



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLLENBECK AREA NEWSLETTER



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A Message from the Area Captain...

Greetings to the Hollenbeck Community. I am proud to be part of this great team and look forward to meeting the various stakeholders. Through continued

partnership between the community and Hollenbeck Community Police Station we will do great things.

At Hollenbeck we have various community groups that participate in events from officer appreciation, community give-a-ways, service provider fairs, educational events, memorial celebrations, etc. Each Hollenbeck Newsletter will highlight various groups on what they do and how they can be contacted. If you see a group that interest you, please reach out to them. We have many ways one can give back to their community, find the one that works for you. Also, pay attention to when our next Citizen Academy will take place.

Stay tuned for testimonials from some of our recent graduates.

Finally, without the dedication of the men and women assigned to Hollenbeck Area the crime reduction efforts would not be possible. I can assure you with all the challenges faced by your police officers and detectives they are committed and continue to work very hard for you. The Los Angeles Police Department is actively hiring.

If you or someone you know is interested in a rewarding career, please visit LAPDOnline.org or JoinLAPD.com for recruitment information.



Stay Safe – Captain Alfonzo Mendoza

Potential Summer Resurgence of Dangerous Illegal Fireworks

As we approach the 4th of July holiday period, we are once again seeing the increased proliferation of dangerous illegal fireworks. Firework possession and activity is exceptionally challenging to address through enforcement action, because to cite or arrest an individual, the officers must observe them in possession of the illegal fireworks. As you can imagine, when a black and white patrol vehicle turns a corner, those on the street involved in the illegal activity simply discard the fireworks and walk away. Without seeing a specific person holding or lighting fireworks, no enforcement action can be taken (though we can seize any abandoned collection of illegal fireworks).

Many of you are likely aware of the tragedy that took place last year in a nearby jurisdiction, when a house literally exploded due to the collection of illegal fireworks, resulting in two deaths and additional injuries. The danger posed by this activity and these illegal items can be extreme. If you or a

family member or friend are in possession of illegal fireworks, they can be surrendered at any police or fire station, no questions asked. If you are aware of a neighbor in possession of such fireworks, please reach out to your neighborhood Senior Lead Officer (SLO), call your local police station. You can remain anonymous, but please provide as much information as you can (address, vehicles involved, people names or descriptions, etc.) This will not always provide a legal basis for us to arrest an individual or search premises, but we can certainly knock on someone's door and have a chat. Occasionally this attention will compel them to surrender the illegal articles, which is the main goal.

As we did last year, our officers will do their best to counter this activity through a multitude of investigative and patrol efforts, to include focused patrol, surveillance and undercover operations, as much as our call load and other investigative priorities allow us.





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Traffic Information



TRAFFIC ISSUES

Central Traffic Division heard your concern of speeders in front of El Sereno Middle School and we have been out there to educate and enforce the rules of the road.

Central Traffic Division: Child Passenger Restraint

On February 7, 2022, at approximately 10:30 am, there was a vehicle vs vehicle traffic collision at Soto Street and 7th Street which resulted in a fatality involving an infant. The infant was not properly restrained in the safety seat.

In California, all occupants in a vehicle, excluding the bus, must be properly restrained utilizing the safety belts. The following guidelines are for child passenger restraints.

Rear-facing only safety seat: **MUST** be installed facing rearward. Rear facing is required until age 2, unless the child is 40 lbs. or more, or the child’s head is close to the top edge of the seat.

Convertible safety seat: The seat is positioned rear facing for a child weighing 30-50 lbs., & forward facing for a child weighing 40-85 lbs.

Booster seat: Children who have outgrown the safety seats with a harness may be secured by a booster seat. Children who are 8 years of age **OR** have reached 4’9” in height may use a booster seat. Most children need a booster from about age 4-6 to at least age 10-12 for a proper belt fit. All seats **MUST** be placed in the back seat and **NEVER** in the front seat.

Passengers who are 16 years of age and over are subject to California’s Mandatory Seat Belt law.

Community Partners

Hollenbeck Area: Community-Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Meetings

The Hollenbeck Area – CPAB is an Area-level community board comprised of members from the various residential and business communities who live or work within the Hollenbeck Area geographic area. The purpose of the CPAB is to provide advice to the Area Commanding Officer regarding decreasing the incidence and fear of crime in the community, as well as to provide community members with a voice in the policing of their communities. In addition, the Area Commanding Officer provides updates and explanations of Department programs to members of the CPAB.

CPAB meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of Every Month at 6PM. However, due to social distancing restrictions, CPAB meetings are being conducted through video conference. Follow us on social media for instructions and further details regarding our Hollenbeck CPAB meetings.

The Police and Business Association of Hollenbeck Area (PBA) Meetings

Our mission is to support our men and women in uniform, to honor their sacrifices as we also contribute to our youth. We welcome Hollenbeck businesses and residents to join us.

Contact Jacqueline Muñoz at 562-781-8461 / email jmunoz@pbahollenbeck.org





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Notable Incidents

Hollenbeck Area: Search Warrant Results

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, Hollenbeck Division - Narcotics Enforcement Detail (NED) served a search warrant at a residence in Hollenbeck Division with assistance from SWAT, Central NED and Hollenbeck Division – Gang Enforcement Detail (GED). Detectives received information regarding narcotic sales, firearm possession and gang activity at the location which was operating as an illegal gambling house known as a “Casita.” This led to the authorization of a search warrant.

Prior to service of the search warrant, numerous individuals were observed entering and exiting the location. SWAT then served the search warrant and detained additional suspects inside the location. Once the location was secured, Hollenbeck NED and Central NED searched the premises and recovered evidence.

The work of our dedicated officers resulted in the recovery of methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Oxycodone, Codeine and US currency.

Crime Statistics

For the 4 Weeks Ending: **June 4, 2022**

Crime Type	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
Homicide	10	17	-41.2%
Total Rape	24	24	0.0%
Robbery	130	145	-10.3%
Agg. Assaults	386	429	-10.0%
Total Violent	550	615	-10.6%
Burglary	159	157	1.3%
GTA	646	560	15.4%
BTFV	322	390	-17.4%
THEFT	226	270	-16.3%
Total Property	1,353	1,377	-1.7%
Total Part 1	1,903	1,992	-4.5%
Shot Fired	111	111	0.0%
Shooting Victims	53	52	1.9%

Hollenbeck Area Statistics (Current as of 6/04/2022)



Figure 1 Hollenbeck COMPSTAT Profile

The current statistical chart reflects a -4.5% decrease in overall Part I crimes in the Hollenbeck Area.

This reduction is attributed to a -10.6% decrease in the Total Violent crime category and a -1.7% reduction in Total Property crimes compared to the same extraction period last year.

During this period, there has been an increase in Grand Theft of Automobiles in the Property Crimes category.

Community Events

- On the 3rd Wednesday of each Month (June 15, 2022), Hollenbeck Area will be conducting a CPAB Meeting.
- Please follow Hollenbeck Area on our various social media outlets for current details on our Community Events.

