

Stephen Seyler BID Executive Security Director SBID Monthly Report

SUMMARY FOR 6-9-14 THROUGH 7-6-14

This report takes us through week 27 of this year. It's hard to believe that we have already reached the halfway point of 2014. We definitely have enough data to see some trends compared to last year's totals. We have made 189 arrests in the SBID so far this year. The total is up by 47 over 2013. Forty three of the additional arrests are for drinking in public. Citizen contacts are up by 644. Business contacts are up sharply by 1947. This is due to the combined efforts of our Bike Teams and Patrol Officers.

We have made a great effort to increase our high visibility patrols. We have made 135 more patrols than last year at this time and increased our hours on the sidewalks by 264. Our total hours of high visibility foot and bike patrol for 2014 is 312.7 hours.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Progress is being made on the Vine Street tree massacre. Sarah's idea of placing a camera at K+L Wines has successfully captured the image of a suspect. Strategies are being considered. More on this as the investigation continues.



The Mighty Jacaranda

On 6-10-14, Officers Sewell and Watkins responded to the Lowes Hotel, which is next door to our office, regarding a nude man. He was walking toward the entrance when our Officers and the LAPD arrived. Hotel staff provided a blanket and the man was taken to our office until Paramedics arrived. They took the man to the hospital.





On 6-14-14, our Officers saw LAPD SLO Sevdalian who was cleaning up trash from a homeless encampment on a freeway off ramp area. They helped load the trash into a pick-up truck. The items were taken to the LAPD Station. A group of onlookers were on scene to tape the exciting event.

On 6-14-14, our Officers found a homeless man trying to climb onto the roof of Discount Tire located at 6200 Sunset. He was told he was trespassing and that this was unsafe. He said he lost a shoe up there. The Officers told him that although it may make him blue, he must forget about that shoe!

On 7-1-14, we received a call of two people sitting on a wall and drinking beer at 6465 Sunset Blvd. They were refusing to leave. Upon arrival, Officers Sewell and Watkins contacted security guard Mason. He said that he told the people to wait as the BID Patrol wanted to talk to them. They promptly left and Mason said "works every time". We were flattered that our reputation precedes us; however we asked that he call us if the people leave so that we can remain on patrol.

On 7-5-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi found a male and female blocking the sidewalk in the 1600 block of Cherokee. They were asked to move and to clean up the mess. They couple was clearly basking in their state of squalor.



MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 6-10-14 LAPD Crime Control
- 2) 6-10-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 3) 6-11-14 Security Camera-Vine St. Meeting
- 4) 6-12-14 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 5) 6-12-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 6) 6-17-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 7) 6-24-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 8) 6-25-14 Community Impact Meeting



- 9) 6-26-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 10) 6-26-14 Hollywood 4WRD Outreach Meeting
- 11) 7-1-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 12) 7-2-14 LAPD UOF Issues Meeting
- 13) 7-3-14 H+H Retail Meeting

OUTREACH:

On 6-12-14, Officers Mooney and Jacquez responded to a call of man sitting in front of Café Etc. located at 6371 Selma which was upsetting proprietor Vivianna. The Officers spoke to both parties and defused the situation. They noticed that Quan was badly in need of pants and shoes. They went to the Goodwill store on Vine and bought him a shirt, pants and shoes. They even threw in five bucks for chow. Quan was very grateful.

On 6-15-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon saw Kenneth sitting on the sidewalk in front of an abandoned building at Vine and Lexington. He had a bottle of 211 Steel Reserve between his legs. As the Officers watched, several people stopped and spoke to Kenneth. The group suddenly started yelling and pulling at Kenneth.

Our Officers pulled up and saw that Kenneth had sliced his right arm with a pocket knife and was bleeding badly. Paramedics and the LAPD were called. He was mumbling about Father's Day and wanting all of this to end. He was apologetic and called on Officer Kanagi to help him. She has a prior relationship with him based on her real job as a PATH Executive. Seeing her former client in this state was traumatic to say the least yet professionalism carried the day. They helped him as best they could until Paramedics arrived. They were were able to give them Kenneth's information. The Paramedics took Kenneth to Cedar Sinai Hospital.





Kenneth

On 6-17-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala attempted some homeless outreach as they found Robert Blake at Santa Monica and Vine. We have been instructed to contact Nancy at the LADMH whenever we locate Robert. We pretty much locate him every day and pass on the information. It is unknown if their teams respond.



Nancy advised that she would be unavailable this month, but that her co-worker Martin could assist. She said their office would be available to respond on Tuesday and Thursday between 7:00 and 9:00 A.M. The Officers called and left a message for Martin.

On 6-18-14, Officers Mike and Mike woke the homeless Alejandro who was sleeping at 1501 Vine Street. His foot was wrapped in gauze and he said he just had his toe amputated. He needed to go back Tom the hospital, but had no money. The boys ponied up for bus fare and Alejandro was grateful.

On 6-18-14, we received a call regarding two women that were on the sidewalk at 1546 Argyle with a huge amount of property. Officers Coogle and Ayala contacted 42 year old Jessica and an older woman named Sherry. They had been living on skid row, but had many items stolen and did not feel safe. Sherry said her case worker told her to go to Hollywood as there are many services available for the homeless.

The women arrived the previous night by bus and set up camp on the sidewalk along with their two dogs. Our Officers gave her contact information for Amie at the Lord's Lighthouse and information on the PATH Shelter.

On 6-24-14, we received a call to meet the LADMH at Cahuenga and Hollywood. Bike Team Officers Anderson and Nam responded. Social Worker Dennis Griffin was trying to convince Richard to go to their facility for evaluation. Richard went along with them after a little nudge from our Officers.

On 6-30-14, our Bike Team found Richard sprawled across the sidewalk on the north east corner of Hollywood and Cahuenga. He was passed out and it took a while to awaken him. He was lying in the direct sunlight and was intoxicated. Officer Trujillo gave him a bottle of water which he quickly drank. They were at least able to get him to move into the shade. We feel that an intervention needs to be considered soon.

On 7-2-14, the PSO's saw Richard lying on the sidewalk at Hollywood and Cahuenga. He waved to them. There was a tipped over shopping cart beside him. LAPD Detective K. Garcia (#33024) and his partner (Liz) were talking to Richard. The Officers asked our PSO's if they knew Richard. They had received a call from a citizen stating that Richard had fallen and may be injured.

The PSO's helped Richard gather his belongings and he headed off northbound. The LAPD Detectives thanked our Officers for their help.

On 7-4-14, the Bike Team reached out to Richard again to no avail.





On 6-25-14, the PSO's ran into 19 year old Steven. They met him four months prior where they found him homeless and begging for food in front of Popeye's. He came here from San Diego. At that time they directed him to MFP, PATH and the Center. He was happy to give an update on his life. He is in a house with a girlfriend. He fulfilled a dream by starting a band. The PSO's went to the Musicians Institute and spoke to Melissa about Steven. She gave then a financial aid packet which they delivered to Steven in hopes that he could qualify for a scholarship.



On 7-4-14, Officers Watkins and Cox contacted Mr. Cervantes in front of the Walgreens located at 1501 Vine St. He said his feet hurt and he could not walk. Our Officers called Paramedics and they treated him at the scene.

On 7-6-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi two transients who had set up camp at the Social Security building located at 1122 Vine. They were warned regarding trespass and they left the location. They were offered outreach information.





ENFORCEMENT:

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 189 arrests. One hundred and forty one were for drinking in public, 14 for urinating in public, 13 for trespass, 4 for battery, 10 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 1 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 4 felonies. We also made homeless referrals, assisted agencies, provided foot beat patrols for a total of hours, to assisted citizens, handled radio calls for service, and made business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 6-12-14, we received a call that a man had refused to leave the Walgreens located at 1501 Vine. When asked to go, he threw a wine bottle at a female clerk. He then exited and kicked out the glass on the east facing door. He then fled the scene.

Our entire morning team responded. They spotted Luke and followed him to Santa Monica and Vine. We alerted the LAPD and they responded and arrested the suspect for the felony.



On 6-18-14, Sgt. Patton and Officer Goddard arrested Shane for drinking in public at 6200 Sunset Blvd. He was drinking an alcoholic beverage that we don't see every day. It was a Straw-Ber-Ita.





On 6-24-14, Bike Team Officers Anderson, Cox and Nam were doing a business check at the Stop and Shop located at 1123 Vine when they saw Buster drinking a beer at the east side of the store. They placed him under arrest and he was later cited out by the LAPD.

We feature this rather unremarkable arrest only because the name 'Buster" is kind of cool and because this is a very typical arrest for the SBID.



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:

VICKY PLEASE ADD TRAINING CHECK WITH COOGLE

