

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

from the City of Berkeley Police Department

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BURGLARS CAUGHT IN THE HILLS

On **Monday, February 4th** at about **2:15 am**, a resident of the 1300 block of Grizzly Peak called the Berkeley Police Department to report that persons were attempting to break into her residence.

According to the resident, she awoke to the sound of someone ringing her front doorbell. Moments later, the resident heard someone banging at the gate on the side of her house. Shortly thereafter, the resident saw a person walking from the front of her house to a car parked on the street. Seeing the car drive away, the resident believed the person drove

away—but was surprised to see the vehicle return a few minutes later. Now seeing three people walk toward the house, the resident immediately called BPD. Because the resident could hear one of her windows being pried open, she remained in a safe location of her home waiting for police to arrive.



From his vehicle's mobile computer, **Officer Belveal #129** noticed that dispatchers were in the process of entering the call into the police computer system. He began to immediately drive toward the residence.

Just as he was arriving, Officer Belveal spotted one of the suspects walking down the driveway of the residence while pulling his latex gloves off. When Officer Belveal got out of his car to detain him, Officer Belveal saw two other suspects on the side of the house run up the hill in the back of the house.

Hearing the police radio broadcasts, additional officers from both the Berkeley Police Department and the UC Berkeley Police Department responded to the area to search for the remaining suspects. During the subsequent search of the area, the two remaining suspects were located and taken into police custody (BPD Case #13-6717).



CITY'S FIRST HOMICIDE OF 2013

The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) is investigating a fatal shooting that occurred on Delaware Street near the intersection of San Pablo Avenue.

On Monday, February 4th, at about 11:08 am, BPD patrol officers responded to multiple reports of shots fired—with a victim down near the intersection of Delaware Street and San Pablo Avenue. BPD officers arrived on scene and discovered a single victim down—suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim, a 34-year-old male, was transported to a local hospital by the Albany Fire Department. The victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

BPD Homicide detectives and officers are actively working the crime scene, canvassing the area, interviewing witnesses, and following up on leads.

BPD is urging anyone who may know anything about this homicide to call the **BPD Homicide detail at (510) 981-5741** or the 24-hour BPD non-emergency number of 510-981-5900.

If a person wishes to remain anonymous, he/she can call the Bay Area Crimes Stoppers (BACS) at 800-222-TIPS (8477).



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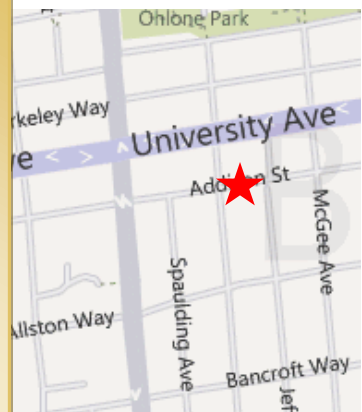
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INCIDENT AT ADDISON-CALIFORNIA STREET

On **Thursday, February 20th, at about 7 pm**, the Berkeley Police Department responded to the area of San Pablo Avenue and Bancroft Way for several reported gunshots. After searching the area and speaking with the community members, officers were able to obtain the identity of the man suspected of recklessly firing a handgun in the area. Further investigation revealed that the suspect might be located in a residence on the 1600 block of Addison Street.

At about 7:20 pm, BPD Dispatch again received reports of gunshots—this time located in the same area where investigators believed the suspect was located. Investigators were able to successfully locate and arrest the suspect the following day (BPD Case 13-10067).

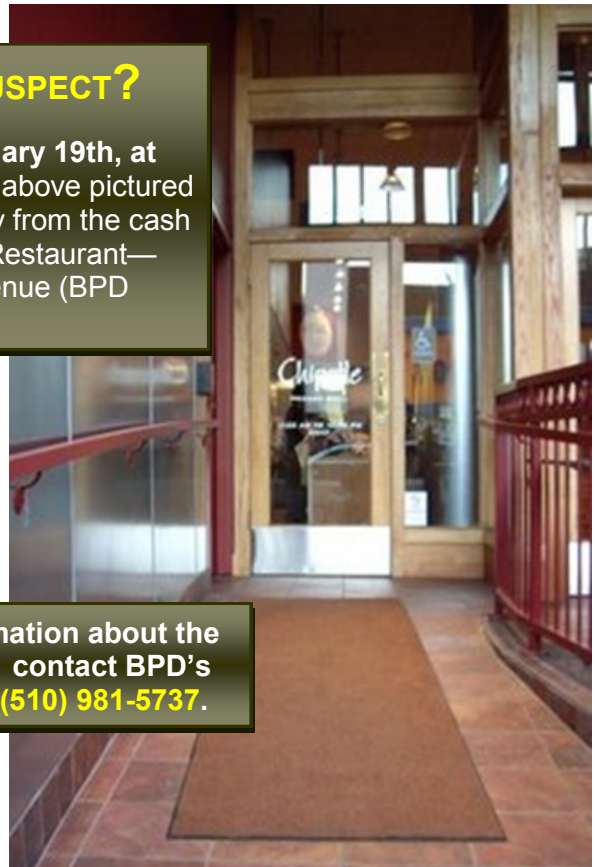




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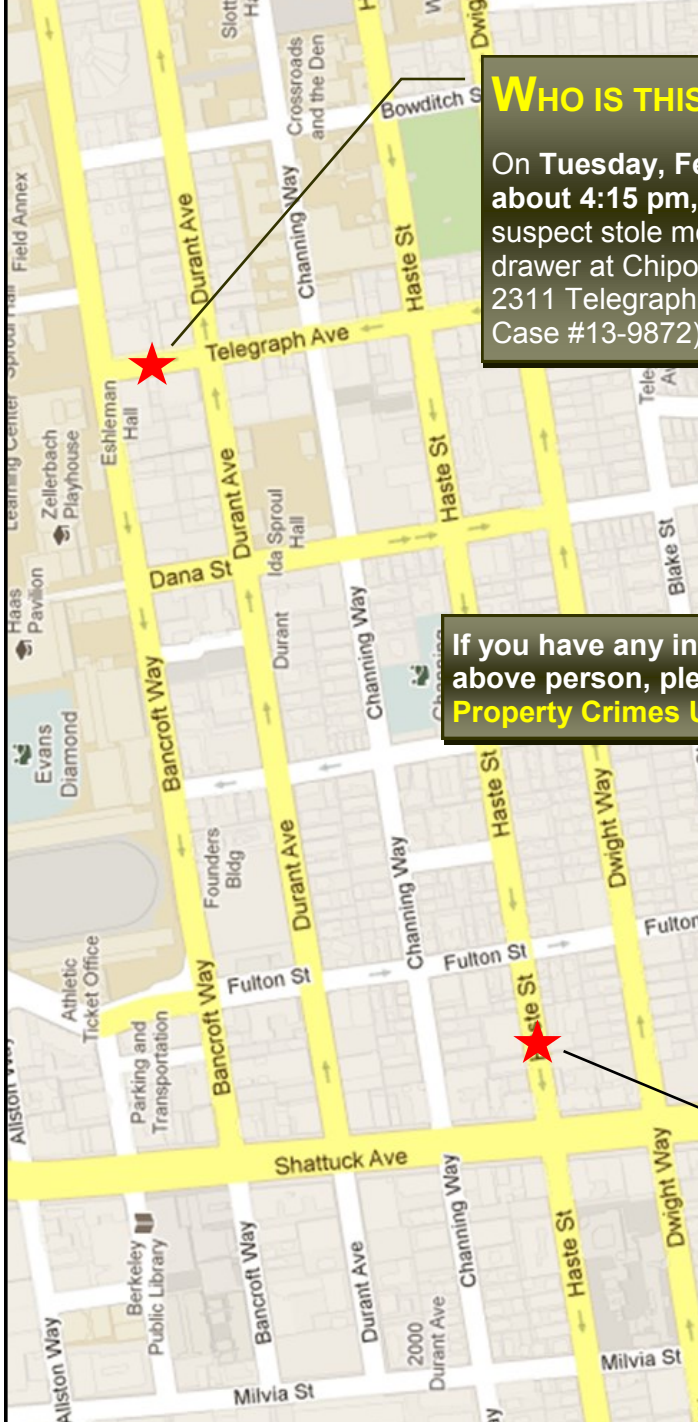
On Tuesday, February 19th, at about 4:15 pm, the above pictured suspect stole money from the cash drawer at Chipotle Restaurant—2311 Telegraph Avenue (BPD Case #13-9872).

If you have any information about the above person, please contact BPD's Property Crimes Unit (510) 981-5737.



STABBING SUSPECT ARRESTED

On Friday, February 1st, at about 4:40 pm, a man was walking along Haste Street near Shattuck Avenue with a friend when a suspect approached him, asked him his sexual orientation, and then stabbed the man. Officers responding to the scene, located and arrested the suspect near Telegraph Avenue (BPD Case 13-6238).



GONE
IN A MOMENT...

BE AWARE
TAKE CARE
DON'T LEAVE
IT THERE

A moment is all it takes for your belongings to go missing
ENSURE YOUR HANDBAG IS SECURE



**When a 6.9
earthquake
strikes
Berkeley,
will you
know what
to do?**



Basic disaster skills save lives!

Be part of a citywide exercise in your own neighborhood to learn how to prepare for a real emergency.

**BERKELEY CERT
CITY EMERGENCY EXERCISE**
Saturday April 27, 2013 9am-1pm

SIGN UP: www.cityofberkeley.info/quake

For more information, email us at oes@ci.berkeley.ca.us

GET PREPARED!

There is a [Berkeley CERT City Emergency Exercise](#) scheduled for **April 27, 2013**. This very important event is open to anyone-- regardless of your level of training or level of preparedness. There will be exercise activities that can be completed by anyone who wants to help prepare themselves and their families for disaster and emergencies.

Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to register as a participants as well. The [Participant Handbook](#) on the exercise website details ways you can conduct preparedness actions and practice our emergency response plans and skills for this event. Click [here](#), to register for the event.

If you have any questions, see the [Exercise FAQ](#) or feel free to contact the CERT Program Manager—Khin Chin (510-981-5506) kchin@ci.berkeley.ca.us. *Our priority is you.*

REMINDER: ANNUAL BSNC MEETING

Just a reminder. On April 17th, the **Berkeley Safe Neighborhood's Committee (BSNC)** will have their annual meeting for all Block Captain's of neighborhood groups that are a part of the BSNC. As usual, the meeting will be held at **Berkeley Police Department at 6:30 pm**. An Agenda will be released before the meeting.

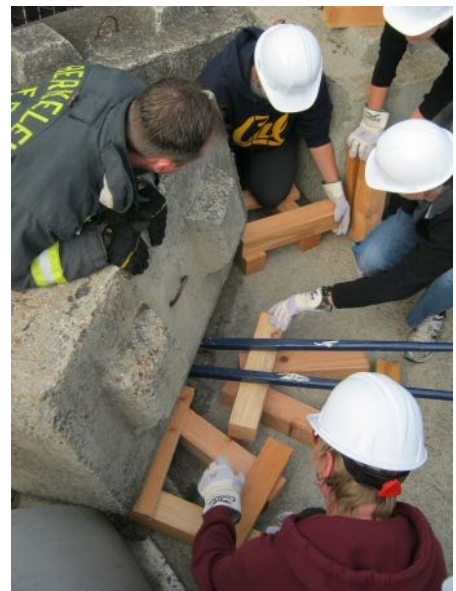
If your neighborhood group would like more information about the BSNC, you can contact Barbara Allen (BBAllen100@aol.com).

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

Officers at the Berkeley Police Department are excited about the additional training in crisis intervention. Beginning in January, the volunteer-only program has already trained eight (8) officers. Recently, the program took a step further by selecting fifteen (15) new members to receive training in the future.



For more information about BPD's Crisis Intervention Team, you can contact the department's CIT Coordinator—[Officer Jeff Shannon](#) (510) 981-5779.





UCPD Officer Gabriela Jacobs #90
BPD Officer Melissa Kelly #12

DID YOU KNOW, A PROBLEM PARTY ON YOUR PROPERTY CAN LAND YOU A FINE?

This Spring is full of many good reasons to celebrate.

Along with St. Patrick's Day, there is also March Madness Basketball, April Fool's Day, and Spring Graduations—not to mention National Potato Chip Day and Big Bird's Birthday.

The Berkeley Police Department would like to take this time to remind residents that home owners are responsible for the activities on their property—including parties. **Here are some laws you should be aware of:**

BMC 13.46.060 (Authority to shut down a Gathering)

Under this law, any **Police Officer** or **Fire Official** has the authority to stop and disburse the attendees of any event that results in any disturbance, disorderly conduct, that exceeds the posted occupancy limit of the location.

BMC 13.48.020 (AKA: 2nd Response Ordinance)

After witnessing a gathering involving 10 or more persons who are engaged in behavior that "constitutes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private/public property in a significant segment of the neighborhood," officers can enforce this ordinance.

The municipal code is an administrative action that begins when the officer posts an "Exhibit A" form/notice on the property—stating that the property is subject to fine should the police department receive an additional noise complaint from the premises over the next 120 days.

BMC 13.49.030 (AKA: The Social Host Ordinance)

Under this law, it is unlawful for you to permit, allow, or host a gathering at a location under your control (public or private) where minors (under age 21) are consuming alcoholic beverages.

*Note: This section does not apply in the circumstance where ALL minors are under **parental supervision**. In addition, this section does not apply to hosts who **self-report**—call the police for assistance to bring a gathering into compliance with the law.*

For more information about the above laws, you can contact BPD's 2nd Response Coordinator—Officer Jessyca Nabozny**.**

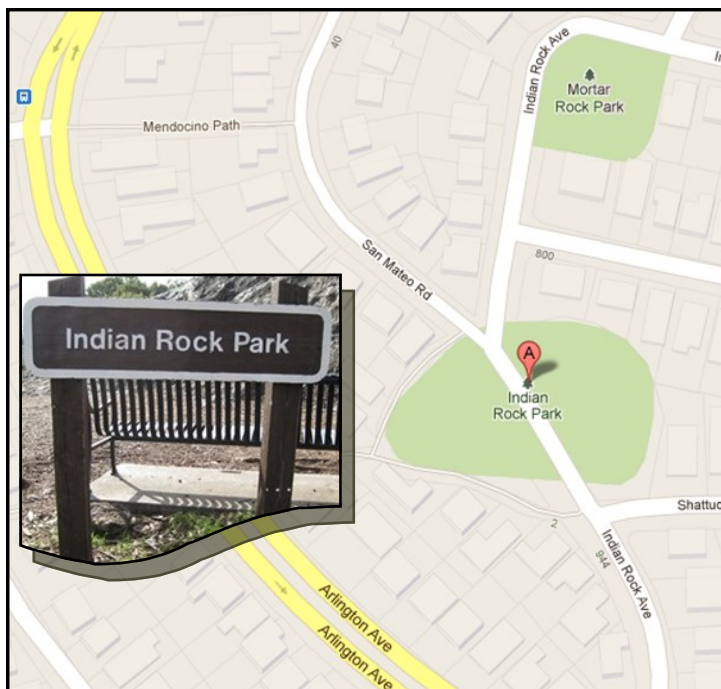


AUTO BURGLARS CAPTURED

On **Sunday afternoon, February 10th**, a person working in the area heard the sound of glass breaking coming from the 700 block of Allston Way. When the worker walked closer to the area to investigate, the worker saw a man standing beside a parked vehicle—reaching through a smashed-in window. Seeing this, the worker immediately called BPD.

Hearing the report over the police radio, several officers responded to the area to search for the suspect. While searching near the railroad tracks, **Officer John Ettare #156** located the suspect walking along the railroad tracks. As two other vehicles nearby were burglarized as well, the suspect was arrested for a total of three (3) counts of auto burglary (BPD Case #13-8074).

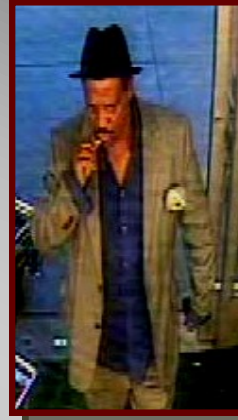
On **Sunday night, February 10th**, a resident on San Mateo Road (a dead-end road) noticed a man walking up and down the street—trying the door handles of vehicles parked along the street. Seeing this, the resident promptly notified BPD. Continuing to watch the man, the resident saw the man find an unlocked vehicle and then proceed to rummage through the vehicle.



Hearing the report over the police radio, several officers responded to the area to search for the suspect. Upon arrival, **Officer Derek Radey #5** parked nearby and quietly walked to San Mateo Road. While searching the area, Officer Radey discovered the suspect hiding under a pick-up truck. The suspect was subsequently arrested for auto burglary and prowling (BPD Case #13-8128).

WALLET THIEVES

On Friday evening, February 22nd, this pair of suspects worked together to pickpocket wallets from shoppers in the store. The two suspects appeared to focus on shoppers who had their purse in their shopping cart. While the female suspect would distract the shopper, the male suspect quickly pulled the shopper's wallet from their purse (BPD Case 13-10431).



If you have information about these suspects, please contact BPD's Property Crimes Unit at (510) 981-5737.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 27th, **Officer Kyle White #50** spotted a vehicle speeding down Sacramento Street (near Allston Way)—with the driver noticeably talking on his cell phone. Seeing this, Officer White stopped the driver of the vehicle for the violations. When he conducted a records check, Officer White discovered that the man's Driver's License was suspended and had an active warrant for his arrest from the Oakland Police Department. When he searched the vehicle after arresting the man for his warrant, Officer White located property stolen from a recent commercial burglary on the 2000 block of Francisco Street (BPD Case #13-11316).

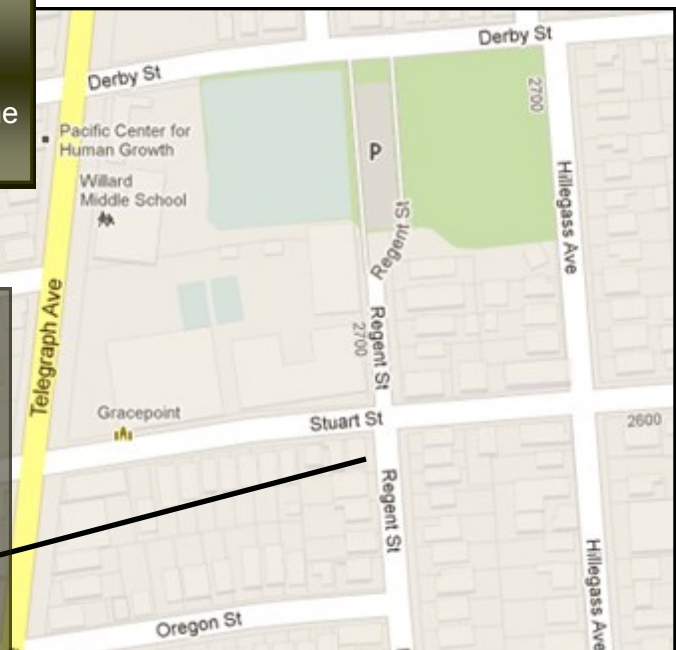


HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BICYCLE?

On February 18th, the above pictured bicycle was stolen from inside of a vehicle parked on the 2800 block of Regent Street (BPD 13-9573).



Black Carbon-Fiber Santa Cruz 18-spd Mtn Bike



8 GREAT THINGS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CAN DO TO PREVENT GRAFFITI

- **Keep up the Neighborhood.**

Make every effort to keep the appearance of a neighborhood clean and neat (such as removing litter, fixing broken fences, landscape, lighting, etc.)

- **Remove Graffiti Promptly!**

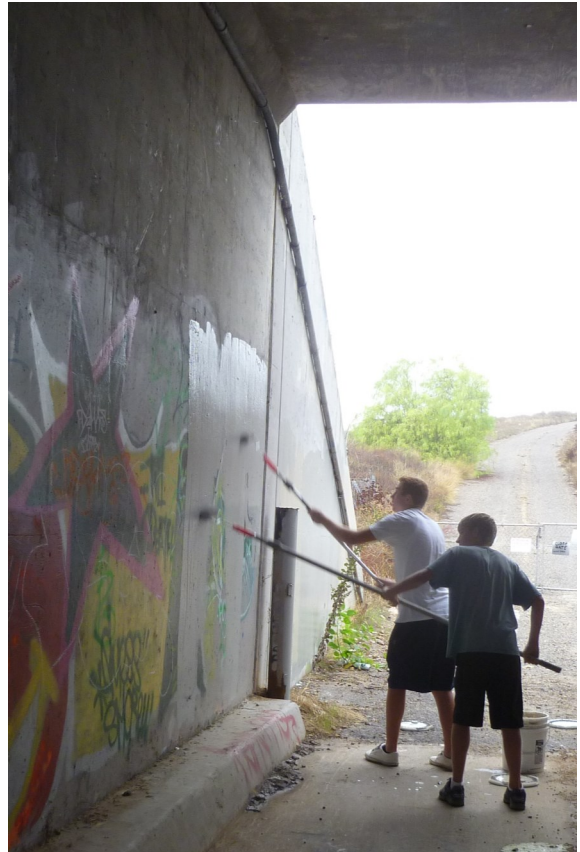
Rapid removal (within 24 to 48 hours) of graffiti is one of the most effective prevention tools.

- **Encourage Reporting.**

Unfortunately, many community members do not report new graffiti when it occurs. Educate your friends and neighbors about the importance of reporting this activity and let them know how easy it can be to report the graffiti online via BPD's Online Crime Reporting System.

- **Use an "Adopt-a-Spot" program.**

Some communities provide citizen volunteers with graffiti removal kits to keep an area they have "adopted" graffiti free.



- **Create a paint-brush Mural.**

Use a community mural to restore a wall chronically hit with graffiti. Murals can involve local artists, youth, and community volunteers.

- **Change the environment.**

Consider using landscaping as a natural deterrent or adding light to the area to increase natural surveillance.

- **Employ graffiti resistant surfaces.**

One of the best graffiti resistant surfaces can be obtained by using graffiti resistant paint (can be simply washed-off). Using darker colored paint for exterior walls or textured surfaces can also be a deterrent.

- **Provide Alternatives to Graffiti**

- Youth Centers
- Arts Programs
- Community Programs
- Youth Involvement



For more Graffiti Prevention tips, visit the websites for the [National Crime Prevention Council](#), [Keep America Beautiful](#), and/or [Graffiti Hurts](#).

KEEP BURGLARS OUT!



Locks: Using dead bolt locks with a 1" throw are recommended. Be sure to use a high security strike plate with 3" screws.

Shrubs: Should be kept low enough so they do not block possible points of entry or conceal a potential attacker.

Doors: Solid core wood doors with frames that cannot be spread apart with a pry bar are recommended.

Burglar Alarm Signs: Be sure to prominently display all signs and decals.

House Numbers: House numbers should be visible from the street. They should be actual numbers, not script—preferably a contrasting color.

Lights: Front, back, and by garages are recommended.

Garage: Never leave unlocked—especially if it has a connecting door to the house. Lock away tools and ladders so that a thief cannot use them.

Spare Keys: Never leave a spare key in a hiding place outside of your home. Burglars know all the hiding places. Instead, leave a key with a trusted neighbor.



What the Burglar Looks for:

- Signs that the home is unoccupied.
- Easy access—Make sure you lock your doors/windows.



GRAFFITI FACTS AND FIGURES

According to the [National Crime Prevention Council Website](#):

- Graffiti is one of the most common types of vandalism according to the [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(BJS\)](#).
- Immediate removal (within 24 to 48 hours) is key to successful graffiti prevention.
- About 80% of graffiti is gang or tag/moniker graffiti.
- Most studies show the majority of taggers are males between 12 and 21 years old. About 15% of graffiti vandals are young females.
- Community paintbrush murals are rarely defaced by graffiti and instill a sense of pride among those who live nearby.
- There are four (4) motivating factors for graffiti vandalism: Fame, Rebellion, Self-Expression, and Power.

CITY OF BERKELEY CONTACTS

Animal Control	(510) 981-6600	animalservices@cityofberkeley.info
Berkeley Housing Authority	(510) 981-5470	bha@cityofberkeley.info
Code Enforcement	(510) 981-2489	codeenforcement@ci.berkeley.ca.us
Housing Code Enforcement	(510) 981-5444	housing@ci.berkeley.ca.us
Neighborhood Services	(510) 981-7000	manager@ci.berkeley.ca.us

COMMUNITY POLICE CONTACTS

Homicide	(510) 981-5741	Property Crimes	(510) 981-5737
Robbery	(510) 981-5742	Sex Crimes	(510) 981-5735
Domestic Violence	(510) 981-5736	Youth Services	(510) 981-5715
Internal Affairs	(510) 981-5706	Special Enforcement Bureau	(510) 981-5818
Property Room	(510) 981-5725	Records/PRA Requests	(510) 981-5750
Parking Enforcement	(510) 981-5890	Traffic Enforcement	(510) 981-5980

BPD Public Information Officer:

Officer Jennifer Coats #151 (510) 981-5780 JCoats@ci.berkeley.ca.us

BPD Area Coordinators:

Area 1—Officer Byron White #17 (510) 981-5773 BWhite@ci.berkeley.ca.us
 Area 2—Officer Jessyca Nabozny #118 (510) 981-5778 JNabozny@ci.berkeley.ca.us
 Area 3—Officer Stephanie Polizziani #31 (510) 981-5772 SPolizziani@ci.berkeley.ca.us
 Area 4—Officer Rashawn Cummings #34 (510) 981-5774 RCummings@ci.berkeley.ca.us

BPD Neighborhood Watch Scheduler:

Jane Ortega (510) 981-5805 JO Ortega@ci.berkeley.ca.us

BPD Special Events Coordinator:

Sergeant Fomby #S-7 (510) 981-5821 SFomby@ci.berkeley.ca.us

Partners:

University of California Police Department (510) 642-6760
 BART Crime Prevention Unit (510) 464-7052

DOWNLOADABLE INFORMATION & FORMS

- [Area Command Map](#)
- [Patrol Beat Map](#)
- [Neighborhood Watch Packet](#)
- [Vacation Watch Forms](#)
- ["No Trespassing" Letter](#)
- ["No Trespassing" Sign](#)

Tip:
 Any of these forms on the left can
 be faxed to (510) 981-5819 or
 Emailed back as an attachment
 to JO Ortega@ci.berkeley.ca.us.



Monday — Friday
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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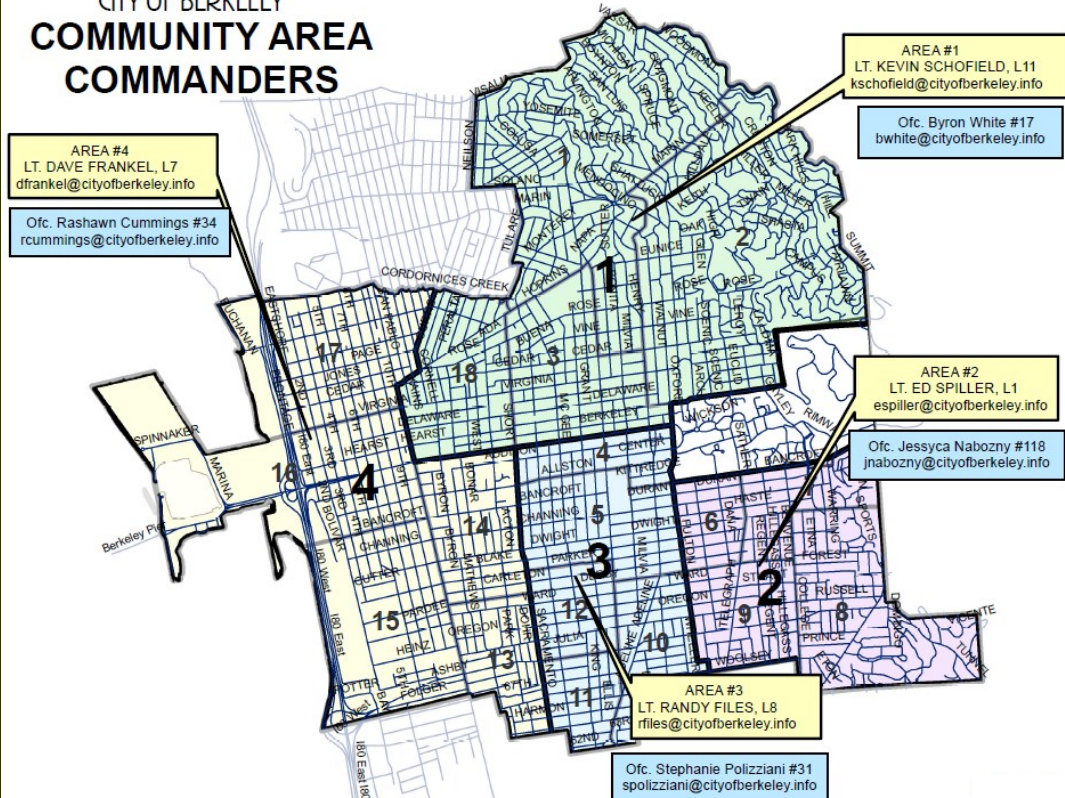
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Crime, Respect, and Accountability

CITY OF BERKELEY COMMUNITY AREA COMMANDERS



Neighborhood Update is an occasional Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Newsletter focusing on **crime trends** and **significant events** occurring throughout the city.

To get a complete view of crimes happening in your neighborhood, visit BPD's Community Crime View web page—(<http://berkeley.ca.crimeviewcommunity.com/default.aspx>) or Crimemapping.com (<http://www.crimemapping.com/>).

If you wish to receive this newsletter directly, please send an Email with your **name** and **mailing address** to—police@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

EMERGENCIES 911 (Program 510-981-5911 for your cell phone)

To report Non-Emergencies and to make police reports, call (510) 981-5900.

BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ONLINE CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM

<http://www.cityofberkeley.info/onlinepolicereport/>

You can use the system so long as:

- it is a non-emergency matter;
- There are **NO** known witnesses, suspects, or physical evidence;
- The incident occurred within the Berkeley city limits, but not on University of California property or on a freeway;
- You have an email address.