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SUMMARY FOR 1-1-14 THROUGH 2-9-14

It seems that we have finally just got done filing away all our 2013 paperwork and we find ourselves already a month into the New Year. Our mission remains the same which is to improve the quality of life in our patrol areas. This year we will continue to nurture and create new relationships that will help us to achieve our goals. At the request of our client, we greatly increased our visibility on the streets last year. You can count on seeing those numbers increase dramatically again this year.

We plan to address long term problems and seek solutions. We are putting an emphasis on gathering data on such topics as alcohol use and sales. Nearly 60% of our arrests are for drinking in public. This information will be shared with our client, the City Attorney's Office and the LAPD so a strategy can be formed to address the issue.

We count the homeless in our areas each month so that we can be on top of any new trends. This information should be very helpful over time. We also identify those most in need of intervention. We have seen too many people die on our streets and we are part of a growing group of both public and private entities in the outreach community that are working together to address these issues.

Our thought is that by providing as much factual information as possible to Kerry Morrison, it will allow her and her staff to better prioritize their use of limited resources in responding to long term problems and issues. We remain open to change and innovation and project another positive year.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 1-3-14, our Bike Team saw a head on collision occur at La Brea and Hollywood. All the people in the involved cars complained of pain to their backs and knees. Paramedics and the LAPD were called. We stood by until the arrival of the LAPD.

On 1-5-13, our Officers assisted after a car struck a motorcycle at Hollywood and Cahuenga. We called Paramedics for the motorcyclist who was taken to the hospital. We directed traffic until the arrival of the LAPD.

On 1-8-14, our Bike team was conducting a business check at the Colony located at 1743 Cahuenga when they ran into John Tronson of HBID fame. He was there with a client. He was happy to see our teams on the job.

On 1-10-14, Erin Casey and Erin Krummes of My Friends Place and Officer Martinez from the Santa Monica Police Department came to our briefing to provide training for our Officers.

On 11-9-13, we had responded to a call of a young woman causing a disturbance at the



Library. Upon arrival we learned that the woman struck the female guard several times. She was clearly severely mentally ill. She screamed at and threatened our Officers. She used profanity, racial epithets and demanded that we not touch her. She ended up almost biting off the fingertip of an Officer.

As we de-briefed the incident, we realized that the woman was clearly sending us a strong signal that she would become violent if touched. We have had many other violent encounters with mentally ill people. We then wanted to explore methods that would help us to handle similar situations with less chance of either the mentally ill person or our Officers getting injured. I then decided to call in the Professionals in this area.

Our Officers received training in how to recognize trauma and mental illness including psychosis. What is dual diagnosis (mental illness + substance abuse)? What is trauma and how does it manifest behaviorally? What meaning can you make from behavior and how can you assign meaning so you don't take it personally? What are some tips on deescalation that helping professionals most commonly use.

There was a good dialogue after the training. We see this as the first in a series of similar training for 2014.



Mental Illness Issues Training

On 1-10-14, our Bike Team contacted Anthony at 1743 Cahuenga. He had a toy assault rifle. He was very aggressive towards the Officers. He often scares tourists and others with his aggressive behavior. We have had several other instances where he has threatened and pointed toy guns at our Officers. We shared this information with the LAPD for Officer safety reasons.





Anthony Goes Full Auto

On 1-10-14, we received a call of man sleeping on the sidewalk in front of the Café Etc. located at 6371 Selma. The man did not respond and the Officers touched him and found that he was stiff (rigor mortis). He was cold to the touch and the Officers could feel no



pulse. We called the LAPD and Paramedics who responded and pronounced the man dead.

The man is named Steven Hinton (3-16-59). We had arrested him on the previous day for drinking in public at 1747 Cahuenga. He was drinking Garn Legacy vodka which is an inexpensive brand. Our records revealed that we had also arrested him on 2-5-13 at 6385 Hollywood Blvd. for the same charge with the same alcohol.





Arrests from 2-5-13 and 1-9-14

On 1-16-14, Officers Sterling and Islas were on Foot Patrol when they met Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young from New England, Mary and Sue from Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jackson from Jacksonville Tennessee and Lim and Linda from Arizona. They discussed points of interest in Hollywood. These types of contacts are a daily occurrence.

On 1-18-14, we received a call of subjects selling items from a lime green Hummer at 6711 Hollywood Blvd. It turned out that the three men were selling lollipops laced with marijuana. They were convinced to go elsewhere.



The PSO's were on patrol and spoke to 5 Australian tourists. They asked our Officers to pose for photographs with them. They even gave PSO Faifili a koala bear clip. The group was having a great time and they wished our Officers a great day.

On 1-29-14 Officers Watson and Sewell responded to a call at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. regarding a man panhandling and refusing to leave. Our Officers contacted "Shaka" and his small dog. They asked him to leave and he became argumentative. They then realized that Shaka was mentally challenged. They coaxed



him outside, but he returned a few minutes later saying he wanted a McFlurry with M+M's. Officer Sewell bought the McFlurry and gave it to Shaka. He left happily walking down the Blvd. Another problem solved.

On 1-31-14, we once again lived up to our reputation as problem solvers. Selma Elementary School teacher Brandy worked late and got herself locked in on campus. Our Officers saved the day by helping her to climb over the fence.



File Photo of Teachers Escaping Classroom

Fun Facts:

The equestrian below is named Emily Rose. She is riding on a steed named Cooper. When Emmy was a little girl, her dad often called her "Cooper". No one, even her dad, knows the reason for this nickname, but it seemed to fit. To me this is a fun fact although I admit I am easily amused.



Emmy and Cooper Canter

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 1-7-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 1-9-14 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 3) 1-10-14 My Friends Place Training
- 4) 1-14-14 SBID Board Meeting
- 5) 1-14-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 6) 1-15-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 7) 1-16-14 HBID Board Meeting
- 8) 1-21-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 9) 1-22-14 Community Impact Meeting
- 10) 1-23-14 Councilman O'Farrell Luncheon
- 11) 1-28-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 12) 1-28-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 13) 1-28-14 BID, LAPD, C/A Alcohol Issues
- 14) 1-29-14 AMDA Security Meeting



15) 1-31-14 Council of Mentally Ill Offenders

16) 2-4-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

OUTREACH:

On 1-5-14, Sgt. Reyes and Officer Kanagi contacted Al who was down on the grass at 6407 Hollywood Blvd. He was unable to stand and complained of pain to his back and chest. They called Paramedics who responded and took Al to the hospital.

On 1-5-14, we received a call of a transient sleeping in the driveway of the Motel 6 located at 1738 Whitley. Upon arrival our Officers contacted the long time homeless Kenneth. He was lying across the driveway and sidewalk. He said that he was having leg pain and needed an ambulance. Paramedics responded and took him to the hospital.

On 1-7-14, Officers Melvin and Mooney found Larry lying face down on the sidewalk at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. He had cuts and bruises to his face and hands and did not respond to our Officers. They were able to rouse him somewhat and he appeared to be heavily intoxicated. He was unable to stand. The Officers called Paramedics who responded and they took him to the hospital.



Larry

On 1-10-14, our Officers met with PATH Counselor Reggie as he was at 1122 Vine with a slightly disturbed client. We stood by until another case worker arrived.

On 1-11-14, Officers Coogle and Sterling contacted Veteran Benjamin and his mentally disabled girlfriend at 1600 Vine. They are homeless and need help. They were advised to meet with Amie of the Lord's Lighthouse tomorrow. Courtney Kanagi was also contacted and will try to assist.

Three days later, Reggie from PATH asked for our help in finding the Benjamin and Brenda. Reggie said they have been approved to enter a shelter along with their small dog. We located the couple and Reggie responded so that he could take them to the clinic for a required TB test.

On 1-15-14, Officers Mike and Mike found a man down on the sidewalk on Sunset Blvd. He was homeless and in need of assistance. They directed him to the Lord's Lighthouse. They were happy to see him there later in the day.

On 1-21-14, Sgt. Patton found a man down at Hollywood and Hudson. He said that he was a marijuana and heroin user and that he was in medical distress. Paramedics were called and they responded and took the man to the hospital.



On 1-22-14, we found Matt passed out on the sidewalk at Hudson and Hollywood. He was roused and said that he was sick although he refused assistance. Our Bike Patrol Officers gave him a bottle of water as he said he was dehydrated.

On 1-22-14, our PSO's Maki and Faifili spoke to a 20 year old homeless man that we know as 'Dirt". You may see him riding his bike through the BID. He has a red Mohawk and carries a guitar. PSO Faifili had actually given him that guitar last summer and was happy to see that he still had it. "Dirt" said that he was doing Ok. This is an example of our on-going rapport building.

On 1-24-14, Officers Sterling and Islas were on foot patrol when they found a man down on the sidewalk at 6350 Hollywood Blvd. He was in medical distress. They called Paramedics who responded and took him to the hospital.

On 1-28-14, we delivered several large bags of baby and toddler clothing to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. This had been donated by BID Security and homeless people supporter Caitlin Seyler.

Caity

On 1-28-14, Officers Watson and Sewell responded to a call of a man panhandling at the Arbys located at 5920 Sunset Blvd. They spoke to Luke who is 21 years old. He was wearing dirty clothes and a bathrobe. He agreed to stop begging at the location.

Luke said that he was trying to get off crystal meth. He said he is using meth to help him get off heroin, but that it wasn't working well as the meth in L.A. is not as good as the product in Fresno. He said he prefers China White heroin he used to get in Detroit as opposed to the Mexican Tar heroin that he finds here. We fear for this amateur chemist's future and will try to get our Outreach partners to engage him.

On 2-1-14, our Officers were flagged down by a citizen at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. regarding a man down on the sidewalk. He was a male transient and was heavily intoxicated and unable to care for himself. We contacted the LAPD Foot Patrol Officers who in turn called Paramedics. The man was taken to the hospital

On 2-1-14, Officers Parra and Kanagi contacted the homeless Ponell and Aaron at the Jack in the Box on Sunset. An appointment was set up for them to come to PATH on Monday for intake and a TB test. They will hopefully be placed on a waiting list for shelter.

On 2-2-14, we received a call of a man in distress at 1758 Hudson. Upon our Officers arrival, David told them that there was a foreign object attached to his penis. LAPD also



arrived on the scene. We decided that the Paramedics would have more expertise in this area and they were called. They responded and took David to the hospital.

Pictured below are Torrey and George as well as BID Officers Kanagi, Gordon and PSO Nunez. Torrey and George represent a heart-warming success for Kerry Morrison and her network of Homeless Outreach Providers. We certainly consider ourselves to be part of this team and we were deeply involved with both of these men. Both had been living in utter squalor on our streets until being brought into the fold. Torrey and George are an inspiration and proof that the most intractable problems can be solved. There was a time when I did not believe this to be possible as I thought both of these men would die on the street. We hope to report on many similar stories in the future as these types of efforts are on-going.

Outreach Success

On 2-5-14, we were asked to locate the homeless Michelle as her case worker needed to see her. We found her and directed her to the Church. We found her again later in the morning sitting on the sidewalk at Hollywood and Cherokee. She said her feet hurt. We then drove her to the Church so she could get shoes, clothes and contact with her case worker. She was very grateful.



On 2-5-14, Officers Mike and Mike saw 62 year old Theodore on the sidewalk at Leland and El Centro. He was disorientated. Sgt. McCall went to the Hollywood Community Hospital to see if he may have walked away from there. They said he was a former patient and they agreed to re-admit him. We drove him to the Emergency Room. We were able to contact his sister.





Theodore



On 2-3-14, we responded to a call of a man sleeping inside the McDonalds at 1413 Vine. We responded and the man was asked to leave. He complied. Our Officers noticed that he was cold and had no socks. They called Spencer at the Church and he agreed to provide clothing. The man was then directed to the Church.

Later that morning at 6:55 A.M., Officers Mike and Mike contacted 8 people who were sleeping at the car wash located at 6200 Sunset. They then found 3 more people sleeping in two tents to the rear. All were asked to get up and they all complied. One of the people was named Chris. We have seen him for several years, but he had never spoken with us. They explained available services to him and set up an appointment at the Church for him. Later in the shift they saw Chris at the Center talking to Spencer. This is a good illustration of how our rapport building often pays off over the long run.

On 2-8-14, our Officers found James sprawled on the ground beside his wheelchair at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. He was soaked in urine and was disorientated. We were able to find out that he belonged at Longwood Manor at 4853 Washington Ave. in Los Angeles. Longwood is a nursing care facility. When called they said that he had checked himself out and he must find his own way back.

It was getting dark and James did not even know where he was. In the spirit of problem solving and simple human decency, we authorized Officers Gordon and Kanagi to drive him home. They found the staff to be quite cynical and unhelpful. Our Officers gave them some suggestions on proper treatment of the disabled.



James

Longtime homeless man Serge now getting help. He is pictured here with Savanah of PATH.



Savanah and Serge

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 83 arrests. Fifty six were for drinking in public, 3 for urinating in public, 8 for trespass, 1 for battery, 6 for blocking the sidewalk,



3 for theft, 2 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 4 for felonies. We also made 48 homeless referrals, assisted 20 agencies, provided 192 foot beat patrols for a total of 297.4 hours, assisted 1741 citizens, handled 341 radio calls for service and made 2437 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 36 arrests. Twenty nine were for drinking in public, 3 for urinating in public, and 4 for trespass. We also made 69 homeless referrals, assisted 17 agencies, provided 55 foot beat patrols for a total of 47.1 hours, assisted 627 citizens, handled 224 radio calls for service, and made 667 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 119 arrests. Eighty five for drinking in public, 6 for urinating in public, 12 for trespass, 1 for battery, 6 for blocking the sidewalk, 3 for theft, 2 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 4 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 117 homeless referrals, assisted 37 agencies, provided 247 foot beat patrols for a total of 344.5 hours, assisted 2368 citizens, handled 565 radio calls for service, and made 3104 business contacts.

On 1-28-14, Officers Mike and Mike contacted two homeless women at 6920 Hollywood Blvd. They spoke to them about services available and one agreed to go to the PATH Shelter for a tour. Reggie from PATH was called to handle.

On 1-29-14, our Bike Team was flagged down by a man in a wheelchair in the 6300 block of Hollywood Blvd. He could not find his handicap equipped Dodge Caravan. Our guys started a block by block search and found the vehicle at 6516 Hollywood Blvd. Problem solved!

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 1-3-14, Officer Islas and Sgt. Patton arrested Carl Decker for theft after he took two gallon jugs of Tide from the business at 7021 Hollywood Blvd. When they patted him down for weapons, they found two used syringes and a complete heroin kit. Possession

of drug paraphernalia was added to his charges. He was turned over to the LAPD and was booked.

Heroin User Carl

On 1-3-14, we received a call of a man refusing to leave Domino's Pizza located at 6051 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival our Officers contacted Gerald. He thanked our Officers for coming to arrest him. When told that they had no intention of making an arrest he said that we had to as he feared he would hurt himself or someone else.



Our Officers told him that he needed to leave. Gerald said that he would do a robbery if he had to so he could go to jail. When told they could not arrest him for nothing, he said what about drinking in public as he took a drink of beer. In fear of leaving him on the street, our Officers arrested him and took him to the LAPD Station. Gerald started crying and continued to talk about hurting himself.

The Watch Commander was informed of all of the above and he contacted the SMART Team who responded and placed a 5150 hold on Gerald.



The Despondent Gerald

On 1-8-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala were flagged down and advised that three men were harassing customers and employees at the Subway Restaurant. Our Officers approached and the men shouted profanities and used racial epithets against the Officers. They were escorted outside. The instigator was Curtis. LAPD arrived and ran him on the computer. It was then learned that he had an outstanding felony warrant for Burglary.

On 1-9-14, Officers Mooney and Melvin made the first arrest of 2014 for imbibing the dreaded Taaka vodka. Ashkan was drinking the inexpensive beverage at 7080 Hollywood Blvd.



On 1-7-14, we received a call that a man was inside El Pollo Loco even though the business was not yet open for business. Officers Ayala and Coogle contacted suspect Ryanafter he walked outside. LAPD responded. The suspect gave a false name at first. It was learned that he had \$30,000.00 in outstanding warrants. He was then booked. He said that he found the door open so he went in to use the bathroom.



On 1-17-14, Loews security Officer Juan Carlos ran to our office asking for help. They were detaining a man using a fraudulent credit card. We responded and stayed with the



suspect until the LAPD arrived. They checked the room the man had come from and found duplicate and blank credit cards. They also found machinery for making fake cards. There were also other credit cards in the room. The room had been rented to a female who was not there at this time. The items were seized and the investigation continues.

On 1-22-14, we received a call of a theft at Mel's Diner located at 1650 Highland. Sgt. Reyes and Officer Sewell responded and spoke to Manager Krista. She said that suspect Brian had ordered a meal, but then refused to pay for it. Our Officers recognized the suspect and were aware that he had been arrested several times previously for defrauding an innkeeper (537 PC).

Brian had no money. Our Officers then formed the opinion that he had entered the business with the intent of stealing a meal which is a violation of section 459 PC (Burglary). The LAPD responded and took custody of the suspect.



Brian

On 1-23-14, we were flagged down at Tekila located at 6541 Hollywood Blvd. An employee complained about Marcel who was trespassing. We arrested him for possession of marijuana on 3-11-10, indecent exposure on 4-25-12 and trespass on 4-30-12.

An hour after this incident Officer Trujillo saw Marcel and Sheron standing at the corner of Hollywood and Hudson screaming at local business people and passing tourists. He then saw that they were both drinking Crystal Palace Vodka. Both were placed under arrest.



Cheap Vodka Connoisseurs Marcel and Sheron

On 1-27-14, we received a call of a man harassing Mohammed of Star Line Tours at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival Mohammad showed our Officers a restraining order against a Mr. Williams. We kept the peace until the fixed post LAPD Officers arrived. They ran him on the computer, learned that he had an outstanding felony warrant, and took him to the slammer.



On 1-29-14, at 9:40 A.M., we arrested Eston for drinking in public in the 6100 block of Sunset Blvd. He was drinking from an unmarked bottle containing a clear fluid. Investigation revealed this to be none other than the cringe worthy Taaka vodka which he said he had purchased at the Ralph's Market at Sunset and Western. We arrested him again 4 hours later in the same area. He had switched to 211 Steel Reserve Malt liquor.

We had also arrested him on 1-1-14 at 6051 Hollywood Blvd. for drinking King Cobra Malt Liquor. We arrested him again on 1-19-14 for drinking Four Loko at 1218 Vine. He said he bought it at the Stop and Shop Liquors located at 1123 Vine. The next day we arrested him for drinking King Cobra at 6051 Hollywood Blvd. He refused to say where he bought it in fear that we would tell them not to sell to him.

On 1-27-14, we popped Eston at 6100 Sunset as he was trespassing at Denny's located at 6100 Sunset. This was after two calls from the business. The next day we arrested him again for drinking High Gravity 211 Malt liquor at Sunset and Gower.

Bid Security's first documented contact with Eston was on 7-29-05 when he was arrested for urinating in public at 1607 Gower. Over the years we have arrested him for drinking in excess of 15 times as well as for other charges.



Eston

On 2-2-14, our Officers saw Oscar walking past the El Capitan drinking from a can of Olde English 800. He was also belligerent and was blocking women from freely passing by. Officers Kanagi and Gordon then placed him under arrest and he was turned over to the LAPD. Oscar was booked as he had several outstanding warrants.



The Ill Tempered Oscar

On 2-3-14, Officers Mooney and Melvin saw Christopher trying to hit a man with a crowbar at 1632 Wilcox. In fear for the man's safety, they stopped and confronted Bailey, ordering him to drop the crowbar. He refused and threatened our Officers. They ordered him again at gunpoint and Bailey surrendered. LAPD responded and booked him for the felony.







Chris and his Weapon of Choice

On 2-9-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon arrested Jamie for drinking in public at 5900 Hollywood Blvd. After turning him over to the LAPD, we learned that he had a Felony No Bail Warrant. We had also arrested him on 2-5-14 and 2-7-14 for drinking in public.

We also had other contacts with him over this week. He was very belligerent and actually growled at our Officers. We learned that he had been huffing some computer cleaner spray which might explain his bizarre behavior.



Felon Jaime

On 2-8-14, we received a call of a man trespassing and causing a disturbance at the Good Will Store located at 1218 Vine. Manager Ms. Barker said that Raymond had been hanging around the store for a few days and kept causing problems. He threatened her and another employee with bodily harm. He was warned, but still refused to leave. He was then arrested for trespass and taken to the LAPD Station.



Rowdy Raymond

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:

We always stress the importance of training for our Officers. During this period we received online training on Patrol Techniques, Emergency Guidelines and Report writing. We qualified at our firing range in Burbank and also received Legal Update training. We also had Mental Health professionals from My Friend's Place and the Santa Monica Police Department provide training in trauma and mental health issues.

