Officer McGruff and representatives from our LA County fire department.



# A Personal View of VIPS and Parkland Rangers by Cindy Sattler



My experience as a PVE Volunteer-in-Patrol-Service and Patrol Ranger satisfies my long-standing drive to assist my community. As a PVE resident since 1986, my husband and I, in the past, have benefitted from the PVE Police Department Courtesy Vacation Checks when away from home for extended periods. I want to give back something to our community.

Growing up in rural Michigan, my grandfather told me tales of being a small town sheriff during the 40's and 50's. This led me to study Criminal Justice at Wayne State University in Detroit and intern with the Detroit Police Department. Although I pursued a career in Information Technology working with several large corporations in the South Bay, I volunteered to support CERT (Corporate Emergency Response Team) and became certified in First Aid, Search & Rescue, Fire Suppression and Command Center Operations.

Upon retirement, I used the training and drill experiences to join the civilian CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and at one of the community out-reach events, I learned about the other like-minded groups comprised of civilian volunteers such as NART (Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team) and obtained a HAM radio license. When the PVE civilian volunteer programs were in development but not ready to accept and train residents, I joined the Los Angeles County Sheriffs VOP (Volunteers on Patrol) program and completed the Sheriff Academy training to support the Lomita Sheriff Station which oversees the law enforcement on the Peninsula.

This January, I was accepted as one of eight residents into the PVE Volunteers-In-Police-Services (VIPS) and Parkland Ranger (PR) programs.



After about a month of Saturday training sessions regarding police procedures, radio communications, home security and a number of other topics, we engaged the new responsibilities with enthusiasm.

Although only requiring a few hours each week, the past six months have been a rewarding experience. As volunteer VIPS and PRs, we work in teams of two. During recent high heat days, we conducted numerous safety checks of senior residents and are often regaled with stories and recollections of PVE history. Yes, we've learned to find our way around the neighborhoods and sometimes challenging street names, but the rewards are found in seeing all the beautiful homes, incredible vistas and wonderful people. I get a great deal of satisfaction in helping the community through Vacation Home Checks to fight crime and provide the homeowner feedback on possible vulnerabilities we see, thanks in part to our training.

As a Parkland Ranger, we greet hikers, dog walkers, photographers and folks just out for some exercise, fresh air and enjoyment of the PVE views. We provide trail users with directions and information, watch for and report any observed suspicious activities or acts of vandalism. Recently, we found a hiker who had fallen and suffered a head injury. We were able to render preliminary first aid, and remain on-hand until the paramedics arrived.

Most of the residents we encounter readily convey appreciation of the efforts of the volunteers to assist the PVE Police and keep our beautiful community protected.

Seven of the eight residents who started the program are still enthusiastically engaged; we lost one volunteer to an out-of-state relocation. From my experience, our Police are tasked with an ever expanding list of responsibilities and services to the community and some of them can be supported by private citizens through Neighborhood Watch, PVE-CARES, Volunteer-In-Patrol-Service (VIPS) and Parkland Ranger (PR) programs. More volunteers are needed!

## 2016 PHOTO CONTEST



Neighborhood Watch proudly announces the winner of the 2016 Photo Contest "PVE's Beautiful Parklands and Trails". Congratulations goes to **Laura Gunson** whose photo of the Lunada Bay Parkland Trail was taken with her Sony a6000 digital camera.

"PVE's Beautiful Parklands and Trails"

## 2016 Neighborhood Watch Board



**L-R:** Kay Haggard (Vice President), Merlin David (AC LBE), Anne Celestin (AC LBW), Karen Logan (AC Valmonte), Ron Sears (Treasurer), Cheryl Kohr (AC MC), Larry Manth (President), Steve Burns (Membership Coordinator).



## Renewing Your Neighborhood Watch Membership is **EASY!**

Your NW membership is key in helping our non-profit organization serve the city, and your membership dollars go to supporting the communications, events and education provided to help neighbors be aware and prepared against crime.

### Easy to remember.

Just renew your membership by neighborhood area and month:

Valmonte	February
Montemalaga	May
Malaga Cove	July
Lunada Bay	October



### Easy to renew.

- Renew online: [www.pvenw.org/membership](http://www.pvenw.org/membership)
  - Send your payment in the envelope provided in this newsletter
- Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your membership renewals and donations.

## PVE Neighborhood Watch is Growing – Join our Team!

We're looking for Board Members and Volunteers to help us maintain a safe and connected community.

**PVE NW Secretary:** This easy but essential role helps us keep our minutes in compliance with our responsibility as a nonprofit organization. It's a position that takes only a couple of hours a month and provides a lot of value to the organization. Contribute your ideas and hear what is happening with the City and the Police Department at monthly meetings. To find out more, contact [pvenwboard@gmail.com](mailto:pvenwboard@gmail.com)

**Montemalaga Area Coordinator:** We need a representative for this wonderful area. This role is part of the Area Coordinator team that represents each of our 6 areas in the city. Be a part of this amazing group that is helping the Police and Block Captains have informative events in their neighborhoods.

We've got training and support to help you be successful. This is a great position for a Block Captain or other volunteer to become more connected with the exciting new changes that are happening in Neighborhood Watch. Please contact [pvenwboard@gmail.com](mailto:pvenwboard@gmail.com)

**Other Opportunities:** As our organization grows, we have opportunities for other skills and interests. Do you have skills with marketing, e-news letters or fund raising? Our small and mighty nonprofit organization would be greatly enhanced by your contributions! Give back to the community and be connected in this key organization. To find out more, contact [pvenwboard@gmail.com](mailto:pvenwboard@gmail.com)

# Area Coordinator Reports

## LUNADA BAY SOUTH Larry Manth

Do you recall last Fall when we had a significant jump in burglaries? As the days get shorter and darkness arrives earlier, let’s be prepared for this possibility. Be on the look-out for suspicious vehicles and individuals in your neighborhood. If you see something that doesn’t look right, be prepared to do something—call the police department and report it. Have your cell phone handy to take a picture of suspicious cars. Also add to your cell phone list the non-emergency phone number of the PVE PD (310) 378-4211. Let’s pledge to be prepared as a community to combat any potential crime!

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## LUNADA BAY EAST Merlin David

Our first objective is to become a closely-knit community so we can be better prepared and a safer community. National Night Out had about 60 people (including four new families) with tasty food and ice cream cones being a highlight. Adults enjoyed connecting with neighbors, and children enjoyed games. Our main goals are to get to know our neighbors, welcome new neighbors, and talk to each other to keep this area safe. I challenge you to make a pledge to meet five new neighbors by year end, and for us to have a Block Captain on each street in Lunada Bay.

**MERLIN DAVID** merlindavid@cox.net

## LUNADA BAY WEST Anne Celestin

Preparing for an emergency can feel overwhelming. How much water, what kind of supplies, how much for how long? I encourage you to keep it simple. Pick up emergency kits at the City. The disaster relief teams and resources for Lunada Bay West are at LB Elementary School and PV High School. Get to know the doctors, nurses, engineers, mechanics and other people in your immediate area as we will need one another in an emergency. I invite you to start this conversation with your neighbors; it’s amazing how much we can learn from one another. Please contact me at 310-634-6777

**ANNE CELESTIN** anne@prosourceadvisors.com

## MALAGA COVE Cheryl Kohr

Criminals choose easy targets and they have the element of surprise on their side. How can you counteract this? First, practice common sense habits: keep your home and vehicle doors and windows closed and locked, and make your home look occupied even when you are away. (You would be surprised how many residents do not this!) Second, get acquainted with your neighbors, look out for each other and keep in touch. This takes only a small amount of time and costs nothing. Lastly, join Neighborhood Watch.

**CHERYL KOHR** c\_kohr@hotmail.com

## VALMONTE Karen Logan

“Be Prepared” is the motto I remember fondly from Girl Scouts. It’s a good reminder to be ready for the unexpected. Join me in a “pledge to be prepared” as we launch into the Fall. Check your emergency kit and make sure you have enough water for your family and pets. Access preparedness tips on the Neighborhood Watch and PVE City websites. I am excited we have added more block captains in Valmonte. And there is need for more! Knowing and watching out for neighbors is part of being a prepared community.

**KAREN LOGAN** kklogan1@mac.com

## MONTEMALAGA Position Open

Becoming an Area Coordinator is an important contribution to your neighborhood and to our city overall. You’ll work towards uniting our residents, preparing for emergencies and disasters, and lowering the crime rate. It’s a win-win for everyone. By becoming a NW Area Coordinator you’ll take an active part in improving your community’s well-being. With lots of help and resources from Neighborhood Watch, you’ll have the tools and support you need to have a successful area. Contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle Herrera, or any NW Board Member for more information.

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### Neighborhood Watch Area Coordinators:

Lunada Bay South



Larry Manth

Lunada Bay East



Merlin David

Lunada Bay West



Anne Celestin

Malaga Cove



Cheryl Kohr

Valmonte



Karen Logan

Montemalaga  
Needs an Area  
Coordinator



Your Photo Here!

### Calendar of Events

#### OCTOBER

- 9 Lunada Bay Harvest Festival & Oktoberfest
- 28 PVE-CARES Senior Health Fair 10am – 1pm at the Neighborhood Church 415 Paseo Del Mar. Free flu shots, other medical screenings, opportunity drawing for prizes, music from the 50’s featuring Chaussée’s Big Band, lunch and exhibitors of local resources geared to services for seniors. All seniors are welcome.
- 30 Prepared Peninsula Expo 12pm – 3pm at the Norris Pavilion 501 Indian Peak Road, Rolling Hills Estates. Experts share their resources and valuable information on disaster preparedness. Bring the family, enjoy the activities, learn how simple it is to become prepared.

#### NOVEMBER

- 6 Annual Meeting of PVE Neighborhood Watch 3pm – 5pm at PVE City Hall in the Council Chambers. All residents are welcome.

### Are You Prepared if Disaster Strikes?

PREPARED PENINSULA EXPO, a family-friendly event featuring life-saving information, demonstrations and emergency survival gear—all available to the public. Easy step-by-step preparedness plans for your family and pets. You’ll find it all under one roof: survival essentials, expert guidance, activities and FREE FOOD. For more information visit: **pvestates.org**

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LEARN HOW TO BE DISASTER READY

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2016 12-3PM**  
**NORRIS PAVILION** 501 INDIAN PEAK RD.  
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