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SUMMARY FOR 9-8-14 THROUGH 10-5-14

This report takes us through week 40 of this year. We are well on our way to another productive year. Our total arrests are up by 98 compared to this time last year. This is due to an increase of 95 additional arrests for drinking in public. We are struggling to address this issue and have been keeping close track of these arrests at the request of our client.

Our referrals to the homeless are up by 485. Our high visibility foot, bike and T-3 patrols are up by 309 with an additional 970 hours on the sidewalks. Citizen contacts are up by 1555 and business contacts are up by a whopping 16,966. Another positive stat is that calls for service have dropped by a modest 208. We have responded to 3869 calls so far this year, but any drop is a good development. The less time we spend on these calls means more time for discretionary high visibility patrol.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

We have received complaints from property owner Kayvon regarding people breaking into and squatting at his vacant property located at 5858 Hollywood Blvd. After several such calls we devised a plan. We coordinated with LAPD Officer Jordan. On 9-8-14, he accompanied our entire morning team to the location. We planned to arrest all those caught inside in hopes of sending a message to other violators. Kayvon was briefed on the plan.

When our team arrived, they found a beaming Kayvon on scene. He had made the necessary repairs so there were no trespassers to be found. Kayvon was happy with the joint effort.



Kayvon, Officer Jordan and Morning Crew



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On 9-15-14, PSO's Schramm and Nunez were on foot patrol when people told them about a woman walking around naked below the waist. They found the woman at Hollywood and Las Palmas and asked her to put on some clothing. The woman complied.

On 9-19-14, I went on a walk-through of the EACA Alley with Sarah McPherson, Property owner David, Investigator Geraldo Rodriguez of the Bureau of Street Services and Gus from Clean Streets. Several violations were noted and enforcement planned. There was also discussion of putting up gates to help control night time problems. The BID Security Bike Team passed through several times during the tour.

On 9-25-14, at 9:25 A.M., our entire morning team responded to a call of a man causing a disturbance at Continental Currency located at 6565 Hollywood Blvd. It turned out that the man was deaf and mute. Our Officers were able to communicate by writing notes. They learned that he was waiting for his social security check. The Manager said the checks would not arrive until noon. The man left and the crisis was averted.

By going the extra mile to communicate with the man, our Officers defused a situation that could have turned ugly. The Manager may have demanded an arrest for trespass. Who knows what might have happened then.

On 9-25-14, our PSO's hit the Blvd. in our newly refurbished T-3's. We spent over \$1500.00 to improve their appearance. They spoke to 3 tourists at 6801 Hollywood who had questions about the vehicles. They posed for a photo with a couple from Brazil at 7080 Hollywood. They then spoke with an elderly woman that lives in an assisted living home on Las Palmas. She thanked the Officers for making her feel safe when she walks around Hollywood.

The PSO's kept rolling and were soon posing for photos for 8 tourists from China at 7121 Hollywood. They finished their patrol with panache as they were flagged down by a tour bus driver. His 20 tourists from China all wanted to take photos of the Officers, the T-3's, the Officers on the T-3's, themselves on the T-3's and every conceivable combination.

Our PSO's and Officers truly serve as ambassadors to the tourists that visit Hollywood. We hope to offset some of the negative effects caused by the aggressive CD vendors, characters and aggressive panhandlers.



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Tourists from China, France, Spain and Australia



Four From France Pose



The Spaniards Join the Fun

Daniel Seyler is a college student and part time Andrews Guard. Here he is seen guarding Dodger Right Fielder Yasuel Puig at an event on 9-27-14.



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Who's Guarding Who?

On 10-2-14, I attended the Tom Labonge Luncheon at the Avalon. Joe Salazar and I then attended the Sunset and Dine event. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 9-9-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 9-9-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 3) 9-11-14 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 4) 9-16-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 5) 9-17-14 New CEO Meeting
- 6) 9-19-14 EACA Alley Security Tour
- 7) 9-23-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 8) 9-24-14 Community Impact Meeting
- 9) 9-30-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 10-2-14 Councilman Labonge Luncheon
- 11) 10-3-14 Andrews Policy Meeting

OUTREACH:

On 9-10-14, PSO's Faifili and Nunez contacted a young homeless man named Casey who was sleeping on the sidewalk at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. They asked him to get up and he complied. They noticed dried blood on his arm. When asked about it he said that he was a "cutter". They then noticed other cuts on his arms. Casey said that he is not suicidal, but just enjoys inflicting pain on himself. He was hungry so they bought him a burger and gave him outreach information.



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Casey the Cutter

On 9-8-14, Sgt. McCall and Officer Ayala responded to a call of a woman running in and out of traffic at 1240 Vine. They arrived and saw that it was Raquel. The LAPD was called and they placed a 5150 hold on her.

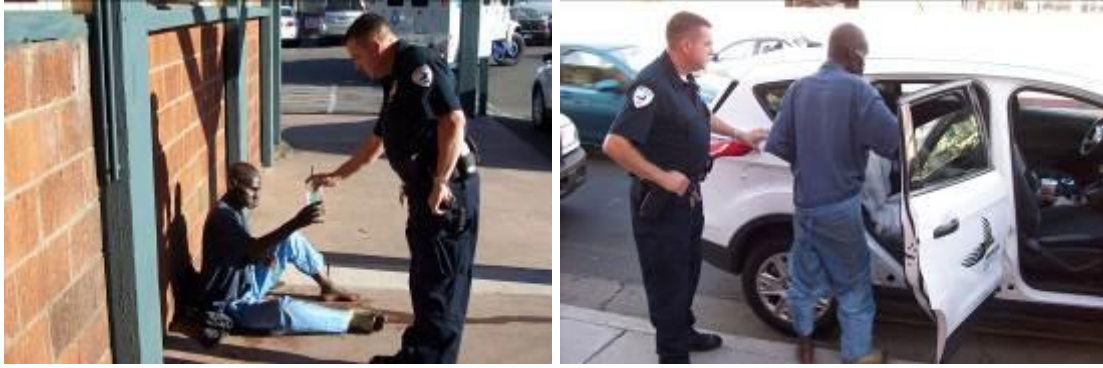
On 9-8-14, Officers Anderson and Nam spoke to a homeless man named Abdul who had no shoes at 1218 Vine. Officers Anderson bought the man a pair of shoes from the Goodwill Store. They then told the man about outreach services.

On 9-11-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle contacted 60 year old Arthur at 6130 Sunset Blvd. He was disorientated and had a broken leg. He said he had recently been released from a hospital and needed his medication. Our Officers were not able to determine what hospital he had been at. But he was wearing hospital pants. He had no ID or money. The Officers gave Arthur food and water and transported him to the Saban Free Clinic for treatment.





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Arthur

On 9-13-14, Officers Gonzalez and Hagopian spoke to Kathryn who was standing on the corner of Hollywood and Highland crying. She said she had no money and was stranded with no way to get back to Orange County. She had been staying in a shelter where a man convinced her to come to Hollywood. He took her bus ticket and disappeared. Joe Salazar gave the officers permission to drive Kathryn to the L.A. Shelter located at 3804 Broadway where she could get assistance.

On 9-18-14, we received a call of a man asking for help at the Pep Boys. Officers Patton and Sterling spoke to the man who had medical and mental issues. They took him to the Saban Free Clinic.

On 9-18-14, Bike Officers Nam, Anderson and Cox came across Becky and her two children ages 7 and 10. They are from Tennessee and have been homeless for three months. They had a hotel room, but had been kicked out. Officer Anderson contacted PATH for the family while Officer Nam bought ice cream for the kids.



Homeless Family

On 9-19-14, Bike Officers Nam and Anderson found the blind Gary clinging to a wall near Hollywood and Wilcox. He seemed stressed so they helped him cross the street.



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On 9-21-14, Officers Gordon, Kanagi, Ayala and Ishibashi responded to a call of a trespasser at Capital Records. The LAPD responded as well as the man was violent and appeared to be suffering from an overdose of narcotics. Paramedics were called and they took the man to the hospital.

On 9-28-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon responded to a call of a man causing a disturbance at 6031 Hollywood Blvd. They spoke to the homeless David Christenson who had been sleeping on the sidewalk. They got him up and gave him information about food and shelter. He was not interested, saying "I don't do food lines". He then left the scene.

A short time later, the Officers saw David urinate on a palm tree as he stood on the sidewalk in front of the Museum of Death. They arrested him and took him to the LAPD Station where he was cited out.

This case is a good example of how we approach problem solving. We need to get David up off the sidewalk so businesses and residents can use the sidewalk. Instead of immediately arresting him for blocking the sidewalk, we offer outreach. Our desire is to get him services with the eventual goal of permanent supportive housing. When he refuses help and urinates on the public sidewalk, we make an arrest, again in our role as problem solvers. As we have further contacts with David, we will attempt to build a rapport that will help us to guide him in the right direction.



David

On 9-30-14, Officers Sewell and Watkins found Alfredo down on the sidewalk. They could not rouse him so they called Paramedics. They could not rouse him either and they took him to the hospital.





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On 10-4-14, Officers Parra and Sterling responded to a call of a man sleeping inside the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. They woke the man who said he was in great pain and could not walk. The Officers called Paramedics who responded and took the man to the hospital.

On 10-2-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala responded to a call of a man down at 1400 Vine. He was in medical distress and Paramedics were called. They arrived and treated the man at the scene.

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 669 arrests. Four hundred and fifteen were for drinking in public, 36 for urinating in public, 51 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 21 for battery, 100 for blocking the sidewalk, 10 for theft, 7 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 28 felonies. We also made 761 homeless referrals, assisted 113 agencies, provided 1237 foot beat patrols for a total of 1972.9 hours, assisted 12287 citizens, handled 2312 radio calls for service and made 19526 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 276 arrests. One hundred and ninety nine were for drinking in public, 24 for urinating in public, 24 for trespass, 5 for battery, 12 for blocking the sidewalk, 3 for theft, 2 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 7 felonies. We also made 398 homeless referrals, assisted 81 agencies, provided 316 foot beat patrols for a total of 504.9 hours, assisted 5674 citizens, handled 1349 radio calls for service, and made 5942 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 945 arrests. Six hundred and fourteen for drinking in public, 60 for urinating in public, 75 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 26 for battery, 112 for blocking the sidewalk, 13 for theft, 9 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 35 felonies. We also made a combined total of 1159 homeless referrals, assisted 194 agencies, provided 1553 foot beat patrols for a total of 2477.8 hours, assisted 17961 citizens, handled 3661 radio calls for service, and made 25468 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 9-8-14, Sgt. Reyes and Officer Sewell saw 27 year old David drinking a grape flavored malt liquor in public in front of the Museum of Death on Hollywood Blvd. They approached and believed this would be a routine arrest. They did not know that David suffered from schizophrenia and that he had just been released from jail for assault with a deadly weapon with great bodily injury.

It appeared that he was going to use his skateboard as a weapon and the Officers grabbed him. He fought fiercely. Officers Mooney and Melvin arrived and joined the fray. The suspect hit the Officers with a thorn covered branch and continued fighting. A half can of pepper spray did not faze him. At one point he bit onto Sgt. Reyes forearm and would not let go. This caused a very serious bite wound. Bike Team Officers Nam and Anderson were at lunch, but they left the restaurant to respond.



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It took all six Officers to finally gain control. Sgt. Reyes and Officer Sewell were taken to the hospital by ambulance. The next day, Officer Mooney had pain to his ribs and was sent to the Dr. Officer Melvin had been hit on the head when the suspect gained control of an Officers radio mike. He swung this and hit Melvin twice. He too was feeling pain the next day and was also sent for medical treatment.

At the beginning of this contact, Officer Sewell took a pair of scissors from the suspect. This act may well have saved this from becoming a use of deadly force. If Roldan had attempted to stab the Officers, they very likely would have had to use their handguns.

The aftermath: Sgt. Reyes worked light duty for a week and is now back on the streets. Officer Melvin is still off work. Officer Mooney was off for several weeks, but has recently returned to full duty. Officer Sewell's skin was broken during the fight and he was sent to the hospital as a precaution.

This incident has sparked a lively debate as we have debriefed this incident. We always try to learn from these types of events so we can improve our tactics. Officers have expressed a desire for more tools. We will continue to discuss and update our training.





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On 9-12-14, we received a call of a man refusing to leave My Friend's Place located at 5850 Hollywood Blvd. R/P Frank Babich said the man had been involved in an altercation. Frank signed a PPA form. Our Officers asked Christian to leave, but he refused stating "You can't arrest me".

Christian finally headed to the door followed by Officer Anderson. The suspect suddenly grabbed a plastic trash can and threw it at the Officer who blocked it with his forearm. He then grabbed the suspect as he tried to run away. He was guided to the ground and arrested for battery.



Choleric Christian

On 9-13-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala arrested Julie for urinating in public at 6222 Banner. She was turned over to the LAPD and cited out.





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On 9-14-14, Officers Gordon and Gonzales arrested David for drinking in public at 6700 Hollywood Blvd. After turning him over to the LAPD we learned that he was a wanted Parolee at Large. He was booked for the felony.



On 9-15-14, Bike Officers Anderson and Nam found that one of the BID planted trees had been damaged in front of the Stop n Shop Liquor store located at 1123 Vine. They could not find any witness to the crime.

We later learned that another tree had been destroyed at the Social Security Building. Security Guard Tenorio witnessed the crime and it was captured on an exterior camera of the building. Officer Anderson spotted a man matching the suspect's description. He set up a rolling surveillance while he called for back-up BID Officers and the LAPD

The LAPD arrived and they contacted suspect Frank. The guard made a positive identification and the suspect was placed under arrest for vandalism.

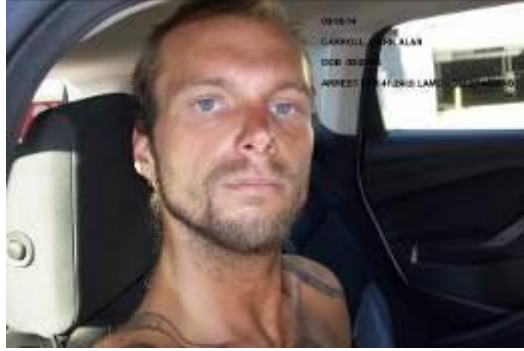


On 9-16-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle arrested long time problem Charles for trespassing at 5815 Sunset Blvd. A small plastic container of methamphetamine was recovered in his pocket and the felony was added to his charges. We believe that his use of meth goes a long way towards explaining his erratic and violent behavior.

The Officers also arrested Mark for trespass at 1546 Argyle even though he informed the Officers that they were out of their jurisdiction. He then told our Officers to "move along". They warned him that he would have to leave or face arrest. He refused and was placed under arrest. We are awaiting a call from his attorney.



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On 9-18-14, PSO's Maki and Faifili were approached by several tourists who said that a homeless man was assaulting people. George from Spain had been punched and his face was beginning to swell. They then responded to 6840 Hollywood Blvd. where the LAPD was detaining suspect Jaime. Jaime had also punched an Asian tourist and his eye was now swollen.

An LAPD Officer asked the PSO's if they would assist with crowd control while they conducted their investigation. They had a Use of Force in order to arrest the suspect. The PSO's used stanchions from the Jimmy Kimmel Show to block off the area. They also helped to get witness statements.

Our first documented contact with Jaime was on 2-1-12 when we arrested him for vandalism. We have since arrested him for urinating, trespass and for trying to punch one of our Officers on 8-1-14. He is becoming increasingly violent.



Jaime Photo from Previous Arrest

On 9-20-14, Bike Officers Rosales and Cox arrested James for drinking in public at 6561 Hollywood Blvd. He was booked at the LAPD Station. The Officers later received a call from LAPD Officer Corona who said that the suspect may be a wanted robbery suspect.



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James

On 9-20-14, Officers Coogle and Kanagi saw Alice urinate and defecate in the gutter at 1340 Vine. She was arrested and taken to the LAPD Station where she was cited out. Once again, out of the kindness of my heart, I will not include the photo of the evidence in this case.



Awful Alice

We have received numerous complaints of people camping out at the vacant Hollywood Spa located at 1650 Ivar. The group was said to be very aggressive and were scaring both students and people at the Farmer's Market. We recently got a trespass form signed by the property owner. On the morning of 9-25-14, we teamed up with LAPD SLO Washington and arrested 3 suspects named Stephen, Robert and Melysa.

That very afternoon the property owner had the front of the building boarded up. It appears quite secure, but we will monitor the situation.





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Trespassers Three

On 9-25-14, we received a call of a man bothering customers at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers asked Jason to leave. He walked westbound until he got to the Solo Tapia restaurant. He entered the patio area and punched a woman with his closed fist. He then punched a man that came to her aid.

The Security Guard at the W waved frantically to our Officers who ran to the scene. They used pepper spray and tackled him to the ground. He was then taken into custody without further incident.



320 Pound Jason

DEPLOYMENT:

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included Officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period our Officers received training in Blood Borne Pathogens, Legal Update, Sexual Harassment and Live Fire Range training. .



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