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SUMMARY FOR 3-30-15 THROUGH 5-3-15

This report takes us through week 18 of the year. Arrests and high visibility patrol time is down somewhat while citizen contacts, business checks and radio calls are up. Our radio calls are up by 165 compared to this time last year. This is a stat that we watch closely as it has a great effect on our operation.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 3-31-15, our PSO's were flagged down by Jessica who works at 6565 Hollywood Blvd. She said that a man was inside the business trying to cash a check. The "check" was a piece of paper with a drawing on it. The officers were able to convince the man to cash the check at another time and place.

On 4-3-15, we received a call from LA Fitness located at 1628 El Centro. Pricilla advised that someone had removed their padlock from a gate on the property and replaced it with another lock. She feared that some homeless people had set up camp there. Our officers responded.

The LA Fitness employees cut the lock as our officers stood by. Inside the gate was a 15 by 15 foot area which is the property fence alcove. There were two tents set up in the area. Marissa and Anthony were asked to pack up and leave. They were warned about trespassing as well.

On 4-14-15, our officers saw a motorcycle and rider down in the street on Argyle near Hollywood Blvd. Our officers stopped and assisted the man until paramedics and the LAPD arrived. They passed on the driver's and witness's information to the LAPD officers.

On 4-20-15, our officers responded to a call of a victim asking for assistance at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. Our officers spoke to William who is partially blind. He said that he lives in the neighborhood.

William said that he picked up a prostitute and took her to his home. He went into the bathroom to take off his clothes and prepare for his "date". When he came out he saw that his new friend and his phone and charger were gone. He later went to the CVS Pharmacy where he saw the woman. An argument ensued and he called for BID Security. The woman was gone when we arrived at the scene. We advised William to contact the LAPD for a crime report.

On 4-22-15, our officers responded to a call of a man aggressively panhandling at the strip mall located at 6051 Hollywood Blvd. The caller said that Michael had been approaching women and intimidating them into buying him food or giving him money.



The officers spoke to him and he was hostile and profane. He did finally leave the location. These are the types of quality of life issues that we address on a daily basis.

On 4-26-15, our officers went to the First Presbyterian Church. They were having a car wash to raise funds for their many homeless outreach efforts. We had three of our patrol vehicles washed there so that we could support this worthy cause.

It was a typical day for our unarmed PSO's. On 4-27-15, they went on foot patrol and visited 71 businesses and spoke to 32 tourists and citizens. They answered questions about tourist sights and posed for pictures. They also asked two homeless people to refrain from lying on the sidewalk. One was named Aaron and he had just arrived from Detroit. The PSO's gave the couple outreach information.

On 4-28-15, Officers responded to a call of a man refusing to leave at Capital Records located at 1750 Vine. Guard Jose directed the officers to an Andy Gump portable bathroom which was at the rear of the property. They found a man upside down on his head in the Gump. He was wedged tightly and could not get out. The officers helped him to untangle himself. The man was incoherent, but gathered his belongings and left the location.

On 4-30-15, our officers responded to a call of a woman causing a disturbance at Tommy's Burger located at 5873 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival they spoke to Ellie. She had large amounts of material stuffed in her clothing. She was wearing white pancake makeup and bunny ears. She was skipping through the parking lot singing. The manager of the business said she had been doing the same thing inside the restaurant and he wanted her to leave. Ellie was fine with that and she headed toward Bronson.

On 4-30-15, our officers saw that the LAPD was serving a search warrant at an unregistered marijuana clinic at Selma and El Centro. Deputy Chief Grimala was on scene.

HOSTILE ENCOUNTERS:

On 4-3-15, our unarmed PSO's were on foot patrol when a local woman named Tiara approached them at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. She said a man was harassing her and she was frightened to leave the business there. The PSO's walked her away from the area.

On 4-14-15, our officers woke two young men who were sleeping on the sidewalk at 6300 Sunset Blvd. One of them was Jonathan (aka Blaze). He was extremely hostile and appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. At one point he came close to attacking an officer. He finally left the area.

On 4-17-15, our officers were flagged down by a Clean Streets worker at Yucca and Cahuenga. He said he was sitting in his truck when a woman ran up to his passenger window, reached in and attempted to slash him with a knife. She did not make contact. The officers searched the area, but did not locate the woman.



On 4-25-15, our officers were conducting a business check at the McDonalds located at 1413 Vine when the manager approached. He asked for help in dealing with a man who was talking loudly to no one and causing a disturbance. They saw that the man was the homeless and drug addicted Jonathan. They spoke to him and he started yelling at them. He grabbed his things and left.

On 4-26-15, our officers then found a man lying on the sidewalk with property strewn around at 6655 Hollywood Blvd. They woke him and asked if he needed medical treatment. He jumped to his feet and started advancing on the officers. He was screaming at them. They ordered him to back off. He then packed up his belongings into a shopping cart and left the area. Workers at the Café and Tattoo Parlor came out and thanked the officers.

On 4-28-15, at about 9:15 A.M., the officers saw a loud argument in progress at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. They spoke to Heather who is an employee of the TLC Chinese Theater. She was arguing with a CD vender. She started to cry as she described how this man and other CD venders make sexual advances to her every day. We will monitor the situation.

On 4-30-15, we received a call from H+H security asking for help as a transient was threatening them. I spoke to the man and he immediately charged at me with clenched fists. A bout of fisticuffs was about to ensue when one of our unarmed PSO's ran over and joined the fray. This distracted the man briefly. He continued lunging towards us threatening to strike us. He headed southbound on Highland as more back up arrived. He got about twenty feet away when he suddenly turned and charged at us again.

When he was just about two feet away he swerved and ran across Highland Blvd. He was lucky to avoid being struck by a car. This man has been in the area for a while and is becoming increasingly violent. The LAPD is aware of this situation.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 3-31-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 3-31-15 CPAB
- 3) 4-6-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 4) 4-7-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 5) 4-9-15 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 6) 4-10-15 Madame Tussauds Security Meeting
- 7) 4-13-15 Hollywood Forward Outreach Retreat
- 8) 4-14-15 SBID Board Meeting
- 9) 4-14-15 LAPD Crime Control
- 10) 4-14-15 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 11) 4-16-15 HBID Board Meeting
- 12) 4-16-15 MFP Security Meeting
- 13) 4-20-15 JIB Security Meeting
- 14) 4-20-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call



15) 4-21-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

16) 4-22-15 Community Impact Meeting

17) 4-28-15 Night Club CPAB

18) 4-28-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

OUTREACH:

On 3-31-15, our officers responded to a call of a naked man at 6608 Hollywood Blvd. The man had some clothing, but it was badly shredded. They got his clothing sizes and then drove to the Center where they got him new duds. They went back to the man's location and gave him the clothing. He promptly made the pants into shorts and everyone was happy.

On 4-4-15, our officers contacted homeless veteran 32 year old Mike at 6412 Hollywood Blvd. They had spoken to him earlier in the week about assisting him with getting benefits from the Veteran's Administration. Mike was not sure if he wanted to accept their help and start the process of getting his benefits.

The officers then called over two other officers to assist. One is very knowledgeable about the paperwork necessary to start the benefits process. The other shared his military experiences with Mike and of his experience in dealing with the Veteran's Administration.

The team approach worked and Mike agreed to the program. Our officer started the primary paperwork (DD214 forms) and set up a preliminary meeting for him with the VA for some time next week. The officers then gave Mike donated shoes and clothing as well as a hygiene kit.

On 4-4-15, PSO's contacted 33 year old homeless woman Andrea who was sitting on the sidewalk in front of the Taft building located at 1680 Vine. She said she recently became homeless when she lost her apartment. She went downtown for a brief period and then came to Hollywood. They gave her outreach information including sending her to the Center. They bought her an ice coffee from Starbucks and she thanked them and left the area.

On 4-7-15, our officers went to the Starbucks located at Sunset and Vine. The manager gave then food left over from the previous day as a donation for the homeless. The officers gave donated food to the homeless Anthony and his mother at the bus bench on the south west corner of Sunset and Vine.

On 4-8-15, our officers woke numerous people in the SBID. They advised all the people that the Lord's Lighthouse would be serving meals to the homeless on this day.

On 4-9-15, our officers contacted the homeless Darryl at Yucca and Cahuenga. He said that he was robbed the previous night and that his back pack was taken. Knowing that a homeless person needs some way of carrying their possessions, one of our officers



bought him a new back pack from a local store. Darryl was overwhelmed by the gesture and the BID made another positive contact.

On 4-9-15, our PSO's made contact with a homeless man known as "Chaos". He was in the business located at 6771 Hollywood Blvd. asking for water. He was refused. The PSO's bought him a bottle of water and he went on his way.

On 4-14-15, our officers woke three men who were sleeping at 6933 Hollywood Blvd., a man at 6778 Hollywood Blvd., a man at 6811 Hollywood Blvd., and 2 men at 1615 Vine. All were offered outreach information and were given pastries donated by the Starbucks located at Sunset and Vine. They later woke another homeless man at 1623 Ivar and 2 more at 1602 Ivar. These men were also offered outreach information and pastries from Starbucks.

The pastries provided by Starbucks each morning have become a good rapport building tool for us. We are tasked to wake people sleeping on the sidewalks each morning and the gift of a pastry can help take the sting out of a potentially rude awakening. It also shows the sleeper that we are not their enemy.

On the early morning of 4-11-15, our officers found Patrick and his wife Melisa sleeping on the sidewalk at 1623 Ivar. They woke the couple. They were new to Hollywood.

On 4-15-15, at 7:45 A.M., they contacted the couple again as they were sleeping at the same location. They were homeless and Melisa was five months pregnant. The officers noticed that Patrick had a military tattoo. This helped them build a rapport with him as one of our officers had been in the Marine Corps. Patrick said that he had been in the Marine Corps as well and was suffering from P.T.S.D. He was not receiving any benefits from the VA. The officers spoke to the couple about available services. Our officers started paperwork so that Patrick could apply for VA services.

On 4-16-15, the officers again contacted the couple at the same location. The officers had checked with the Salvation Army and learned of shelter and other resources that might be available for the couple. They contacted the Westwood Transitional Village located at 1401 Sepulveda in Westwood Ca. and they agreed to accept the couple immediately.

The couple had a large amount of clothing and items. The officers then went to the local Toyota Dealership and asked to speak to the boss Don Mushin. They knew him from the many business checks they have conducted there. They explained the situation and he immediately agreed to supply a truck and driver to pick up and deliver the couple's property to the Village. He also offered to find work for both Patrick and Melisa at his or another area dealership.

The officers then took the couple to the Village to help to get them checked in. Upon arrival they got a shock as they learned that there was not space available for the couple



after all. We called on our contacts at PATH and they told us we could bring Patrick and Melisa to their facility on Madison. Our officers then drove the couple there where they met with Valerie who was going to find them shelter and services.

Valerie was having trouble finding a suitable placement. She ended up giving the couple funds for one week of emergency lodging as well as bus tokens so they can get around. This will give the PATH counselors time to find a more long term solution. When the week expired without a placement being found, PATH gave them vouchers to stay in a hotel while they continued to try and find them an appropriate placement.

On 4-16-15, our officers found an elderly man face down on the street convulsing. He was unconscious, but breathing. Assisting BID officers blocked traffic so no one would drive over the man. The officers called paramedics and Engine 27 responded. The LAPD also responded to the scene. RA 35 arrived and transported the man to the hospital.

On 4-24-15, our officers made contact with homeless veteran Michael in an empty lot at Highland and Franklin. They have been assisting him in filling out the necessary paperwork to get veteran's benefits.

They later got a call from Rodney of the VA. He was looking for the Michael. He missed his meeting today to discuss shelter and services. Assisting officers took Rodney in our vehicle and went in search of Michael. They found him at Highland and Franklin and the outreach meeting took place.

On 4-25-15, our officers received a request from Alex at the Center. She was looking for the homeless Miguel as he had been matched with a voucher for an apartment. They located Miguel at Santa Monica and Highland and arranged for him to meet Alex on Monday.

They then spoke to the homeless David at the Rite Aid located at 6130 Sunset Blvd. He was very emotional and said that he wanted to get off the street and into shelter. PATH also responded and asked him questions regarding a PATH placement. He agreed to take a TB test on Monday and then to meet with the officers on Wednesday. Unfortunately, like many times before, David did not keep the appointment.

On 4-29-15, David told one of our officers that he would be willing to get the TB test at 2:00 P.M. This was after the officer's shift, but agreed to meet him on his own time to drive him to the clinic. David did not keep the appointment.

On 4-28-15, our officers found a man having an epileptic seizure at 5940 Carlos. They called Paramedics and Engine 82 responded and took the man to the hospital.

On 4-29-15, our PSO's spoke to the homeless Casey who was sitting on the sidewalk at



6540 Hollywood Blvd. He has health issues including a recent bout with heat stroke. They gave him a bottle of cold water.

On 4-29-15, our officers responded to a call of a man sleeping in front of the business at 6250 Hollywood Blvd. They found the man to be in and out of consciousness and his breathing was labored. They called Paramedics and RA 27 responded and took him to the hospital.

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 156 arrests. Thirty four were for drinking in public, 79 for alcohol referrals, 6 for urinating in public, 12 for trespass, 4 for battery, 11 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 for theft, 3 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 6 felonies. We also made 510 homeless referrals, assisted 67 agencies, provided 422 foot beat patrols for a total of 640.7 hours, assisted 4704 citizens, handled 1062 radio calls for service and made 7698 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 98 arrests. Eight were for drinking in public, 47 for alcohol referrals, 5 for urinating in public, 10 for trespass, 2 for battery, 13 for blocking the sidewalk, 4 for theft, 4 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 5 felonies. We also made 466 homeless referrals, assisted 40 agencies, provided 112 foot beat patrols for a total of 189.9 hours, assisted 3338 citizens, handled 749 radio calls for service, and made 2558 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 254 arrests. Forty two for drinking in public, 126 for alcohol referrals, 11 for urinating in public, 22 for trespass, 6 for battery, 24 for blocking the sidewalk, 5 for theft, 7 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 11 felonies. We also made a combined total of 976 homeless referrals, assisted 107 agencies, provided 534 foot beat patrols for a total of 830.6 hours, assisted 8042 citizens, handled 1811 radio calls for service, and made 10256 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 3-31-15, BID officers responded to the strip mall (Gower Plaza) located at 6051 Hollywood Blvd. We have been having an ongoing issue with a group of 8 to 10 people that were hanging out there.

The owner of the Subway Restaurant located there said that members of this group come into the business and steal soda and chips. They sit at customers tables and intimidate them until the customer gives them money to go away. They scream obscenities at the young employees when they are asked to leave. The employees are frightened of this group. The group at times completely blocks the sidewalk.

The group will sometimes move to other locations in the area including the Tommy's Burger. I asked BID Sgt. Nam to work on this issue. He contacted the LAPD and the area Senior Lead Officer put together a game plan to address this issue.



Nine LAPD officers responded to the scene along with our BID officers. The LAPD officers arrested two for outstanding warrants including the main instigator of the problem. They arrested and cited out two more people and checked three more for wants and warrants.

Our supervisor then called Clean Streets who responded and cleaned and power washed the area as the subjects had left debris and urine was soaked into the pavement. He then spoke to employees at Maxim Chinese, Al Wazir, Hollywood Smokes and Subway about the enforcement. All were encouraged to call us if the problem started up again.

On 4-1-15, we received a call of a theft just occurred at the Starbucks located at 6290 Sunset Blvd. The suspect had taken three travel mugs and fled the scene with the store manager following. Our officers responded to the area. We found the suspect at Ivar and Sunset. LAPD officers also arrived and we assisted in placing suspect Melvin under arrest. LAPD Detectives were on scene and they said this suspect was responsible for over 20 thefts. He was placed under arrest for the felony burglary.

On 4-4-15, our officers contacted Phillip who was lying on the sidewalk on the northwest corner of Hollywood and Highland. He sets up camp there every day. He blocks the sidewalk, drinks in public, moves the BID owned trash can around and leaves trash on the sidewalk. We have arrested him on a couple of occasions and he was also arrested by the LAPD the previous week after he assaulted a security guard at the Galaxy complex.

On 4-7-15, our officer found Traci drinking in public at 1716 Cahuenga. She was agreeable to seeking help so they gave her a referral to AA in lieu of a citation.

On 4-12-15, our officers found a 31 year old Jeannie sitting on the sidewalk at 6380 Yucca. She was drinking from a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc. They spoke to her and she seemed confused. They saw that she had a hospital bracelet on her wrist.

They asked her where she got the alcohol. She said she bought it at CVS for \$1.00. She then admitted that she had stolen it by placing it under her jacket and walking out of the store. Jeannie had not eaten so they directed her to the Lord's Lighthouse for lunch. They gave her a referral to a local AA meeting in lieu of a citation for drinking in public.

A couple of hours later, the officers contacted Jeannie again at 1747 Cahuenga. She was drinking from a can of Tecate beer. She refused to stop drinking in public. She admitted that she had stolen this can and another from the CVS Pharmacy. The manager was contacted, but declined to prosecute for the theft. She was then placed under arrest and taken to the LAPD station. While sitting in the lobby she started screaming and banging her head against the wall. Our officer held her so she would not harm herself. She was then cited out and released.

On 4-12-15, our officers responded to a call from the Scientology building located at 6724 Hollywood Blvd. The caller, Angel, said that there was a man with no shirt



walking around with two knives in his waistband. Our officers found the man and kept him under surveillance while they called for the LAPD.

LAPD officers arrived and our officers guided them to the man's location. The LAPD officers ordered the man to place his hands on the wall. He turned and reached for his waistband. He pulled out the knives and threw them to the ground. The man (Greg) was then placed under arrest. Our officers assisted with back-up and crowd control during the arrest. The LAPD officers ran the suspect and learned that he had an outstanding no bail felony warrant. We had also arrested him for trespass on 6-16-14.

On 4-29-15, our officers arrested Lucito for trespass at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. After turning him over to the LAPD they learned that he had an outstanding extraditable warrant from Pa.

On 4-29-15, our officers responded to a call of two people sleeping at Caviar located at 6320 Sunset Blvd. One was new to Hollywood. He said his name was Andrew. He said that he was on parole out of Solano in Vacaville. The officers gave him information about food being served at the Lord's Lighthouse. They later contacted the LAPD and gave them the information on Andrew. They were then advised that Andrew was a wanted parolee at large. They found him in the same area and again contacted the LAPD who responded and took him into custody.

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 bomb threats, protocol for security officers, search techniques, telephonic bomb threats and legal update.

