

Stephen Seyler BID Executive Security Director SBID Monthly Report

#### **SUMMARY FOR 10-7-13 THROUGH 11-10-13**

This report takes us through week 45 of 2013. We certainly have enough data to determine trends for this year. Arrests are up by ten compared to this time last year.

Our radio calls for service are up by 160 over last year. Citizen contacts are up by 1067 and Business contacts are up by 984. We attribute these increases to our clients request that we provide more highly visible patrol this year. We have deployed our Bike Team when possible and our Officers are walking on foot when time permits. We were able to provide 92.6 hours of foot and bike patrol. We hope to greatly increase this total next year.

#### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 10-10-13, I was a panelist at the Proactive School Safety Summit hosted by the Musician's Institute. Kerry Morrison was also on stage for the event. LAPD Captain Zarcone and others were also on the panel. I felt that I had really arrived in Hollywood as I was ushered to the Green Room upon my arrival at the venue. They had two kinds of water, granola bars, candy and some wafer like cookies that I had when I was a kid. Finally, the big time!

On 10-15-13, we assigned our Bike Team to patrol the SBID. They were on the streets for 6.1 hours, contacted 28 citizens, handled 4 radio calls and visited 33 businesses. We hope to deploy the bikes with much greater frequency in the future.

On 10-15-13, Joe Salazar attended a Terrorism briefing conducted by the LAPD. This was held in downtown Los Angeles. Randy Andrews was called out of the crowd by Commander Downing and asked to say a few words to the assembled Officers and dignitaries.

On 10-25-13, LAPD Lt. Dibell and Sgt. Wolfe attended our late night team briefing once again. They shared crime trend information and thanked our officers for the partnership. They have attended our briefings every weekend since the start of this new deployment.

During the shift, our officers spoke to City Attorney Andre Quintero who was out at about 2:00 A.M. monitoring the night club activity. He had many questions about our activities and he also thanked our Officers for the partnership. I saw Andre a couple days later and he told me he was impressed with our team.

On 10-29-13, our Officers assisted a lone LAPD Officer that was holding a robbery suspect at gunpoint in front of Amoeba Music located at 6400 Sunset Blvd. Officers Kanagi and Gordon blocked eastbound traffic on Sunset until additional LAPD Officers arrived and took the suspect unto custody.



10-31-13 was of course Halloween. This is clearly one of the most important holidays. Although not BID news, we still found it newsworthy to report that this was Granddaughter Ellia's first real year of trick or treating. Her strategy was simple but effective. She said "Pop Pop, I'm gonna go door, da door da door, da door da door" etc. Ellia was stunning in a pink frock, white face, and creepy disposition.



Sweet Ellia Rae

On 11-2-13, our Officers were flagged down by a hysterical woman at 6553 Hollywood Blvd. She said there was rat in her store and she wanted us to 'hunt it down and kill it'. We recognized this as another example of mission creep so we declined to intervene and instead referred her to an exterminator.

#### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 10-8-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 10-8-13 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 3) 10-10-13 Proactive Hollywood School Safety Summit
- 4) 10-10-13 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 5) 10-10-13 H+H Retail Meeting
- 6) 10-15-13 SBID Board Meeting
- 7) 10-15-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 8) 10-15-13 LAPD Terrorism Briefing
- 9) 10-17-13 HBID Board Meeting
- 10) 10-17-13 H+H Retail Meeting
- 11) 10-21-13 Sidewalk Ordinance Press Event
- 12) 10-22-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 13) 10-22-13 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 14) 10-24-13 H+H Retail Meeting
- 15) 10-28-13 Chamber Fund Raiser-Forever Yours Cemetery
- 16) 10-29-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 17) 10-29-13 LAPD Capt. Palka Protocols Meeting



18) 10-31-13 LAPD Lt. Valois Protocols Meeting

19) 10-31-13 H+H Retail Meeting

20) 11-4-13 Ca. State Dominquez Camera Demonstration

21) 11-5-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

22) 11-7-13 H+H Retail Meeting

#### **OUTREACH:**

On 10-9-13, our Officers encountered a smiling man at 6363 Sunset Blvd. He stood, not talking, waiting to be recognized. It turned out to be a rightfully proud George who has now been sober for a couple of months. The change in George is amazing, and heartwarming to behold.

George generated hundreds of calls for service. He would drink until he literally fell to the ground often injuring himself in the process. We arrested him over 30 times and offered to help him on many many occasions. We often had to call Paramedics for him. They told us that they were taking him to the hospital three times a week. You may have seen him sitting naked in trash cans soliciting money with some of the most vulgar signs imaginable.

Having George back in the fold is a huge development and renews our hopes for others in dire straits. The entire Hollywood Outreach Community was involved in reaching out to George. He has agreed to join us at our briefing on 11-22-13 for a conversation and pizza. Briefing is at noon if any of you would care to join us.



The Old and The New George

On 10-11-13, our Officers Gordon and Gonzales contacted four people camping on the sidewalk at Hollywood and Vine. One was Danielle and she had an 8 day old baby with her. Danielle was bleeding from her stomach as a result of her recent C-section. We called Paramedics and RA 27 responded. She was taken to the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. A good Samaritan named Lisa Marie from Idaho rode along in the ambulance in order to help care for the baby.







Danielle and Baby off to Hospital

On 10-16-13, our Officers found a man down at the Taco Bell located at 6398 Lexington. Paramedics were called and RA 27 responded and treated the man at the scene.

On 10-20-13, our Officers found Michael down on the ground at Ivar and Selma. We called Paramedics and RA 27 responded and took him to the hospital.

On 10-21-13, Sgt. Reyes and Officer Melvin found Mr. Johnson standing in the middle of the street at 1661 Sunset Blvd. They stopped and Mr. Johnson said he was waiting for a friend to pick him up. Our Officers then realized that Mr. Johnson was blind and had no idea that he was standing in the roadway. Our guys walked him to the sidewalk and waited with him until his ride arrived.

On 10-23-13, PSO's Maki and Faifili contacted Albert 'Bam Bam' Olsen at 6533 Hollywood Blvd. He describes himself as being a plucky transsexual from New York City. He says he is Bi-polar and has a host of issues and disorders.

BID Security's first documented contact with Albert was on 12-10-06 when he was arrested for Urinating in Public on Highland. We arrested him for Battery in 2009, Blocking the Sidewalk and Drinking in 2011 and Trespassing and Urinating in 2012.

Albert was one of eight homeless people featured in a well-regarded documentary called 'Skid Row is My Home' produced by Gary Fester. Mollie Lowery was deeply involved in the project. Albert now has an apartment and he spends a great deal of time walking through the Hollywood BID area.

Albert knows that he has challenging issues and fears his dependence on alcohol. He tries to keep busy in order to minimize temptation. He said he likes to talk to our PSO's



because they are 'easy to talk to'. He also said that he actually likes having BID Security out here taking care of the Blvd.

The PSO's told Albert that BID Security was always available even if it is just to talk. This is another example of rapport building which is always our goal. When considering our past negative contacts (arrests) it would not be hard to imagine a much less productive relationship.



Arrested for drinking on 10-22-11



At Advanced Screening for Skid Row Documentary

On 10-24-13, Officers Mike and Mike found Carl in an alcove at 6757 Hollywood Blvd. They called Mark from Step up on Second who responded along with LAPD SLO Irv Isabella and DMH worker Nancy. They placed a 5150 hold and Carl was taken to the hospital for evaluation.



Carl Off to the Hospital

On 11-1-13, we received a call of a female causing a disturbance at the Chinatown Express located at 1320 Vine. Upon arrival we contacted 22 year old Christian. When asked if she needed help she said she had partied the prior night and felt sick. She did not know where she was. We called Paramedics and they responded and took her to the hospital.

On 11-01-13, we received a call of a lost person at K+L Wines located at 1400 Vine. Upon arrival our Officers Carrasquillo and Gonzalez spoke to 85 year old Kyung Nak Choi (5-26-28). He seemed disorientated and in distress. After being unable to



communicate, our Officers realized that Mr. Choi spoke Korean. Officers Gordon and Kanagi responded to help.

Our officers called 411 and connected Mr. Choi with a translator. We then learned that he was supposed to be at an assisted living home called Convenient Manor in Long Beach. We were able to track down his social worker Martha and she said that he had wandered off in the past.

Mr. Choi collapsed and slowly slid onto the ground. We called the LAPD and Paramedics. Officers Urena and Meyerowitz (Unit 6845) and Paramedics RA 27 and Captain Eugene Rosario responded. It was determined that Mr. Choi needed to go to the hospital. The LAPD Officers took charge and we notified the social worker of the situation.





Mr. Kyung Nak Choi off to the Hospital

On 11-5-13, Officers Mike and Mike were surprised when they were flagged down by Joseph at 1400 Vine. He was homeless in Hollywood for years before being relocated to

North Carolina in February 2013. He said that he lost his housing there and so returned to Hollywood. We immediately contacted members of the homeless outreach community in hopes that that could intervene before Joseph falls back into his former lifestyle living on the streets.

On 11-6-13, Mark from Step up on Second and representatives of the Department of Mental Health responded along with our Officers to contact Joseph.





Joseph Past and Present





BID, Step Up and Dept. of Mental Health

#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 268 arrests. One hundred and eighty six were for drinking in public, 23 for urinating in public, 19 for trespass, 6 for battery, 13 for blocking the sidewalk, 3 for theft, 6 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 12 for felonies. We also made 290 homeless referrals, assisted 130 agencies, provided 112 foot beat patrols for a total of 92.6 hours, assisted 4734 citizens, handled 1464 radio calls for service, and made 2884 business contacts.

#### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 10-8-13, our Officers contacted Omar at 1240 Vine. He was lying on the sidewalk and blocking it. Sgt. Reyes and Officer Melvin asked him to get up. He started yelling profanities and making threats. He said "If you touch me, we are gonna scrap. I'm gonna take you deep. You and that big mother f\_\_\_er. I'm gonna break it off in you. Our Officers told him he was being arrested for blocking the sidewalk. He jumped up and took a fighting stance. When he started to throw a punch he was pepper sprayed and taken into custody. Paramedics were called, but Omar refused treatment. The LAPD took custody.

The Angry Omar

On 10-24-13, our Bike Team (Anderson, Ramirez and Trijillo) were on patrol when they spotted Joseph at Hollywood and Wilcox. They recognized him as we had shown his picture at briefing earlier. He was a wanted Parolee at Large.

Our Officers conducted a rolling surveillance of Davie and called the LAPD. Officers Wechler and St. Clair arrived and stopped the suspect at 1608 Cahuenga. Our Officers provided back-up. A coke pipe and a ski mask were found on Joseph. We then learned that he was on Parole for Narcotics and Robbery. One can only wonder why Joseph had a ski cap concealed on his person as the weather was quite mild. Sounds like a good person to get off the street.





On 10-28-13, we received a call of a man causing a disturbance at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. Officers Jacquez and Melvin got the handle. Upon arrival they contacted Jason who was extremely angry. They finally convinced him to leave the store, but he then threatened them. He was pepper sprayed as he approached with clenched fists.

We called the LAPD for assistance. Jason then pulled out a hammer and threatened to use it on our Officers. He was sprayed again. LAPD SLO Maggie Dullard pulled up followed by other units. Jason then threw the hammer in an apparent attempt to hide the evidence. He almost committed a Battery on himself as he threw the hammer straight up. At some point gravity kicked in and the hammer came back down just missing his head. He then picked it up and threw in onto a rooftop. He was taken into custody without

further incident although he continued to hurl profanities at our Officers. He was booked for Felony Assault With a Deadly Weapon.



Hostile Jason and his Hammer

On 11-5-13, about 9:00 A.M., our officers were flagged down by a parking attendant at 1715 Cahuenga. He said that a man had broken into a silver Honda and then ran off eastbound being pursued by the car's owner. Our entire morning team of Sgt. Patton and Officers Sterling, Parra, Ayala and Coogle responded. The only person missing was the Director who of course was in another meeting.

As our Officers headed eastbound, some tour guides told them the suspect was northbound on Vine. Our Officers then saw the suspect running north in the south traffic lane of Vine. They surrounded the suspect and ordered him to the ground. The LAPD arrived at this time and handcuffed the suspect. The owner of the car was there and pointed out his purple headphones which were around suspect Jeremy's neck. He was booked for the felony.





Car Burglar Jeremy

On 11-8-13, our late night patrol (Merkens/Anderson) monitored an LAPD call of a shooting in progress at Sunset and El Centro. One person was injured and a second killed. They continued their patrol and saw Peter tagging the south walls of Hollywood High School. He was arrested for Vandalism and turned over to the LAPD.



The Somewhat Creepy Peter

On 11-9-13, we received a call of a female causing a disturbance at the library located at 1623 Ivar. Our Dispatcher could hear the woman screaming in the background as Security Guard Doloris called us for help.

Deloris told Officers Sterling and Coogle that 19 year old Dominique was in the Library talking loudly and blocking patrons with her large number of bags. When asked to leave, she started cursing and then punched Deloris who then called us for help.

The suspect went outside. Deloris also went outside to wait for BID Security. The suspect then punched her two more times. Discretion being the better part of valor, Deloris ran away. As our Officers approached, the suspect was screaming at them. She told Officer Sterling 'Don't even think about touching me or my stuff 'Niggercop'. She continued yelling profanities and racial slurs. She then approached Sterling and tried to punch him.



Both Officers then grabbed the suspect. She continued fighting and bit Sterling on the right forearm and left ring finger. They finally got her under control and handcuffed. The wounds were serious and Paramedics were called. Dominique was arrested for Mayhem and she was booked by the LAPD. She had no injuries.

Officer Sterling was sent to Kaiser for treatment. He will need follow-up care in order to test for infection. A Google check on the suspect revealed that she had been arrested at Ocean Beach in August 2013 after she cut a man behind his ear with a pair of scissors.





Sterling's Injuries

On 11-9-13, Officers Gordon and Kanagi arrested 23 year old Ayden for Urinating in Public at Madam Tussaud's located at 6933 Hollywood Blvd. He was in costume as 'Captain America' at the time of the arrest. This 'character' generates many complaints due to his aggressive behavior.



Complaint Magnet Ayden

#### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period, we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday we worked from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. On 10-4-13 we started another late night patrol experiment. We put three two Officer unarmed teams on Hollywood Blvd. from 9:00 P.M. until 3:00 A.M. They are supported by two armed



Officers in a vehicle. Their mission is to observe and report suspicious and unlawful activity to the LAPD. This is a 14 week trial. The six weekends went very well with great communication between BID Security and the LAPD.

#### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period, our Officers received Bicycle Safety training, Sexual Harassment, Blood Borne Pathogens, Driver Safety and Legal Update. They also received Tactical Low Light Firearms training at our Range in Burbank.