



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Good evening Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council. I am here tonight to present the Public Safety Report for August 7th through August 20th.

This evening, I would like to introduce two new members to the Lawndale Team:

**Deputy Shintaku** was hired by the sheriff's department in January, 2002. He began working the Lennox Station, now South Los Angeles Station, in 2007. During his tenure at this station, he gained valuable experience working throughout the station area, on a variety of shifts. Deputy Shintaku has worked on the Summer Team, a team of deputies dedicated to reducing the violent crimes in the South Los Angeles unincorporated areas, the Crime Impact Team, and as a field training officer. Deputy Shintaku's last assignment was the area of El Camino Village.

**Deputy Paz** was hired by the sheriff's department in December, 2004. He began working Lennox Station in 2009, where he worked a variety of station areas and shifts. Deputy Paz also worked on the Summer Team. His last assignment was the area of El Camino Village, where he was partnered with Deputy Shintaku.

These deputies bring a wealth of experience and knowledge. Having worked El Camino Village and the City of Lawndale previously, they have an intrinsic knowledge of the City of Lawndale, the gangs and other quality of life issues surrounding the city and within. They were chosen, not only based on their knowledge and experience, but on their excellent work ethic, their enthusiasm, and professionalism.

With the first day of school upon us, we would like to share some safety tips with parents of school aged children:

- Review your school's handbook for critical information, or contact your school administrators for questions, such as:
  - Does the school practice zero tolerance for bullying?
  - What emergency plans are in place?
  - How often are emergency drills conducted?
  - Are visitors allowed on school grounds or in the classrooms?
- Have open conversations with your child. Ask them if they have encountered any bullying, if they feel safe, and if they are respected by their teachers and classmates.

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- Use technology to your advantage.
  - Use website filters to block inappropriate websites
  - Add parental control apps to your child's phone and computer to track their online and mobile conversations.
  - Review kid-friendly wearable tech devices that can help you keep track of your child's location.
- Talk to your child about being aware of his or her surroundings. Who to notify if they see something or somebody suspicious, what to do if they feel threatened. If your child walks home, have him or her find a buddy or group to walk home with. There is always safety in numbers.
- For those parents who drive their children to or from school, please obey all traffic laws around schools and have patience and respect for the crossing guards, students, teachers, and other drivers. Safety always comes first, even if the other driver is wrong.

This concludes my report and I would be happy to entertain any questions you may have.

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