

## **Senior Lead Officer Munif Ali Serves As Liaison Between 7260 and the Police**

Officer Munif Ali understands the importance of neighborhood organizations like ours. As the Senior Lead Officer for the area known as "8 Adam 35," he's the full-time liaison between our community and the police department (8 Adam 35 describes an area whose boundaries are Santa Monica Blvd. on the north, National Blvd. on the south, Fox Hills Drive on the East, and the 405 freeway on the west). During his two years as SLO, he's spent countless hours with Homeowners Organizations, the Neighborhood Council, and Neighborhood Watch groups, getting to know the people on his beat. He's motivated by the fact that the better he does his job, the more he can integrate the public into efforts to fight crime and protect the quality of neighborhood life.

Ali says he appreciates the fact that a full-time SLO can devote attention to each meeting or problem, uninterrupted by the radio calls that patrol officers constantly get. However, today's LAPD has a 1200 officer deficit. On occasion Officer Ali and his fellow SLO's have to help fill in this large gap in manpower by working a patrol shift. Ali and his colleagues enjoy these shifts, as they keep them in touch with the "pulse of the street." But most of the time, Officer Ali spends his time with us and those like us, personalizing our contact with our Police Department, and keeping us updated on everything from crime statistics to safety tips.

Officer Ali is an 8-year veteran of the LAPD. Prior to that, he served in the US Army. Ali lives with his family in the Ladera-View Park neighborhood of LA.