



## **ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL** **HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL**

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### **SUMMARY FOR 5-4-15 THROUGH 5-31-15**

This report takes us through week 22 of this year. Arrests are down compared to this time last year while our high visibility patrols and business checks are on pace with last year. Homeless referrals and citizen contacts are up considerably. We have responded to 958 calls for service so far this year. This is an increase of 200 calls over last year's pace. If this trend continues, we will surpass our last year's total of 1788 calls for service. This is a stat that we watch closely as it affects the time we have available for every other duty that we perform.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 5-14-15, we hosted a group of writers from ASIS International who came to tour our operation. They are perhaps the world's largest association of security professionals with over 38,000 members. They provide programs, services and training in the security field and are well known and respected in the security industry. The writers had many questions and were scribbling away so you may be reading about us in the future.

On 5-20-15, our officers saw a large tent blocking the sidewalk directly in front of Selma Elementary school. They woke the man sleeping inside and he agreed to relocate. We have seen a large increase in tent encampments this year although it is still a small amount when compared with other areas in the city.

On 5-20-15, at 4:40 P.M., we conducted an extra patrol behind the Denny's located near Sunset and Van Ness. We walked around the AT+T utility building and saw debris, needles, condoms and other unpleasant stuff. One skateboarder was warned regarding trespass on private property.

This is one of many such patrols we have made here as Kerry Morrison has asked us to assess the situation there. We have already participated in a security meeting with Kerry and the management at Denny's. We will soon be meeting with other interested parties seeking a solution to this problem.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 5-4-15 Center Homeless Outreach Conference call
- 2) 5-5-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 3) 5-7-15 MFP Outreach Meeting
- 4) 5-11-15 Center Homeless Outreach Conference call
- 5) 5-12-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 6) 5-12-15 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 7) 5-12-15 LAPD Security Issues
- 8) 5-12-15 SBID Board Meeting
- 9) 5-13-15 McFarthing outreach Conference call
- 10) 5-14-15 ASIS Tour of BID Operation



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- 11) 5-14-15 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 12) 5-19-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 13) 5-19-15 Denny's Security Issues Meeting
- 14) 5-21-15 HBID Board Meeting
- 15) 5-26-15 Nightclub CPAB Meeting
- 16) 5-26-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

On 5-6-15, our officers responded to a radio call of a man down in a chair. They found a man who appeared to be between 60 and 70 slouched in a chair. He had on a wrist band that indicated his name was Muhammad. He was drooling and unresponsive. They called paramedics and Rescue 41 responded and took Muhammad to the hospital.

On 5-9-15, our officers were asked to participate in a meeting about homeless youth in Hollywood at My Friends Place located at 5850 Hollywood Blvd. They spoke to a group of kids between the ages of 10 and 13 as well as their two counselors from the Big Citizen Hub. Our officers spoke about the homeless, policing and safety and they answered numerous questions from the group.

On 5-11-15, our officers responded to a call of a man sleeping in the men's bathroom at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. They were unable to rouse him and paramedics were called. RA 27 treated the man at the scene and he was sent on his way.

On 5-12-15, PSO's contacted long time homeless man Richard at 6381 Hollywood Blvd. (Security Pacific building). He was very intoxicated and they saw a Taaka vodka bottle on his lap. He had bleeding cuts on his forehead and chin. The injuries were consistent with a fall. They offered medical help, but he refused.

The officers asked him where he got the vodka and he responded by dumping the contents onto the ground and then throwing the bottle. He said "I don't care, I'm just gonna buy another". Richard was blocking the doors to the building and they asked him to move. He was angry and told them to "Go away and leave me alone". Rather than escalate the situation, they honored his request.

Richard's medical condition is very poor and we fear that he will die on the streets. We contacted our partners in the homeless outreach community and organized a conference call for 5-13-15 in order to discuss efforts to assist Richard. He is very resistant to accepting help, but the group is determined to keep trying.

On 5-14-15, we received a call from Anthony of Housing Works. He has been trying to assist Richard, but could not locate him today. Our officers found Richard at 6385 Hollywood Blvd. They called Anthony and he said he would be on the way there.

On 5-17-15, our officers found Richard down on the ground at 6381 Hollywood Blvd. He was unable to speak or get up. The officers called the LAPD and paramedics. They



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could not get Richard to cooperate. A second paramedic team arrived (RA 82) and they took Richard to the hospital

On 5-26-15, our PSO's spoke to Richard at 6423 Hollywood Blvd. He was lying on the sidewalk as usual. He had cuts and scrapes on his forehead and chin. There was blood flowing from these wounds. He also had his usual bottle of Taaka vodka. They offered him outreach help and medical attention, but he refused all offers.

Although we primarily interact with Richard in the HBID, I include him here as he has also lived on the sidewalks on Sunset Blvd. Several months ago you could have found him camped out near the old Cat and Fiddle. Many of our homeless population move back and forth between the two BID's.

On 5-15-15, our officers contacted a homeless brother and sister at 6290 Sunset Blvd. They gave them outreach information. Sgt. McCall gave them \$5.00 as they had no money

On 5-21-15, we responded to a call of two men refusing to leave the Coffee Bean at 6255 Sunset Blvd. Both had been banned from the location by the store's manager. When the manager asked them to leave, they both locked themselves into separate bathrooms.

Our officers knocked on the doors and one man came out and left the location. The other refused to open the door. The manager used a key and opened it. The man was sitting in a folding chair that he had brought with him. He now suddenly wanted to leave quickly. The officers then saw what appeared to be a foil bundle with a residue resembling meth. He then left with a warning.

A short time later the officers came across the man whose name is Andrew as he was now panhandling at 1640 Vine. They convinced him to talk. He said he was from Pennsylvania and that he had been studying at the Musicians Institute for two years. His parents could no longer afford to support him. He had earlier gotten hooked on meth and went to re-hab. He said that he had now relapsed. He said he wants to go home and his parents are trying to get the money.

We are unsure how much of this story is true, but we will keep an eye on Andrew and see if we can help.

In the past we had many negative contacts with a man named Arnie. He refused to take his medications and his mental state deteriorated to a dangerous level. He became a danger to himself and to others. We helped to get him into a conservatorship. In 2015, he returned to Hollywood.

He had added weight and was looking good. His mental condition was good as well. We started to see him hanging around, sitting on the sidewalk at all hours of the day and night. Outreach providers had a place for him to stay, but it seemed that he used this less



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and less. We contacted all our outreach contacts and alerted them to the situation. Rudy Salinas of Housing Works was directly involved.

Over time we saw that Arnie's mental condition was deteriorating. By mid-May he was starting to act in a way that we had seen in the past. He was dirty and started wearing tattered clothing. On 5-22-15, our PSO's saw him at Madame Tussauds. He was confused and disheveled looking. His pants were shredded and he was wrapped in a dirty blanket. He said that he was "great" and "super strong". He then started twirling and dancing. He then left the area.

They saw him later and he was walking in traffic at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. A driver stopped his car to avoid hitting him. Arnie then put his hands on the hood and it looked like he planned to climb onto the car. The PSO's asked him why he did this and he said "Because it's my car. All the cars are my cars. He also told them that although he had super strength, he did not plan to fight them.

These behaviors are very similar to what we had seen from him prior to his conservatorship. I called Rudy and he assigned Anthony to the case. We put together a plan for an intervention.

On 5-26-15, we found Arnie who was sleeping on a stairway at Madame Tussauds. Our officers kept an eye on him while I called Anthony. He responded along with Arnie's case worker. We then had a short briefing with the counselors and our officers. As Arnie had been very violent in the past, I also asked LAPD Foot beat Officers to assist.

Arnie was deemed to be a danger to himself and others and was taken into custody without incident. An ambulance was called and Arnie was taken to the hospital and a seven day hold was placed on him. This was an accomplishment as people taken in on a 5150 hold are often released almost immediately.

I spoke to Anthony the next day and learned that he was requesting a 14 day hold so that they would have time to get Arnie stabilized and to form a plan for his treatment. I offered our assistance in the ongoing effort to help Arnie.

On 5-27-15, we contacted the homeless Michael. We have been trying to help him for some time. Michael has started drinking more heavily and his hands and feet are badly swollen. He refused an offer of medical assistance. Our officers contacted his case worker and advised of his condition. They also offered to help locate Michael if the case worker wanted to find him.

On 5-28-15, we contacted Moses. He has been on our streets for years. He had been staying at the Gilbert Hotel and moved onto the street when it was sold and renovated. He is a kindly soul and is considered to be somewhat of a philosopher. He is well thought of by the homeless community and many of them have expressed their concerns for his health.



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He legs have been badly swollen for some time, but he has refused all offers of help. Our PSO's found him on the ground the previous Friday and we attempted an intervention that failed. On this occasion the officers were finally able to convince him to accept help. They called paramedics who responded and took him to the hospital. The officers then called on Clean Streets to tidy up the area.

On 5-30-15, our PSO's spoke with a homeless man known as "Cowboy". He told them previously that he was in need of clothing. They put together a care package for him including a sandwich for lunch.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 108 arrests. Nine were for drinking in public, 54 for alcohol referrals, 5 for urinating in public, 10 for trespass, 2 for battery, 13 for blocking the sidewalk, 5 for theft, 4 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 6 felonies. We also made 649 homeless referrals, assisted 45 agencies, provided 131 foot beat patrols for a total of 217.1 hours, assisted 4150 citizens, handled 958 radio calls for service, and made 3065 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 5-14-15, at about 6:30 A.M., our officers woke the homeless Jonathan who was sleeping at 6320 Sunset Blvd. He refused to get up and started screaming and demanding to be left alone. He was advised of the law regarding trespass and warned that he may be arrested if he did not leave. We believe that Jonathan is abusing meth.

The officers returned an hour later and Jonathan was still there. They called the LAPD and they responded. They ran Jonathan and learned that he had a felony no bail warrant for narcotics. He was placed under arrest.

On 5-21-15, our officers saw a group of people standing around a mail truck parked at Pla Boy Liquor located at 6435 Yucca. There was a shattered window and the mailman was sitting in the truck bleeding from his face.

He said a man approached and asked for a dollar. He said he did not have one and then got into his truck. The man who had prison type tattoos on his face became angry and kicked in the window. The glass sprayed into the mailman's face cutting him.

Our officers found the man walking southbound on Cahuenga and Hollywood. They called the LAPD as they followed the suspect. They then directed the LAPD unit to the suspect who was now at Sunset and Vine. They detained the man and conducted a field show-up. The mailman identified the suspect and he was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

This crime occurred in the HBID, but the suspect was arrested in the SBID. This is a common occurrence.



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### **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 arrest, search and seizure, liability and legal aspects, patrol techniques and legal update.