



# Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department



## PREVENTION CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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Sheriff Doug Gillespie

Sheriff Doug Gillespie and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Enterprise Area Command-EAC are proud to introduce our newest crime fighting "tool" for Southwest Las Vegas, the Prevention Connection Newsletter.

Four times a year this free newsletter filled with crime prevention resources, tips and current topics of interest to Las Vegas residents will be offered through the Enterprise Area Command webpage. The newsletter is designed for easy e-mail distribution but can also be printed in a paper format for circulation at community events.


We often know what we need to do to help prevent ourselves from becoming a victim of crime but sometimes we become careless and unaware of our surroundings. This newsletter is an easy way for residents and businesses to receive crime alerts and prevention tips on crime prevention measures.

Interested EAC residents and businesses can request by completing a simple online form to receive selected items of their choosing. The email system will be broken down by zip codes and sector beats within the area command for easier distribution.


For any resident or business owner to receive the E-newsletter they must visit the department's EAC website by clicking on the Area Command drop down menu on Metro's main page. Then click on Enterprise Area Command, and then click on the "Prevention Connection" icon to complete the online request form.

For more information please contact the EAC-Crime Prevention Detail by emailing us at [EACPrevention@lvmpd.com](mailto:EACPrevention@lvmpd.com) or call 702-828-2850.


LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT




*Vision*  
To be the safest community in America




*Values*  
Integrity  
Courage  
Accountability  
Respect for People  
Excellence



*Mission*  
Protect the community through prevention, partnership and professional service.



*Goals*  
Prevent, reduce and disrupt crime and terrorism.  
Recruit, train and develop our people.  
Initiate timely and open communication.  
Develop and implement solutions to improve traffic safety.  
Effectively use innovation and technology.



For more information about your area Crime Prevention Specialist please click on the map link listed below....

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## **Do you know your area command Crime Prevention Specialist?**

**Crime Prevention Specialists or CPS are assigned to each area command and work directly with residents, neighborhood organizations and businesses to...**

- **Help recruit and train block captains in establishing block groups**
- **Help maintain existing Neighborhood Watch groups**
- **Help present safety and neighborhood assistance information to the public**
- **Help create, publish and distribute crime alerts**
- **Help coordinate 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at patrol area command**
- **Help promote National Night Out**
- **Help resolve complaints about problem properties**
- **Help respond to crime trends**

**Crime Prevention Specialists provide awareness education and prevention literature about:**

- **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)**
- **Robbery Prevention**
- **Burglary Prevention**
- **Gang Education & Awareness**
- **Suspicious Activity**
- **Security Lighting**
- **Vehicle Theft Prevention**
- **Home and Business Security**
- **Safe Travel**
- **Vacation Safety Tips**
- **Shoplifting**
- **How to use 311 & 911 and Your Cell Phone**
- **How to be a Good Witness**
- **Neighborhood Watch Program**
- **Operation Identification**
- **Fraud/Scams and Identity Theft Prevention**
- **Computer/Internet Security**
- **Personal Safety**
- **Child Safety**
- **Elder Abuse**
- **Personal Security**
- **Workplace Violence**

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**If you have any information  
about a crime or suspect  
please call**

**CRIME STOPPERS**

**reward hotline at**

**385-5555**

**What is Neighborhood Watch?**

Neighborhood Watch is a program that has neighbors watching out for each other during working hours, evenings, vacations or any other absence. This program also raises awareness of crime and crime prevention while encouraging citizens to work more closely with law enforcement.

**Why Neighborhood Watch Is So Important In Fighting Crime**

Citizen involvement is essential to combat crime because there can't be police officers on every corner. You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your community. By cooperating with each other and the police, citizens can help fight crime in their community in the most effective way, before it begins!

Neighborhood Watch participants talk with their neighbors and learn how to report suspicious activity while being a good and safe witness for police. They also meet regularly to share current neighborhood information, place stickers in their windows that tell criminals that everyone is watching. They also post Neighborhood Watch signs on streets that warn criminals that they are in an active Neighborhood Watch.

**How Do You Start a Neighborhood Watch**

Start Your Watch Group in 5 Easy Steps:

- 1) Contact your area Crime Prevention Specialist-CPS & attend prevention meetings such as 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Community Open House
- 2) Recruit & Organize as many neighbors as possible on your street
- 3) Meet and discuss community concerns and develop a plan of action
- 4) Hold regular meetings and trainings with the help of your area CPS
- 5) Implement a phone tree/email and take steps to report suspicious and criminal activity in your neighborhood through Metro's 311 Non-Emergency contact number.

For more information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch program in your community or other crime prevention requests please contact your area Crime Prevention Specialist.

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# MISSING PERSONS



**OPAL PARSONS**

**Missing Since:** August 30,  
2007 Las Vegas, Nevada

**Age:** 81

**Height:** 5'3"-5'4"

**Weight:** 125-130 lbs

**Hair Color:** Gray, dyed blonde

**Eye Color:** Brown

**Race:** White/Caucasian

**Gender:** Female

**Clothing:** Last seen wearing a long black and tan  
robe

**LVMPD Case Number:** 070830-2215

If you have any information about this case please  
call Metro's Missing Persons Detail at 702-828-  
2907 or to remain anonymous please call

**CRIME STOPPERS at 385-5555**

## SEPTEMBER

# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

### WHAT IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH?

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is sponsored by the *Ready* Campaign and Citizen Corps. NPM is held each September and is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

September 2009 is the sixth annual NPM. This year will focus on changing perceptions about emergency preparedness and helping Americans understand what it truly means to be *Ready*.

- National Preparedness Month Coalition membership is open to all public and private sector organizations. Groups can register to become a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member by visiting [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and clicking on the National Preparedness Month banner.
- The Campaign's Web sites ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [listo.gov](http://listo.gov)) and toll-free numbers (1-800-BE-READY and 1-888-SE-LISTO) provide Americans with free emergency preparedness information.
- **Make A Plan;** Make sure you have a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

Courtesy of the EAC-Crime Prevention Detail  
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