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SUMMARY FOR 4-7-14 THROUGH 5-4-14:

This report takes us through week 18 of 2014. We continue to see patterns emerge as we add more data. Arrests are up by 42 over this time last year. Arrests for drinking in public are up by 41. We have strived to increase our high visibility patrols. They are up by 48 with an addition of 96.5 hours for a total of 139.6 hours of bike and foot patrol. Citizen contacts are up by 309 and business checks are up by a 770 over last year's totals. We have responded to 632 calls for service so far this year. This is only 11 calls over last year's pace. We view this as a positive sign and will monitor.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:



Bike Team

On 4-17-14, our Officers found Jerimiah setting up camp at Hollywood and La Brea. He was convinced to find a better location. Without constant diligence, the Hollywood sidewalks would soon resemble a huge campsite.



Jerimiah Sent Packing

On 4-19-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi spoke to 5 people who were camped at the Car Wash located at 6200 Sunset. We have had numerous complaints about this group as they block Access to the business and steal water and electricity. Two of the group, Lindsay and Chad, had been warned the previous week. They were placed under arrest for Trespass. They were also given information regarding getting into a shelter.





Trespassers Lindsay and Chad

On 4-17-14, we received a call of a man sleeping in front of the Sunset Gower Studios. Upon arrival we found a very comfortable Yayco. He agreed to move elsewhere.



Keeping Sidewalks Clear:

On 4-29-14, our Bike Team spoke to a group blocking the sidewalk on Vine near El Centro and convinced them to move on. Without constant diligence on our part, the sidewalks would soon be impassable.



On 5-2-14, our Officers Kanagi and Gordon spoke to a group of homeless people trespassing at the Chase Bank located at 1500 Vine. They unhappily left, but they did leave.





On 5-4-14, our Officers found Glenn and his pal setting up camp at the Social Security building. They agreed to relocate.



On 4-22-14, our Officers were flagged down by Emily at 6100 Sunset. She works at the Starbucks at La Brea and Sunset. She said that friends of hers that work at Starbucks in the BID were very happy with the BID Patrol rapid response and problem solving ability.

On 4-25-14, Bill Farrar, Mike Harkins and I attended a memorial service at the LAPD Hollywood Station for fallen Officer Lee. A star was placed on the sidewalk in front of the station. Most of the on-duty BID Patrol Officers were also on hand. A check was presented to the family from the Choir Boys which is a motorcycle club made of current and former Police Officers. Several of our Officers are members and are pictured below.



Choir Boys

On 4-29-14, we assisted LAPD Officer Jordan in addressing a large homeless encampment located in the 6200 block of Leland Way. Our morning team has been working with this Officer on a daily basis and he told Captain Zarcone that he was very grateful for the assistance during the last Crime Control Meeting.



On 4-30-14, our Bike Team was flagged down at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. A tourist said that a Spiderman character lifted up the dress of his 15 year old daughter using a stick. Her underwear was exposed. Our Officers asked that man to identify the suspect so that we could arrest him. The man refused to prosecute. We passed on the information to the LAPD.

On 5-2-14, the 'Obama'' character from the Blvd. came to our office. His name is Ilia. He was issued a stay away order as he pushed LAPD Officers when they placed him under arrest. He was hoping that our Officers would sign a petition saying that he should be allowed on the Blvd. He stayed outside our office for several hours. We called the LAPD as he was in violation of the restraining order. They responded and placed him under arrest.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 4-8-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 4-8-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 3) 4-10-14 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 4) 4-14-14 Alcohol Issues Meeting
- 5) 4-15-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 6) 4-17-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 7) 4-21-14 LAPD Taser Meeting
- 8) 4-22-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 9) 4-24-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 10) 4-29-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 11) 4-30-14 Community Impact Meeting

OUTREACH:

On 4-7-14, Officer Ayala and Parra contacted Mark at 1122 Vine. He was in medical distress. His leg was badly swollen and he said he could not stand. As a result he had been staying on the bus bench for the last several days. He had defected on himself and was in great pain. Our officers called Paramedics (Garcia and Yim). They immediately transported him to Kaiser Hospital.

On 4-17-14, Officers Ramirez and Anderson found 45 year old Kelly sitting on the sidewalk outside of the Taft building located at 1680 Vine Street. She was holding 13 month old Jasmin. She had several pieces of luggage on the sidewalk as well. When contacted she said that she was homeless and that her wife was currently trying to find them a room for the night.

Officer Anderson bought milk, water and some treats from Starbucks for the family. The Officers consulted with PATH and found an available shelter for the family. They gave Kelly the information and she was very thankful for the help.





Kelly and Jasmine at the Taft

On 4-22-14, our Officers took clothing and miscellaneous goods donated by our staff to the Center. These will be given to the homeless. We also dropped off seven phones at the LAPD Station. These will go to the Phones for Soldiers Program.

On 4-23-14, we received a call at the Subway located at 1813 Vine. Gertrude ordered a sandwich. When they placed it on the counter, she grabbed it without paying. The employee grabbed it and a tug of war ensued. The employee won and he threw the sandwich in the trash and told her to leave. She became enraged and swept all the items off of the counter.

Gertrude left the store after stealing a Muscle Milk. She drank it in the parking lot and promptly threw up. The employee did not desire to have her arrested.

Our first call of the day (4-23-14) involving Gertrude was at 7:40 A.M. She was at the Laundry Mate at 1820 Cahuenga yelling at people and going through the trash. It took some time, but she finally agreed to leave.

Our next call was at 9:10 A.M. She was now at the Pla Boy Liquor causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. Once again, we convinced her to go after a long hostile dialogue. We encountered her again 30 minutes later as she was causing a disturbance at 6401 Hollywood Blvd. She was again asked to leave.

We contacted Gertrude again at 10:10 A.M. as she was throwing papers on the sidewalk at 6368 Hollywood Blvd. We were able to convince her to move on after another lengthy debate.

We received yet another call regarding Gertrude who was now at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. Employees asked her to leave, but she refused. She was asked many times, but was uncooperative as usual. The employee signed a PPA and we placed her under arrest for trespass.

LAPD Officers arrived and they contacted the P.E.T. Team. They determined that Gertrude was not a danger to herself or others. The LAPD Officers eventually released Gertrude at the scene.



On 4-24-14 at 8:08 A.M. we got a call from Carlos at World Books and News located at 1652 Cahuenga. Gertrude was there throwing trash. She had removed the trash can from its housing. Our Officers picked up the trash and returned the can to its proper place. Carlos called again at 9:19 A.M. and said that she was standing in traffic blocking cars.

Gertrude is unpredictable and often violent. She is clearly a danger to others. She is also a danger to herself as her walking in traffic illustrates. It also seems likely that someone that she assaults will strike back and possible seriously injure her. The wasted manpower being used to move her from one spot to another is also a great waste that should be considered as we seek some solution to this problem.

Gertrude disappeared from our streets just as we were planning an intervention. We learned that she had been in the hospital. She is now back on our streets. She was stable at first and seemed to be taking her medications. As of 4-13-14, she is back to her erratic behavior.



Gertrude

On 4-22-14, Officers Mike and Mike found a Mr. Gibson sleeping under a tree at 6500 Sunset. He was homeless and they spoke to him about available shelter and services. He said he has been homeless for ten years ever since his wife died. He politely refused all offers of assistance. They sent his photo to Reggie from PATH and he agreed to meet with Mr. Gibson.



Mr. Gibson

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 121 arrests. Eighty nine were for drinking in public, 11 for urinating in public, 10 for trespass, 3 for battery, 4 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 for theft, 1 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 2 for felonies. We also made 151 homeless referrals, assisted 43 agencies, provided 112 foot beat patrols for a



total of 139.6 hours, assisted 2265 citizens, handled 632 radio calls for service, and made 2021 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 4-12-14, Officers Sewell and Coppola arrested Constance for drinking in public at 7046 Hollywood Blvd. After turning her over to the LAPD we learned that she had a Felony No Bail Warrant.



Felon Constance

On 4-12-14, our Officers warned Teneshia at 6300 Sunset Blvd. She was sitting on and blocking the sidewalk as she enjoyed her lunch. She became quite angry and refused to move. After numerous unheeded warnings, she was placed under arrest and taken to the LAPD Station.



Teneshia

On 4-25-14, Bike Patrol Officers Ramirez and Trujillo saw Guy urinating on Hudson near Hollywood Blvd. When approached he said "You F___ing tin badges. You're not real cops". The Officers told him there was a public bathroom a half block away and he replied "Man, I don't want to talk to you wanna be's". Although deeply saddened by Guy's hurtful rhetoric, the Officers carried on with their duties and placed him under arrest. Officers Sterling and Islas assisted.

The Officers flagged down an LAPD unit and they stopped and cited Guy for the offense. Officer Ramirez saw a blue star on the suspect's cheek. He remembered seeing this on a wanted flyer for a wanted parolee at large. The LAPD Officers ran him and found that he was indeed a parolee at large with an outstanding no bail felony warrant. The noisome felon was booked.





Parolee Takes a Pee

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 Effective Communication, Public Relations, Criminal Liability and Civil Liability.