

05-22-16 Vehicle/Residential Burglary 2500 Blk Via Campesina

From 05-21-16 to 05-22-16, between approximately 7:00 PM and 10:00 AM, unknown suspect(s) gained entry into two locked vehicles parked in victim's driveway and use the victim's garage door opener to gain entry into the residence. Both vehicles and the garage were ransacked and the miscellaneous property was removed.

05-22-16 Vehicle Theft 2700 Blk Via Campesina

From 05-21-16 to 05-22-16, between approximately 7:00 PM and 9:45 AM, unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's vehicle which was parked in front of the residence.

05-22-16 Vehicle Burglary 2100 Blk PVDW

Between approximately 1:30 AM and 11:15 AM, unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's locked vehicle by unknown means and removed miscellaneous items.

05-22-16 Vehicle Burglary 2400 Blk PVDW

From 05-21-16 to 05-16, between approximately 6:00 PM and 11:14 AM, unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's locked vehicle by unknown means and removed miscellaneous items.

05-22-16 Burglary 2400 Blk Via Amador

From 05-21-16 to 05-22-16, between approximately 6:00 PM and 5:20 PM, unknown suspect(s) possibly gain entry into the residence through an unlocked front window and removed unknown property.



**PALOS VERDES ESTATES
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME REPORT
May 17-23, 2016**

CITY NEWS & MEETINGS

Traffic Safety Committee Meeting

Date: 6/1/2016 7:30 PM

Location: Council Chambers of City Hall

[340 Palos Verdes Drive West](#)

[Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274](#)

Agendas for city meetings can be found at www.pvestates.org

National Public Works Week

This is National Public Works Week and we appreciate the work and dedication to the city by our Public Works team!

Since 1960, nationally each May a week has been dedicated to raise awareness of the important contributions of public works professionals and the crucial role that their services play in the quality of life in our communities. Public works professionals are often unsung heroes of society, and this week honors those who serve the public good everyday with dedication.

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF KEPLEY

PVE residents:

There has been a recent increase in thefts from unlocked vehicles, and occasionally locked vehicles, in the Valmonte area; Via Nivel, Via Valmonte, Via La Selva, etc. While this uptick appears to be limited to the Valmonte area at this time, I'm advising to all so that others benefit from these simple reminders.

These thefts most often occur during the middle of the night and in most cases the cars are either unlocked or the thieves unlock & open the locked cars by unknown means. The losses have been valuables left inside the cars to include purses, wallets, personal electronics such as GPS devices, laptop computers, iPads, coin change, sunglasses, etc. It is not yet clear if these crimes are being committed by the same person/persons or not, or if the suspect(s) are area homeless persons or neighborhood juveniles, etc.

Work continues to develop trends and crime data.

Some may ask what the police are doing about it. PVEPD is aware of these incidents and have stepped up patrols. In addition you may see our uniformed police volunteers and patrol officers on foot in the area conducting vehicle inspections to help locate plain sight valuables inside cars before the crooks do. We will then track down the owner if we can, or at minimum place a notice on all of the cars indicating whether the car passed our crime prevention inspection or if we found that corrective action is recommended.

Some may ask what our residents can do about this problem. I ask that all residents ensure that all valuables are removed from your vehicle(s) when parked unattended (anytime) and that the car(s) be locked up with the alarms set, if equipped. Recognizing that the area is very dark at night, be on the lookout for anyone walking around in the middle of the night, and look for anyone using a flashlight to look into a vehicle. Report these sightings to PVEPD immediately.

Lastly, I ask that you report ALL incidents. If the incidents are not reported, we may not recognize that the problem exists on your street therefore resources may not be directed to address the problem. However, if all of the incidents are reported to PVEPD, we will have a clear picture of the scope, size, and location of any crime trend through our crime analysis. In some cases, the thieves opened an unlocked car and rifled through the glove box and center console without taking anything, and the owners either did not call the police or did not wish for a crime report to be made. I am requesting your help in reporting all of these incidents so that a police report can be filed thus contributing to our crime analysis. When reporting an incident, please do not touch the car or contents so that we may preserve the latent finger prints or DNA at the crime scene.

POWER OUTAGES

Reminding you that SCE will perform maintenance on the electrical system in the area. In order to keep SCE crews safe, it is necessary to **temporarily turn off your power** so SCE can install upgrades or make repairs to the grid. We understand that having your power out temporarily is an inconvenience, so SCE will try to isolate outages down to the smallest area possible and complete the work safely and as quickly as they can. We appreciate your patience.

NONE REPORTED

AROUND THE PENINSULA

Coyote Sightings

With the recent articles in the local newspapers regarding coyotes on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department (PVEPD) has received some questions on when and how to report coyote sightings.

We are asking that non-emergency coyote sightings be reported to the PVEPD Dispatch Center at 310-378-4211; emergencies should be reported to 9-1-1. When calling, the Dispatcher will ask specific information about the time/location of the sighting, number of coyotes, and the coyote's behavior. The coyote's behavior is very important and allows us to better identify problem animals. Here are some questions you should be prepared to answer regarding a coyote's behavior:

- Did the coyote run away at the sight of a human/another animal?
- Did the coyote stand its ground or close distance? Distance?
- Did the coyote seem disinterested?
- Was the coyote aggressive? Explain?

Coyotes play a crucial role in controlling the population of mesopredators e.g. foxes, raccoons, opossums and skunks. Rodents make up 80% of their diet, making them Nature's natural rodent control (especially helpful where there is Hanta Virus or other endemic in rodent populations). They consume carrion, which helps to keep the environment and watersheds clean and free of disease. When left to do their "own thing," we benefit tremendously from their activities. But due to our expanding population and their shrinking habitat, these remarkably adaptable animals have learned to live closer to us.

Human-coyote conflicts may arise when we intentionally feed them or inadvertently create free-food opportunities around our properties i.e. pet food left outdoors, free roaming pet cats and small dogs, unharvested fruit, and bird feeders that spill seeds on the ground that attract rodents, which in turn attracts their predators.

We must understand that some of our personal habits may have to change in order to permanently resolve coyote conflicts, and to maintain a safe and peaceful co-existence with all of our wild neighbors.

If you see a coyote you should report it to the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department at 310-378-4211.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES

FEMA Launches New Children and Disasters Webpage

With approximately 69 million children under the age of 18 in the United States, children comprise nearly one-quarter of the entire U.S. population. One of FEMA's strategic priorities is to be survivor-centric in mission and program delivery by maximizing speed, efficiency, accessibility and ease of use of FEMA's programs and services for

individuals and communities. We work diligently to ensure that we meet this goal and effectively address the needs of all survivors, including children.

The [Children and Disasters webpage](#) is comprised of resources to support the integration of children's disaster-related needs into preparedness, planning, response and recovery efforts. These resources may be helpful for state, local and tribal governments, as well as stakeholders responsible for the temporary care of children.

Go to <http://www.fema.gov/children-and-disasters> for more information.