

Stephen Seyler BID Executive Security Director SBID Monthly Report

SUMMARY FOR 6-29-15 THROUGH 8-23-15

This report takes us through week 34 of this year. We can clearly see some trends that have developed. We have seen a large increase in the homeless population in the BID areas. There are more encampments including tents which we had not seen in the past.

Most of the newcomers are younger people and most are very resistant to accepting outreach help. We believe that substance abuse is a major issue with this group. We have encountered a great deal of hostility and death threats are not uncommon. We have one officer who is still working light duty after being assaulted weeks ago. He suffered a mild concussion and other injuries.

Our arrests and high visibility patrol time is down. This can be explained in large part by the increase in calls for service. We currently have a total of 1634 calls for service in the SBID. This is 499 calls above last year's pace. If we continue at this rate we will end with approximately 710 calls above our 2014 total.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 7-9-15, there was a memorial for long time homeless woman Roxanne at the First Presbyterian Church. The entire outreach community worked for years to convince Roxanne to accept shelter and services. Housing was provided, but she refused to live in her apartment.

On 8-16-15, Our officers conducted a business check at the Farmers Market which is open every Sunday. They were having problems with people disrupting business early on Sunday mornings. We adjusted our hours and started work at 6:00A.M. on Sundays. The manager at the market said that they have already seen a huge positive impact due to our presence. We have 6:00 A.M Sunday teams in both SBID and HBID.

On 8-20-15, LAPD Captain Zarcone sent me an E-Mail letting me know that they were having a blood drive for Cedars Sinai Hospital. It's obviously for a good cause and he also wanted to beat Pacific Division. I called the office and our Assistant Director and a PSO said they would be happy to participate. I later learned that Hollywood Division beat Pacific by two donations. Neighborhood Prosecutor Jackie Lawson also donated and believed that she put Hollywood over the top. I'm pretty sure it was our two officers that saved the day. The competition is all in good fun and the hospital got the much needed donations.

On 8-20-15, our officers responded to a call of a man causing a disturbance at the Bank of America located at 6300 Sunset Blvd. Upon arrival the bank's guard pointed out a man who calls himself Chief Crazy Kicking Horse. He wanted the man to leave as he

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was being rude and acting strangely. Chief wanted to see what the balance of his account was, but the bank was refusing service.

The officers led Chief outside. He is clearly mentally ill and these situations can become volatile. The officers showed him how to use the ATM machine. They got him a receipt that showed his balance and he left happy. Our officers have developed considerable skill in handling many diverse situations.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 6-29-15 Denny's Security Meeting
- 2) 6-29-15 Jack in the Box Security Meeting
- 3) 6-29-15 AT&T Security Issues Meeting
- 4) 6-29-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 5) 6-30-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 6) 7-2-15 PATH-Homeless Woman Meeting BID Office
- 7) 7-6-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 8) 7-6-15 Department of Mental Health Meeting
- 9) 7-7-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 7-8-15 Community Impact Meeting
- 11) 7-9-15 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 12) 7-13-15 Homeless Encampment Meeting-Rear of Denny's
- 13) 7-13-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 14) 7-14-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 15) 7-14-15 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 16) 7-14-15 SBID Board Meeting
- 17) 7-16-15 HBID Board Meeting
- 18) 7-16-15 Salvation Army Residence Security Meeting
- 19) 7-20-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 20) 7-21-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 21) 7-27-15 Hollywood Forward Outreach Meeting
- 22) 7-27-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 23) 7-28-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 24) 8-3-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 25) 8-4-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 26) 8-6-15 Tour Guide Security Meeting
- 27) 8-10-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 28) 8-11-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 29) 8-11-15 Loews Hotel Security Meeting
- 30) 8-13-15 SBID All Property Owner's Meeting
- 31) 8-13-15 BID Consortium
- 32) 8-17-15 The Center Outreach Conference Call
- 33) 8-18-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 34) 8-18-15 Ivar Stakeholders Meeting
- 35) 8-19-15 CPAB Meeting



OUTREACH:

On 7-1-15, our bike officers assisted a tourist from Brazil with a flat tire.

We met 26 year old Adrienne during the early months of 2015. She came here from Decatur, Illinois. She was part of a group of young homeless people living in the BID area. Her boyfriend was a heroin abuser and she started using as well. She recently started using methamphetamines as well. We found her on the streets clearly under the influence of narcotics.

In June of 2015, our PSO's started to establish a good rapport with Adrienne. She broke up with her boyfriend briefly, but then returned to him. She confided that she felt at risk and said that one man was trying to gain control of her and wanted her to work as a prostitute for him.

Adrienne expressed an interest in returning to Illinois to be with her mother. We called the mother who said she would be happy to have her daughter come home. During the week of June 22, 2015, I made arrangements to provide transportation for her to get home. When it was time to make the commitment, she changed her mind and returned to her boyfriend once again.

On 7-1-15, Adrienne came to my office. She said she was in fear for her life and was desperate to get home. I called PATH and they agreed to have a team come to my office the next day at 11:00 A.M. to meet with Adrienne. I called over to the First Presbyterian church and they agreed to cover the bus fare to Illinois.

On the morning of 7-2-15, the PSO's went out in search of Adrienne. They reminded her of her commitment and I offered to buy her breakfast if she would come to our office early so she would be ready to meet the PATH team. She took the offer and was at our office when PATH arrived.

Reggie from PATH met with her and she said she was ready to go today. To save time, I bought her bus ticket on line. This will be reimbursed by the church. Adrienne left with PATH. They were going to get her a shower and food and then take her to the bus station downtown for her 6:30 P.M. departure.

We were happy to learn that after a three day trip she arrived safely. She was reunited with her two small children and entered re-hab.

On 7-23-15, our officers contacted the homeless Anthony at 1400 Vine. We have a long history with Anthony dating back to years ago when he was a juvenile and was brutally beaten by a man at a local restaurant. We arrested the suspect in that case.



We have assisted Anthony in the past, but he left shelter in order to care for his mother who is severely mentally ill. She insists that Anthony live with her on the streets. On this occasion Anthony said he would accept help and wanted a place to live.

The officers called Kris of the Gay and Lesbian Emergency Housing Center located at 1220 Highland. She was able to find temporary housing for him and he will be placed this weekend. They will then seek a more permanent solution. We believe that Anthony has great potential and hope that all goes well.

On 8-5-15, our officers contacted a 41 year old homeless man named Hagop. He had a place to live in Hollywood in the past, but lost it when he started using cocaine. He has been homeless on the streets off and on for the last two years. He was barefoot and said that someone had stolen his shoes. Our officer bought him a new pair.

On 8-7-15, our officers responded to a call of a man refusing to leave the Sunset Towers located at 6255 Sunset Blvd. They contacted Powell who was sleeping on a bench. When told that the guard at the location wanted him to leave, he said that he couldn't because he was in pain on his entire body. Our officers called paramedics who responded and took him to the hospital.

On 8-8-15, one of our officers contacted a homeless couple with two puppies at 6450 Sunset Blvd. The dogs were hungry. He went to the store and bought a bag of Purina Dog Chow and 7 cans of moist food. He returned to Sunset and gave the couple the food. He asked the couple if they needed help and they said no and that they were planning to leave Hollywood soon.

On 8-14-15, our officers responded to a call of a man trespassing at the Wellness Center. Upon arrival they contacted 48 year old Breshawn. He said that he had gangrene on both feet and a ruptured stomach. Our officers called paramedics who responded to the scene and transported Breshawn to the hospital.

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 161 arrests. Thirteen were for drinking in public, 82 for alcohol referrals, 8 for urinating in public, 12 for trespass, 5 for battery, 20 for blocking the sidewalk, 6 for theft, 6 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 9 for felonies. We also made 1263 homeless referrals, assisted 68 agencies, provided 164 foot beat patrols for a total of 267.1 hours, assisted 6890 citizens, handled 1674 radio calls for service, and made 4102 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 7-9-15, our officers arrested Donnell for drinking in public at 6300 Sunset Blvd. As they spoke with him they learned that he was homeless and needed a case worker to help him get housing. He said he was currently sharing a bed at a half-way house. They gave him a list of agencies that could assist. They also gave him information about where he could get food and clothing. Donnell was cited out by the LAPD.



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. On July 26, 2015 we started patrol on Sunday mornings at 6:00 A.M. on a trial basis. This was due to numerous complaints from businesses including the Farmer's Market that our assistance is badly needed early on Sunday mornings. So far we have received a great deal of positive feedback, and it seems unlikely that we would discontinue this service.

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TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period our officers received training in Active Shooter, Live Firing Range, Access Control, Observation and Documentation, Workplace Violence, Report Writing and Legal Update.