



# AREA 35 UPDATE

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO CHANGE

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## DECEMBER 2024 Update

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### TO ALL: HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza or any tradition this time of year, I want to wish you a wonderful holiday

with your loved ones. As this year winds down, I want to thank you for your support and cooperation. We are ending the year on a high note. We had an issue with sexual assaults earlier in the year, but thanks to you, the community, we have had a dramatic decrease over the last five weeks. Keep on respecting and protecting each other.

We are still having issues with aggravated assaults. Please remember, this is the season for good will and peace. Let us live in the spirit of that as the year ends.



**LOOK OUT FOR THE LONELY**



The holiday season can be a tough one for many. We had a couple of people tragically take their own life in DTLA over the past few weeks. Some people have no one to share their holiday with. Or maybe they have people, but do not have the relationship or access they wished they had. If you see someone who is depressed during the holidays, be a good neighbor and check on them. Don't just watch them go to that dark place.

If you a feeling suicidal and have no one to turn to, please don't take your life, you can call the national suicide hotline. Just dial or text 988.

Remember: Every day you wake up is a chance for change. Don't take away that chance.

**INMEMORIUM**



We lost the following individuals in Skid Row. My deepest condolences for anyone impacted by their loss.

**Murder Victim - 5<sup>th</sup> and San Pedro**

**Murder Victim- 5<sup>th</sup> and Wall**

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THESE CRIMES, PLEASE CALL (800) 222-TIPS.

**COP JOKES OF THE MONTH**



**INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*“Every piece of the universe, even the tiniest snow crystal, matters somehow. I have a place in the pattern, and so do you.”*

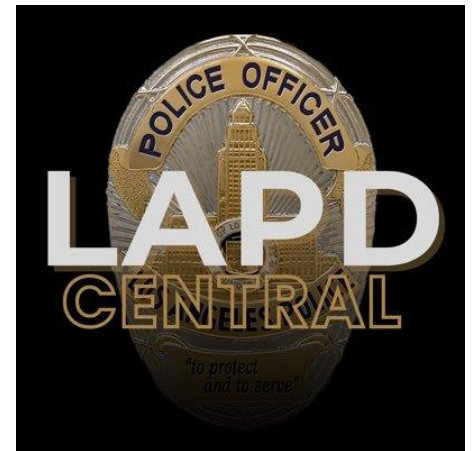
**UPCOMING EVENTS IN SKID ROW**

Lookig forward to these awesome events, please be mindful of potential street closures in the area where they occur.

**LA MISSION CHRISTMAS EVENT** – December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm.(Street closure 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Wall and San Pedro Street).

**MIDNIGHT MISSION TOY GIVEAWAY** – December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 1pm (open to public), no street closures.

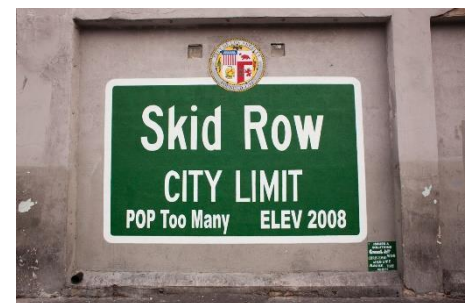
**ANGEL OF THE MONTH**



Officer Andre Linnear and Mario Marquez are two long standing Skid Row coppers. Recently they apprehended a 187 Suspect. As always, I would like to thank them for their dedication to the Division and the Skid Row area. They help reaffirm that when a life is lost anywhere in the city, our officers will do all we can to bring the suspects to justice. Thanks guys.

**THANK YOU**

**To all the service provders in the area working hard to bring holiday cheer to the residents of Skid Row, thank you for all you do. YOU ARE MY HEROES!**



**TO THE NEW LADIES OF  
SKID ROW/WINTER  
SHELTER PROGRAM**



We have a lot of new faces in Skid Row as of late many of them women. No matter your reason for being here, I want you to know that your safety is important. We have had an increase in sexual assaults this year. For the new arrivals, my hope is that you find shelter as soon as possible. These streets can be cruel. The Winter Shelter program is up and running, if the area shelters are full.

I want you to know that if you are sexually assaulted by anyone out there, it is NEVER your fault. It doesn't matter if you were homeless, using drugs or engaged in sex work, if anyone has committed a sexual act against your will or without your consent, you will not be judged by us, no matter what some may tell you to dissuade you from the help you need. We are here to serve you like anyone else in the city.

Please be careful sharing narcotics, many sexual assaults occur when a victim is provided one thing, but it is laced with something that incapacitates you.

**Avoid entering tents of people you don't know well or trust. The same goes for hotels.**

**If you can, avoid sleeping on public sidewalks please. Get to a shelter.**

**Historically, women have made up 40% of the Skid Row population. 2/3 of them have been a victim of sexual assault.**

**My hope is that you are never a victim, but if it happens, when it is safe to do so, please call 911, and cooperate with responding officers so we can get justice for you.**

**If you desire a winter shelter, please call the [Winter Shelter Hotline \(800\) 548-6047](tel:8005486047)**

**Here are some Winter Shelter locations for you.**

**[45510 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Lancaster Ca](#)**

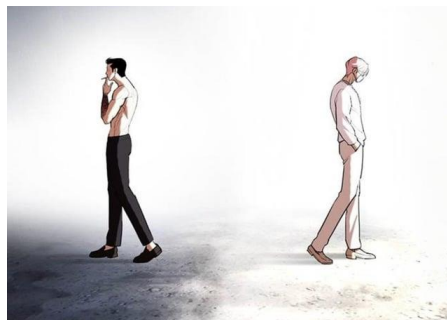
**[8311 S. Western Ave, Los Angeles](#)**

**[8501 S. Vermont, Los Angeles Ca](#)**

**[5500 S. Hoover Street, Los Angeles, Ca](#)**

**[12426 Whittier Blvd, Whittier Ca](#)**

**STEP AWAY FROM  
POTENTIAL VIOLENCE**



I don't care if I sound like a broken record. I care about your safety. A major fight broke out over something trivial, and multiple people had to be hospitalized.

Whatever the disagreement was, it just wasn't worth it. When you feel a dispute is about to get heated beyond words, please just be the bigger person and walk away. Value your lives and others.

**REMEMBER ALL!!!**

**Especially on Spring, Main and LA Street**



**LET'S HAVE PEACE  
AND GOODWILL  
BETWEEN US ALL!!!**



