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#### SUMMARY FOR 7-7-14 THROUGH 9-7-14

This report takes us through week 36 of this year. We are on track for another productive year. Our arrests are up by 35 over this time last year. We have handled 1187 calls for service so far which is only 21 more than last year at this time. Our homeless referrals are up by 138, citizen and tourist contacts are up by 1169 and business contacts are up by 2821. We have made 283 high visibility foot and bike patrols for a total of 436 hours so far this year. Last year we made 86 such patrols for 62 hours at this time of the year.

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

On 7-29-14, PSO's Maki and Faifili contacted three young homeless men on Hollywood Blvd. They all had blonde hair and were wearing tie died shirts. They called themselves the "Hippie Dudes". They were passing through and were trying to get enough cash to go visit Hawaii. They were polite and asked about the rules of the street here. They wished our Officers "Peace" as they went about their patrol.

On 7-29-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle represented BID Security at a meeting at the Library. The LAPD, Safety Police City Security Officers and Library Staff were in attendance. One of the Library guards had been the victim of a battery and the staff was pleading for extra patrol and increased visits from security personnel and Police.

Our Officers offered our assistance, but the Director told them that she would not sign a trespass order on the advice of the City Attorney's Office. Other staff members told our Officers that they really miss back when we responded to calls and did walk throughs there. They still have our number on speed dial, but are not allowed to call us. At the LAPD Crime Control meeting on 8-5-14, City Attorney Jackie Lawson said that she did not see any problem with BID Security entering the Library.

On 7-29-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle contacted Glen who was panhandling at 6104 Sunset Blvd. He said he had just arrived from Fresno the previous evening. He said he would be hitch hiking to Mississippi soon. The Officers gave Glen outreach information.

Good Samaritan Gabriel Ortega (57 years old) was in the McDonalds on Vine when 36 year old suspect Jeremy started yelling at a three year old boy. As the suspect approached the child, Ortega stepped in front of him in order to protect the boy. The suspect then punched him several times in the face and head. Ortega died several days later. The suspect was later arrested. We have had prior contacts with Jeremy. We arrested him on 5-30-11 for Trespass. We have arrested him at least 9 times over the years with the last being on 7-12-14 for drinking in public. Other charges include urinating in public, disrupting a business, battery and burglary. He told us that he came here from Aurora, Illinois.





Victim Gabriel Ortega and Suspect Jeremy

On 8-11-14, Robin Williams passed. Huge crowds converged on his Star on the Walk of Fame. We assisted with crowd control. The situation was largely out of control as people were forced to walk in the street at times. More planning is clearly needed for handling these types of events.



In recent weeks, staff at the Methodist Church located at 6817 Franklin have reached out to us for help. There are people sleeping on their steps and one man in particular defecates there. We have been patrolling each morning and evening and giving warnings. On 8-8-14, Officers Ayala, Coogle and Parra went to the location at 6:00 A.M. They found 3 people who were just getting up. As they left there were 3 piles of feces left behind. The people were warned.



Hollywood Glamour Not Hollywood Glamour



Pictured in the white shirt is Andrews H+H guard Jacob. He had not one or two, but three bikes stolen. This made it very difficult for him to get to work. We solved this problem by pitching in and getting him this really cool bike. We also gave him an industrial strength lock to secure it.



On 8-24-14, Sgt. Reyes received a call from Rita Byrd who is the Assistant Director of the Hollywood Senior Apartments located at 5940 Carlos. She said that an 88 year old resident was robbed. The suspect followed him into the courtyard and took his money. The victim tried to escape in the elevator, but the suspect followed and badly beat him.

I sent Bike Team Officers Anderson and Nam to the location. They met with Manager Bettie Graham and Assistant Rita Byrd. They viewed a video of the severe beating. A Police report is on file. Our Officers assured them that we would provide extra patrol and Officer Anderson gave the victim his cell phone number.

On the early morning of 8-25-14, the victim called Anderson who was not working. He said that the suspect was near the apartment building. Officer Anderson told him to immediately hang up and dial 911. On Tuesday at the LAPD Crime Control Meeting, I discussed the case with the Detective handling the case and we agreed to work together to help the victim and residents of the apartment building and to get this vicious suspect into custody.



88 Year Old Victim John



On 9-4-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala were on early morning patrol. During their rounds they woke people sleeping behind the YMCA, the Staples parking lot, Cole Place, 6300 Sunset, 1124 Vine, 1125 Vine, 1240 Vine, 1345 Vine, 1615 Wilcox, 1553 Schrader, 1400 Vine, 6200 Leland Way, 6210 Sunset, 1300 Gower, 6215 Sunset (Palladium), 1546 Argyle (Ametron), 6633 Yucca, and at Sunset and Vine. Just a normal day. It's a reminder of what the <u>BID sidewalks would look like without our early morning teams</u>.



Sidewalk Without BID Patrol

#### MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 7-8-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 2) 7-10-14 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 3) 7-10-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 4) 7-15-14 Tour Bus Summit
- 5) 7-15-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 6) 7-15-14 Tree Vandal Meeting
- 7) 7-17-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 8) 7-22-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 9) 7-24-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 10) 7-29-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 11) 7-31-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 12) 8-4-14 AMDA Security Meeting
- 13) 8-5-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 14) 8-6-14 All Property Owners Meeting
- 15) 8-7-14 BID Consortium
- 16) 8-12-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 17) 8-12-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 18) 8-19-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 19) 8-20-14 Community Impact Meeting
- 20) 8-26-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 21) 8-27-14 Hollywood 4WRD Outreach Meeting
- 22) 9-2-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 23) 9-3-14 LAX Fly Away News Conference



#### **OUTREACH:**

On 7-8-14, Officers Reyes and Patton received a call of a man refusing to leave the Rite Aid located at 6100 Sunset Blvd. They contacted John. He complained of pain to his legs. He also said that his blood sugar level was low. We called Paramedics who responded and treated him. They said that an audit revealed that John used \$150,000.00 in Paramedic services last year.



On 7-16-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala spoke to Lea at 6254 Lexington. She was on the sidewalk with her belongings. She said she had been forced to leave her apartment because her roommate was stealing from her. She needed to get to the Greyhound Terminal in L.A., but had no money. The Officers contacted PATH who provided bus tokens. They also gave her outreach information.

On 7-17-14, the Officers saw a man walking in the 1500 block of Cahuenga with no shoes. He said someone had stolen them while he was asleep. They gave him a pair of shoes and provided outreach information.

On 7-22-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala made contact with the long time homeless Victor at 6200 Leland Way. He has numerous medical issues. The Officers have done extensive work in keeping Victor on track with the Veterans Administration and other outreach sources that are trying to assist him.



File Photo Victor

On 7-22-14, we received a call of a man walking on Sunset Blvd. bleeding from a head wound. We then received a second call that the man was now in a parking lot at Argyle. Officers Coogle and Ayala found the man who had a four inch laceration on his forehead. He told them that he was a stuntman acting in a shark movie and that the wound was



fake. What was actually fake was his story. Paramedics were called and they took the man to the hospital.



On 8-2-14, Officers Coogle and Sterling responded to a call of two men causing a disturbance at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. The two homeless men were complaining about the food and Management of the store. Our Officers suggested alternate eating places. One of the men was wearing socks, but no shoes. Our Officers arranged for him to get a pair of shoes at the Center.

On 8-2-14, Officers Goddard and Kanagi contacted the homeless and pregnant Samantha at 1413 Vine. Kanagi was helping her to get the proper paperwork to enter PATH. She also bought Samantha some food from McDonalds.

On 8-6-14, the PSO's ran into the formally homeless Destiny. She is still in her Section 8 apartment. She has new furniture and a dog named Cupcake. She is healthy and happy and they plan to meet for lunch in the near future.



Lisa, Destiny and Cupcake

On 8-6-14, Merideth Spriggs of the Las Vegas Downtown Rangers came to the BID. She works for a BID in Vegas. She is interested in our homeless outreach model. Officers Coogle and Ayala took her on a ride-along and I gave her a tour of our office and described our operation. The Mike's then took her to the Center to meet with Nathan.



On 8-11-14, Officers Melvin and Mooney were doing a business check at the 7-11 store located at 1810 Cahuenga. As they were leaving, 13 year old Kaiden approached and said he was lost after getting off the bus at the wrong stop. He asked for help getting home. We called LAPD Sgt. Vidal and he asked us to bring the juvenile to the LAPD Station. Kaiden was later picked up by his father who told the LAPD that this had been a dry run for Kaiden to take the bus to school.



Wrong Way Kaiden Saved

On 8-12-14, PSO's Maki and Faifili left our office and saw an elderly man fall, striking his head on the sidewalk. His forehead was bleeding and he had a large bruise. Officer Maki got our first aid kit and rendered aid while Officer Faifili called Paramedics. The man was Clyde Stubblefield who was the original drummer for James Brown, the Godfather of Soul



Clyde Stubblefield and the Godfather of Soul

On 8-12-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala awoke two people sleeping in a tent at the car wash located at 6200 Sunset Blvd. They spoke to Victor Sessions who they have been assisting in an effort to get him housing and services. He has missed numerous appointments with the Veteran's Administration. They contacted his case worker Janelle on his behalf.

On 8-15-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi spoke to a transient named Julie. She said she is new to Hollywood and has been homeless for three years. She was interested in services and Officer Kanagi spoke to her about PATH Shelter and other options.





Homeless Julie

On 8-19-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle spoke to the homeless Jessica at 1122 Vine Street. They had been trying to assist her. They gave her directions to Home Works and she agreed to go there after getting her medications form the DMH.

On 8-19-14, Officers Sewell and Watkins responded to a call of a man refusing to leave the L.A. Film School located at 6353 Sunset Blvd. Upon arrival they found a man lying on the sidewalk outside. A Security Guard said the man kept coming inside and he ordered him to leave. The man was wearing a hockey type helmet. The Officers said that the top of the helmet was transparent and they could see where part of his skull had been removed. He said he had a broken arm and had recently had brain surgery.

The man seemed confused and had trouble responding to simple questions. Our officers called Paramedics and they believed that he needed emergency care. They then took him to the hospital.



Man Gets Help

On 8-21-14, I received a call from Sarah MacPherson regarding an older couple who were panhandling in front of the Taft Building located at 1780 Vine. She was concerned about them and asked them if they needed help. Mike and Susan Hornbaker said they came here from Boston in order to help their drug addicted daughter. They ran out of money and could not find work. They now found themselves stranded and homeless.



I sent Officers Coogle and Ayala to assist. They called their various sources and learned of a fairly inexpensive bus fare to San Francisco. The Hornbaker's said they had family there that could help them on their journey back to Boston. No funds were available so Sarah personally wrote a check for two tickets which were then purchased on line. The couple was very grateful for Sarah's help.



Hornbaker's on Street Panhandling and in BID Office

On 8-21-14, PSO's Faifili and Maki spoke to Don in the 6600 block of Selma. He was formally homeless and was now trying to help others. He said that he received help from several BID Officers in the past including Mike and Mike.

On 8-22-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala spoke to lost German Tourist Heinz. He spoke no English. They finally understood that he had left his bag, passport, ID, Hotel information, etc. in a Tour Bus. They connected Heinz with the LAPD.

On 8-22-14, Officer Coogle helped the blind Mr. Smith cross the street.



On 9-5-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon assisted LAPD SLO's Nony and Dillard at Franklin and Cahuenga. They were trying to help the homeless Paul. He said he was hearing voices in his head and he was very frightened. His clothing was covered in excrement. Dillard and Kanagi removed the soiled clothing and gave him a make shift bath. The nearby Lido Cleaners donated a clean pair of sweat pants and a shirt for Paul. The SLO's then took Paul to their Station for further evaluation.





#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 253 arrests. One hundred and eighty five were for drinking in public, 22 for urinating in public, 20 for trespass, 5 for battery, 12 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 1 miscellaneous misdemeanor, and 6 for felonies. We also made 337 homeless referrals, assisted 73 agencies, provided 283 foot beat patrols for a total of 436.1 hours, assisted 4890 citizens, handled 1187 radio calls for service, and made 5115 business contacts.

#### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 8-12-14, Officers Sewell and Watkins saw Prince drinking from a 24 ounce bottle of Corona beer in the 1300 block of Gordon. They placed him under arrest and turned him over to the LAPD.



Prince-Happiest Arrestee

On 08-15-14, Bike Officers Anderson and Tesh were providing extra patrol in the EACA alley when they saw Joshua and Tomas drinking in public. Both were placed under arrest and turned over to the LAPD. Although some don't believe it, we spend a great deal of time patrolling this alley in our ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in the area.



Drinkers Joshua and Tomas

On 8-28-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle arrested Duane for drinking in public at 1310 Vine. After turning him over to the LAPD we learned that he had an outstanding felony PAL Warrant.



PAL Harrison

On 9-4-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle responded to a call of a man throwing rocks at passing vehicles at 1501 Vine. Upon arrival they saw Tracy pick up a large rock and throw it at the front windshield of a moving bus. They stopped and arrested him for the felony (23110 (b) VC). He was turned over to the LAPD for booking. The bus driver said the damage to the bus was \$10,000.00.



Another Angry Man

On 9-6-14, our Officers were providing extra patrol in the EACA Alley. We patrol this on a daily basis. Officer Sterling and Kanagi saw two men sitting on the ground drinking beer. The men had a six-pack of Rolling Rock as well as cigarettes and marijuana. Joshua was clearly upset to learn that the party was over. When asked to stand, he got up and swung his guitar missing Officer Kanagi by inches. She and Officer Sterling then each grabbed a shoulder and took him to the ground.



Joshua was screaming and managed to kick Officer Kanagi in the knee causing a bump and bruise. Officers Coogle and Gordon assisted in handcuffing the suspect. Joshua also tried to bite Officer Sterling during the arrest. Joshua was turned over to the LAPD who booked him. He had \$20,000.00 in outstanding warrants for trespass.



Joshua Party Time

On 9-5-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi arrested Michael for urinating in public at 1110 Lillian Way. He was doing this is the full view of passing motorists and pedestrians. He was turned over to the LAPD who cited him out.



#### **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 believe that our rigorous training program is a great contributor to our success. During this period our officer received training in Workplace Violence, Cultural Diversity, Communications and Documentation, Active Shooter, Access Control, Observation and Documentation, Sexual Harassment, Blood borne Pathogens and Live Fire Range Training.

