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SUMMARY FOR 2-10-14 THROUGH 3-9-14

This report takes us through week 10 of 2014. Time flies. Some of our goals for this year are to further increase our high visibility patrols and to address the issue of drinking in public.

We have added additional bicycles to our fleet and they are just finding their way into our schedule. Even prior to expanding, we have found this unit to be very productive. They are highly visible and can move rapidly, while our SUV's are bogged down in traffic. In the last month alone, this unit has made 19 arrests including a felony, visited 1,180 businesses, contacted 102 citizens and homeless people and handled 75 radio calls. This does not even include all the back-up they have provided for their fellow Officers. We are anticipating more progress in the weeks ahead.

Drinking in public arrests accounted for a combined 59% of our arrests last year. As of this date, that total has increased to a surprising 69%. The reasons are not clear to us. Kerry Morrison has long expressed concerns with this issue and has started a dialog with various parties. The meetings are being attended by Kerry and her staff, LAPD Captain Zarcone and staff, Neighborhood Prosecutor Andre Quintero, BID Security and other concerned parties as we search for some solution. These meetings are on-going.

On 3-5-14, Kerry asked me to accompany her and we visited the CVS Pharmacy on Cahuenga, the 7-11 Store on Cahuenga and Pla Boy Liquor on Yucca. We had a dialog with the owner of Pla Boy, Assistant Manager at CVS and an employee at 7-11. We asked them to consider a moratorium on sales of their least expensive alcohol products for a one month period starting on May 1, 2014. We would then analyze our arrest data and see if this would have any impact on lowering alcohol arrest totals. We also want to see if this would improve the quality of life in this neighborhood.

TRENDS:

Our calls for service are slightly lower than this time last year. It's a decrease in only 26 calls, but this is significant as the total has not continued the constant year to year increase. We hope that this trend will continue.

We have also noticed that our arrest totals are up in both BIDs for an additional 68 arrests when compared with last year. It is too early to draw any firm conclusions from these facts and we will continue to monitor.

We are on track in our goal of further increasing our high visibility patrols. We made huge gains in this area last year. So far this year we have increased these patrols by 89 for a total of an additional 222.9 hours of patrol time. These numbers should continue to grow throughout the year.



EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 2-12-14, Officers Watson and Sewell contacted ten people who were in the alley east of the 1600 block of Cahuenga. Three were working and seven were loitering and were sent on their way. The owner of "Spice" contacted our Officers. He spoke of the problems of drinkers and dope users hanging out in the alley. He said he knows the BID provides a lot of extra patrol already so he hates to call for every problem.

The Officers told Danny that he should call for each incident so that we can gain control of the situation. Danny then asked if the Officers would speak to his employees regarding safety issues. They went into the restaurant where an employee meeting was already in progress. Our guys gave an impromptu safety briefing to the ten assembled employees. They were encouraged to call us when a violation was in progress.

On 2-14-14, we received a call of a man refusing to leave the bathroom at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. Our Officers found a man passed out sitting on the toilet. After considerable effort, he was roused and sent on his way. It is surprising how many times we have encountered this scenario throughout the BID.



Our Version of The Thinker

We survived another Oscar's week. Oscar Sunday on 3-2-14, is the one day of the year that we do not patrol the BID. This is because we are unceremoniously kicked out of our office by the security working for the Academy.

We recently put stickers on the rear bumper of our vehicles welcoming people to call a number to report any improper driving by our Officers. The call goes to an independent company. We received our first input from this on 1-28-14. A caller reported that they saw our Officers in our #1 vehicle on Vine Street. They had stopped to assist an elderly woman. The caller said that no one else would stop to help and that our Officers were "noble".

I researched the incident and learned that Officer Bruce Jacquez was the driver. Officers Trujillo and Rosales were also in the vehicle. These Officers were assigned to the Bike Team, but were put in the vehicle due to heavy rain. They came across the elderly homeless woman walking in traffic at Vine and Fountain.

On 3-4-14, we had our second incident related to the new bumper stickers. Our Officers stopped to check on three men who were down on the sidewalk at Highland just north of Hollywood Blvd. One of the men appeared to be unconscious. Our Officers Mooney



and Melvin stopped, put on their flashing lights and checked on the men. They were all alright and were asked to get up off the sidewalk. They complied.

During this time a woman in a Mercedes pulled in behind our vehicle and started laying on the horn. Other vehicles simply drove around our vehicle, but she just stayed behind honking her horn. Our Officers returned to their vehicle and drove off. The woman then drove past them at a high rate of speed. She then called in her complaint which was then forwarded to me.

On 3-3-14, PSO's Faifili and Smith conducted a business check at the Station Market located at 6601 Hollywood Blvd. Owner Syed told them he was having problems with a homeless man who keeps running into the store saying "Quick, hide me". He is claiming that the Police are after him and he runs in the store to hide whenever he hears a siren in the distance. The man also calls 911. The Fire Department arrived at the store and they believe that the man generated the call. We will attempt to identify this man and try to steer him towards some services.

On 3-4-14, our PSO's found a large number of LA Xpress papers strewn all over the sidewalk on Hollywood Blvd. They started picking up the trash and were pleasantly surprised when three citizens stopped and assisted them.

On 3-9-14, we received a call of a couple refusing to leave the Winchell's located at 1316 Vine. Employees wanted the couple to be advised that their business was no longer desired. The unhappy duo eventually left, but not before giving Officers Gordon and Kanagi a special wave.



This unhappy soul See's <u>not</u> the donut But just the hole!

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 2-10-14 Hollywood FWRD Outreach Meeting
- 2) 2-11-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 3) 2-11-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 4) 2-13-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 5) 2-13-14 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 6) 2-18-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 7) 2-19-14 Client/Board Member Range Training Day
- 8) 2-20-14 H+H Retail Meeting



- 9) 2-25-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 2-25-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 11) 2-27-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 12) 3-4-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 13) 3-5-14 Kerry Liquor Store Meetings
- 14) 3-6-14 H+H Retail Meeting

OUTREACH:

On 2-14-14, Officers Mooney and Cox found 62 year old James down on the sidewalk at 1615 Wilcox. He was in medical distress. We called Paramedics who responded and treated him.

On 2-15-14, our Officers found James passed out at 6435 Yucca. He had been drinking. We called Paramedics who responded and took him to the hospital. Note that we had also found James on the ground last week and we transported him to his Nursing Care Facility in Los Angeles.





James

On 2-28-14, Officers Sterling and Goddard met Adrian while doing a business check at the Subway located at 6051 Hollywood Blvd. She was homeless and it soon became apparent that she needed assistance. The Officers drove her to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament where they introduced her. She also got some new shoes.

A short time later, these Officers arrested Thomas for drinking in public at 1747 Cahuenga. He was taken to the LAPD Station where he was cited out. The BID Officers then learned that Thomas was homeless and new to Hollywood. They gave him information about PATH and then drove him to the Church as well.



Newcomer Thomas

On 3-3-14, our PSO's also spoke to the homeless Jerry who is a heavy set white male with a bald head and brown beard. He was sitting on the sidewalk. They offered to give



him information about available services, but he politely declined. He said he had been in Hollywood for four days, but would be leaving soon. We are constantly trying to get a better understanding of our homeless population. We have found that many people simply pass through and we would like to know if there is a pattern to their travels.

On 3-5-14, PSO's Maki and Faifili contacted 18 year old Steven at Hollywood and Cahuenga. He is homeless and had just arrived in Hollywood from San Diego. He was panhandling using a sign that said "Please spare change for food". He is originally from Texas. They referred him to My Friends Place and he headed in that direction. They also called MFP to tell them that Steven was on the way. We later learned that Steven did show up there. They are helping him to get identification and will help in a job search.

In an effort to better understand why people become homeless, I asked the PSO's to contact Steven again to try for more information. They found him and he told them that he grew up in foster care in Texas. He turned 18 and hit the streets. He went to San Diego to live with his grandmother, but she passed away. He had a female friend in Hollywood who offered to house him and help him find a job. He then spent his last \$23.00 for a bus ticket and headed for Hollywood.

Steven said that once he got here, family members of his friend showed up and he had to leave. He read about the Covenant House on the internet and went straight there. He stayed briefly, but left. He thanked our PSO's for guiding him to MFP. After meeting with them, he decided to return to Covenant. They are providing food and shelter. These stories make me realize what an easy childhood I had.

The PSO's also spoke to Jean Paul. He was looking great. They reminded him that a year ago he was always high and passed out on the sidewalk. He came back onto the street, but stopped using methamphetamine. He gained back his weight and got section 8 housing. He now has an apartment at Vermont and Beverly. He was happy and they wished him luck.

They then met another new homeless person named Jimmy. He was in front of Popeye's panhandling. He had a sign that read "Spare change? I'm too ugly to prostitute". He came here from New Orleans. They offered to connect him with services but he said he would be moving on to Denver soon.

On 3-7-14 we received a call of a man possibly cutting himself with a knife. FB1 and the Bike Team responded. The Officers found that the man did not have a knife. He was peeling scabs off his arms and legs causing bleeding. Paramedics were called and they responded and took him to the hospital. The man said that he was bi-polar. The LAPD also responded. They received the call as an attempted suicide.







Glamour Breaks Out Once Again

On 3-9-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi found a man down on the ground at 1760 Vine. He was lying in the sun and was in medical distress. They thought he had acute alcohol intoxication. Paramedics were called and they responded and took him to the hospital.

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 158 arrests. One hundred and six were for drinking in public, 9 for urinating in public, 10 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 3 for battery, 10 for blocking the sidewalk, 6 for theft, 3 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 10 felonies. We also made 102 homeless referrals, assisted 28 agencies, provided 329 foot beat patrols for a total of 503.7 hours, assisted 3087 citizens, handled 588 radio calls for service and made 4281 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 58 arrests. Forty four were for drinking in public, 8 for urinating in public, 4 for trespass, 1 for blocking the sidewalk and 1 felony. We also made 85 homeless referrals, assisted 27 agencies, provided 70 foot beat patrols for a total of 71.4 hours, assisted 1057 citizens, handled 366 radio calls for service, and made 996 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 216 arrests. One hundred and fifty for drinking in public, 17 for urinating in public, 14 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 3 for battery, 11 for blocking the sidewalk, 6 for theft, 3 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 11 felonies. We also made a combined total of 187 homeless referrals, assisted 55 agencies, provided 399 foot beat patrols for a total of 575.1 hours, assisted 4144 citizens, handled 954 radio calls for service, and made 5277 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 2-11-14, our Officers were flagged down and advised that someone was breaking out the windows of an LAPD Patrol car parked at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. Our units responded in force. First to arrive were Officers Trujillo, Sterling and Sgt. Patton who were on foot patrol. As they arrived in the area, Darth Vader directed then to the suspect and they confronted Leyston. He took a combative stance, but Officer Trujillo applied a rear reverse wrist lock and guided him to the ground. He was then handcuffed with the assistance of back-up Officers.



Leyston was yelling "God is coming". "We are all going to die". "God made me do it", etc. The whole event was captured by a cameraman from the Channel Five News. He broke out all but the windshield and he ripped the MDT out of the car. Some tourists said they feared he was going for the shotgun. The suspect was turned over to the LAPD.



Leyston

On 2-15-14, there was a burglary in progress at a Motel in the 1500 block of Labaig. An LAPD Helicopter was overhead and saw a man taking items from a room and placing them in his car. An LAPD Supervisor responded alone to the call. Our morning teams responded. When the LAPD confronted the suspect, he attempted to flee heading southbound. Our Officers were waiting and blocked his escape. An LAPD Officer and Officer Sterling handcuffed the struggling suspect.

On 2-20-14, we arrested Kyle at the Yucca Market located at 1815 Cahuenga. Upon arrival, we found him struggling with employees after he attempted to steal items. We placed him under arrest and turned him over to the LAPD.

At 3:55 P.M., we received a call of Kyle causing a disturbance at the Library located at 1623 Ivar. We have received many other calls regarding him causing problems.

At 5:15 P.M., we received a call of a man refusing to leave the Subway Restaurant located at 1813 Cahuenga. It was Kyle again and we were able to convince him to leave. He is very hostile and has been causing numerous problems in the BID. At 5:30 P.M., we arrested him again for blocking the sidewalk at 1803 Cahuenga. We requested a stay-away order, but he was cited out.

On 2-22-14, we received a radio call of a man drinking in front of the apartment building at 6550 Yucca. It was Kyle yet again. He was again arrested and cited out.

After his release, he went to the Café Etc. where he promptly started exposing himself to passers-by. LAPD Officers Estes and Hwang placed a 5150 hold on him due to his bizarre behavior.



On 2-25-14, we received a call of a man stealing the money out of the tip jar at the Starbucks located at 6745 Hollywood Blvd. Employees said that the suspect ran into the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers responded and the employee positively identified Kyle as being the suspect. We then took him into custody and turned him over to the LAPD. We have arrested him at least 13 times since 2012.

We requested that the LAPD book him so that we could again attempt to get a stay away order for him. They did book him.

I contacted My Friends Place in hopes of finding services for Kyle as I believed he would soon be banned from Hollywood Blvd. They said that they had a relationship with him and would be happy to help.

On 2-27-14, I spoke to Neighborhood Prosecutor Andre Quintero. He was at Kyle's arraignment on 2-26-14. Kyle's Defense Attorney was interested in a Conservatorship for Kyle in lieu of jail. I told Andre that we would fully support this outcome and found this to be consistent with our role as problem solvers. I offered to place the Defense Attorney in contact with MFP in hopes of coordinating the effort to get Kyle the help he needs.

Andre and I agreed that this would be a great test case. He also agreed that getting him help was the best solution. We also have a responsibility to protect the public from Kyle. With that in mind he got a temporary stay away order so that we will have leverage against Kyle if he continues to terrorize the Blvd. He was released on his own recognizance pending his next Court appearance in mid-March.

I believe that this case has the potential of being a model and is something that we have been working towards for some time. If we can bring the outreach community, law enforcement and security and the court system together on finding solutions on these types of cases rather than the usual revolving door, we will have made a great step forward in finding solutions for some very intractable problems.



Kyle

On 2-21-14, Officers Sterling and Islas saw Steven lying on the sidewalk in the 6400 block of Hollywood Blvd. They saw two men and two women have to walk around him. The Officers asked him to get up and he immediately spewed forth with a barrage of



profanities. He finally got up and the Officers left. They returned a half hour later and Steven was again blocking the sidewalk. The Officers watched as two women were forced to walk around him.

The Officers asked the suspect to get up and advised that he would be arrested if he did not. His response was "F___ You. I'm not getting up. You can go F___ your momma!" He got up and took two steps as if walking away. He then suddenly turned, approached Officer Sterling and struck him in the chest. A struggle ensued and the suspect was hit with a two second burst of pepper spray. He was arrested with no injuries and turned over to the LAPD who booked him. This suspect has battered our Officers in the past.



Stormy Steven

On 2-25-14, we received a call of a theft of beer from the CVS Pharmacy located at 1787 Cahuenga. We found suspect Zakyee inside the Popeye's Chicken located at Hollywood and Cahuenga. The victim positively identified her and we placed her under arrest. We turned her over to LAPD Officers Miller and Coronado. They took her to their station where she promptly kicked out the rear passenger window of the patrol car and thus upping her charges to Felony Vandalism.



Zakyee

On 2-26-14, we received a call of a Battery at the Starbucks located at 6933 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival, our Officers spoke to Candace who was working there. She also works as a nurse. She said she was putting furniture on the patio when Pamela approached screaming at her.

Pamela then started punching Candace who blocked the blows with her forearms. She ended up with bloody arms. The suspect then left, pushing a baby stroller. We found Pamela at H+H and the victim identified her. Candace said that she believed that the suspect was mentally ill. She signed the PPA in hopes that Pamela would get needed treatment.





Pamela

On 2-28-14, we received a call of a possible robbery at Iguana Vintage Clothing located at 6320 Hollywood Blvd. A male and female took items and tried to leave without paying. When the clerk tried to stop them, he was attacked. That turned this theft into a robbery case. The suspects fled the scene. The male was described as being 6'5" tall and wearing a sweat suit with stripes. The female was also tall and was wearing a grey hoodie with a royal blue liner.

A couple of hours later, Officers Gordon and Kanagi were standing outside of our Officer talking to LAPD Officers Arguelles #40890 and Gonzalez #40901 when the two suspects walked towards the front door of our office. They matched the suspect descriptions very closely and were taken into custody by our Officers and the LAPD. Officer Jacquez drove to Iguana and picked up the victim who then positively identified the suspects.

Both were taken to the LAPD Station for booking. Suspect Michael had an outstanding Felony warrant for \$30,000.00 for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. We could not help but notice suspect Raeshawna's choice of shirt for her activities today.





Michael and the Aptly Dressed Raeshawna

On 3-3-14, Officers Parra and Ayala saw Justin urinating in public at 6320 Sunset Blvd. They saw that he had a knife in his pants pocket. They turned the suspect over to the LAPD and told them about the knife. The LAPD Officers called the Detective Bureau and were advised to book the suspect for the Felony 21310 PC (Possession of a concealed dirk or dagger).





Blade Wielder Justin - Deceased Actor Phillip



On 3-4-14, Sgt. Patton and Officer Islas and Sterling arrested William for drinking in public at a bus stop on Hollywood Blvd. and Wilcox. After turning him over to the LAPD they learned that he was a Parolee who was wanted for a Robbery in Long Beach Ca.



Felon William

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 Driver Safety, Sexual Harrassment, Legal Update and Civil Liability Issues.