



PACIFIC AREA

Community Situational Awareness



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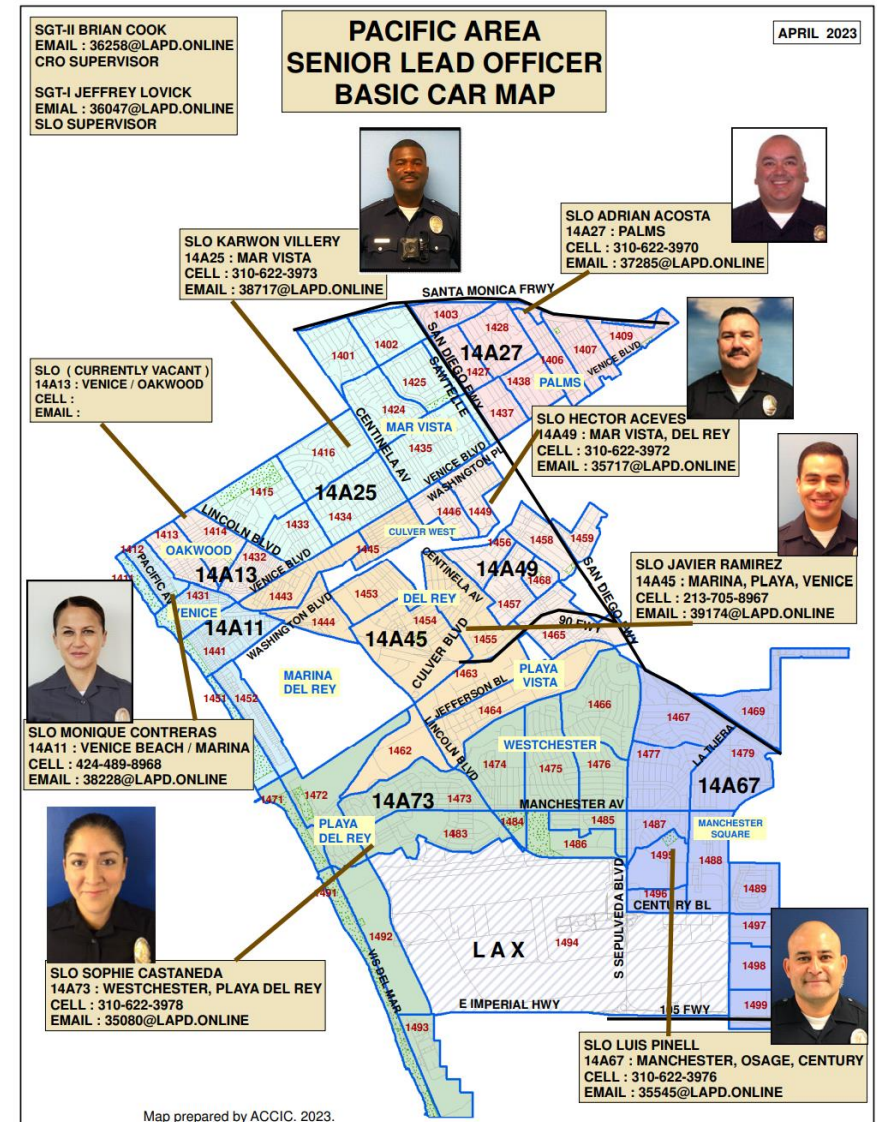
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SNAPSHOT OF PACIFIC AREA

- Approx. **25 square miles**
- Pop. +/- **250,000**
- Distinct Areas:
 - **8 Basic Cars**
 - With unique profile/neighborhood composition
 - **Ocean Front Geography**
 - Venice Beach and
 - Dockweiler Beach
 - **Marina (LASD)**
 - **Neighboring Cities:** Santa Monica, Culver City, Inglewood, and El Segundo
 - **Los Angeles International Airport**





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- TONIGHT'S **PURPOSE:**
 - Discuss types of CRIME
 - Review states of alertness
 - Community safety measures
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

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Types of Crime

- Opportunity
- Desperation
- Irrational



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Crimes of Opportunity

- Predictable
- Wants to take something quick and easy
 - Smash and grab
- Avoids confrontation
 - Retreat when challenged
 - Less likely to risk personal injury
 - Less likely to severely harm others
- Can be persistent for a good score





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- Easy Targets
 - Households or individuals on their own
 - Not paying attention
 - Willing to use the threat of force or coercion
- Potential Good Pay Offs
 - Will go out of their way to steal or take things that look valuable

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CRIMES OF DESPERATION

- Unpredictable
- Believe they need something you have for them to survive
- Less likely to be deterred by confrontation
 - May lash out aggressively when confronted
 - More likely to risk personal injury
 - More likely to severely harm others or even kill
- Willing to do whatever it takes to survive



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Irrational Crimes

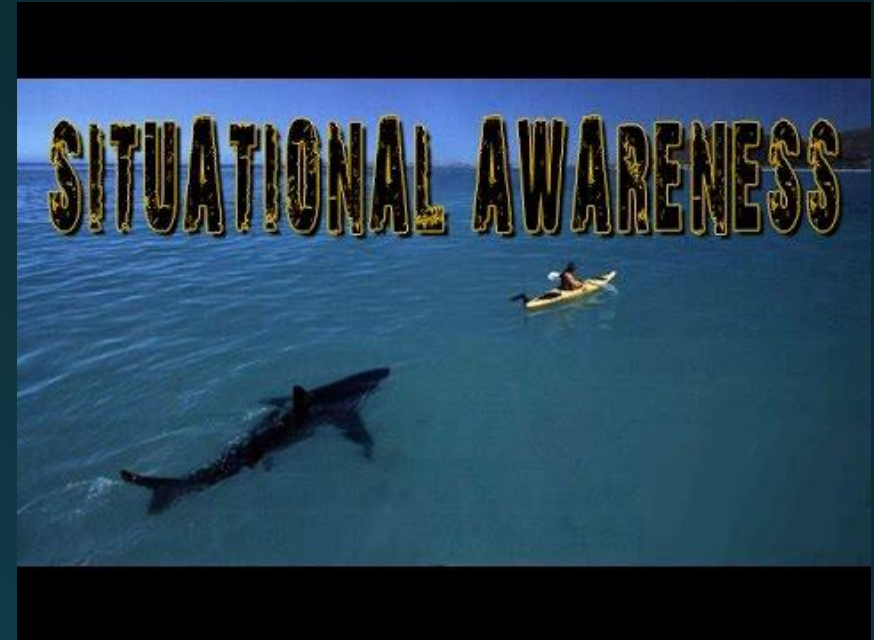
- Unpredictable
- Mental illness, jealousy, revenge, crimes of passion, etc.
- Often no rational motive
- Not deterred by confrontation
 - May risk self harm
 - May hurt or kill others



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Personal Awareness and Mindfulness

- Always be aware of what is going on left, right, front, back, top, and bottom
- What you don't see will get you in trouble every time
- Look around, don't focus on one thing or one person
- Stop, breathe, look around, listen, frequently
- States of Alertness concept:
 - White, Yellow, Orange, Red, Black



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The Cooper Color Codes: States of Alertness

- White - Not paying attention, feel secure and safe
- Yellow – Relaxed but alert and aware, looking around, listening
- Orange – Heightened state of alertness, actively assessing a potential immediate threat, preparing to respond or escape
- Red – Actively fighting or retreating / fleeing
- Black – Unprepared – Panic

Going directly from White to Red = Black / Panic



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Community Safety Measures

- Figure out what can be shared and what can't be shared
- Figure out which neighbors you can trust
 - Identify those you don't trust
- Establish relationships with neighbors who you can rely on
- Assume that there are people who will take advantage of the situation, be cordial with them but don't share sensitive information



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Neighborhood Block Security Plan

- **Be visible, active, communicating between as many households as possible**
 - **Assign shifts of people who are outside patrolling on the street**
- **Say hello and wave to unrecognized people**
 - **People up to no good do not want attention or to be noticed and will usually leave**

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Neighborhood Block Security Plan

- Everyone should carry and monitor an FRS radio with a PL tone
- Have a code word to alert to a problem
 - Code word should trigger everyone to come out to show presence
 - Assume your radio communications are being monitored
- Visible weapons are a liability and make people a target
- Opportunists will skip active neighborhood blocks and find easier targets



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Neighborhood Block Security Plan

- Verbal discussion between trusted neighbors about what to do if things go bad
 - Don't write this down or share it with people outside your circle of trust
- Establish non-verbal signals or code words ahead of time
- Map and identify defensible rally and fallback positions (houses, back yards, etc.)



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

“Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” (CPTED) is a crime prevention theory focusing on tactical design and the effective use of the built environment, which when applied, reduces both crime and the fear of crime.





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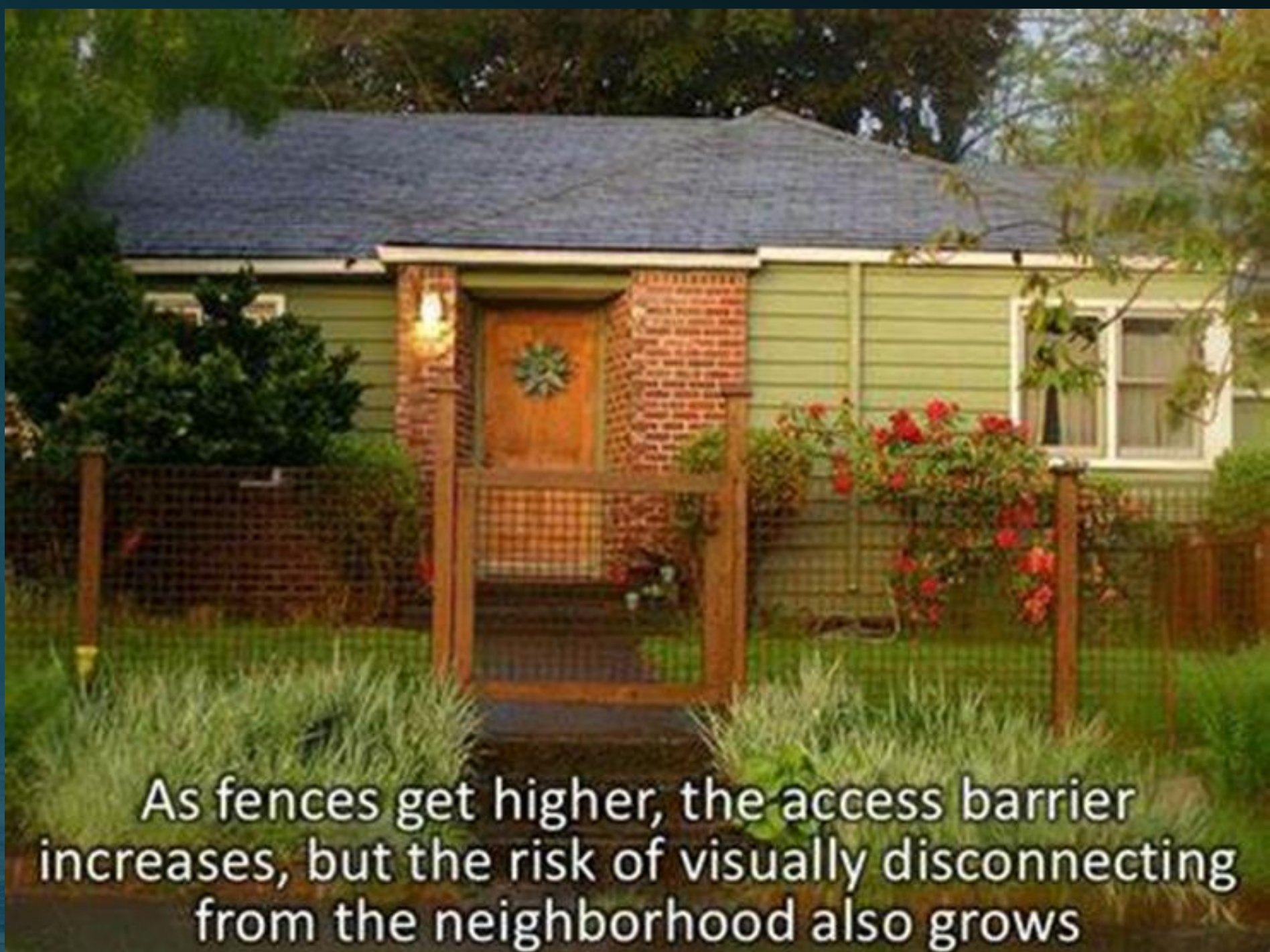
Before



After

ACCESS: Does the fence make it harder to get in and out?





As fences get higher, the access barrier increases, but the risk of visually disconnecting from the neighborhood also grows

Questions ?



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