



AREA 35 UPDATE

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

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE



We survived the summer heat. Now it's time to kick off the holiday season with Halloween. Ghost, goblins and witches can be scary, but nothing is scarier than being a victim of crime. We are here to help with that, but being aware of crime in the area and situational awareness can go a long way in reducing one's chance

of being victimized. Let's be safe out there this holiday season folks. **PLEASE** check you kids candy after trick or treating. If you don't recognize a brand, **DO NOT** let them eat it.

MY SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES



My social media pages are still up. Please give me a follow on both pages for area updates. X(formally twitter) page @LeadDeon and my new Instagram page @slodeonjoseph. In the future, if you want this newsletter by e-mail, send me an email, so we can save some trees.

INSPIRITIONAL QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed in life, is to try just one more time."

Thomas Edison

IN MEMORIUM



We lost the following individuals in area 35 recently. To anyone impacted by their loss, I offer my deepest condolences.

BYRON KNIGHTON – Victim – Towne Ave and 6th. If you have any information please call me or (800) 222-TIPS

Q- Panama Hotel

Roderick Guillory 640 S. Main

Eric Dennis – 512 S. Main

COP JOKES OF THE MONTH



What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

SQUASH!!



Why was the skeleton so chill?

Because you can't get under his skin.

WHAT IS A BURGLARY?

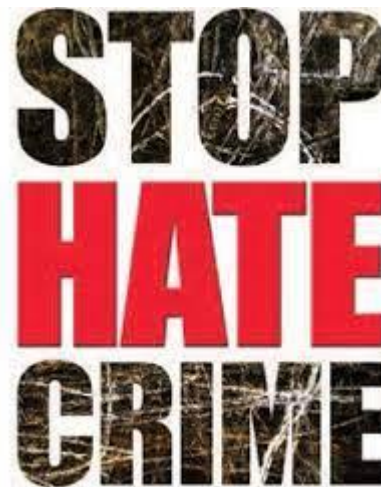


A burglary occurs when anyone enters a building, home, apartment, car or business with the intent to commit any crime. These crime can range from theft, trespassing, vandalism etc...

Please ensure you vehicles and residences are locked and secured. If you are the victim of

a burglary, please report it immediately.

NO HATE PLEASE



If you commit any crime, and your motivation for committing said crimes was because of someone's race, sexuality, gender identity, religion or gender, it is a hate crime. We will not tolerate it. In the United States of America, people have the right to live as they please. You have the right to your opinions, even those I disagree with, but if your opinion and negative thoughts about certain groups of people causes you to commit any criminal act against anyone of these groups, I assure you that we will respond quickly to bring you to justice. Simple tip folks; live and let live. Respect people's rights to live and love as they are.

JUST A THOUGHT FROM A SKID ROW COP

RESPECT THE CHILDREN



I am noticing an increase in children utilizing services in the area. These children who are seeking refuge at the shelters are often exposed to things no child should see in Skid Row. My hope is that we respect them and their innocence. If you see them walking, work to limit their exposure to drug abuse, sexual activity and violence. We all can take part in this effort. If you see kids walking, be a part of protecting them. Thank you.

SOME GOOD NEWS



Many of the lights in the Skid Row area were out. Thank you, LAPD Commander Brockway and Bureau Street Lighting, for helping to repair many of them.

TO THE LADIES OF SKID ROW

WE ARE NOT HERE TO JUDGE. WE ARE HERE TO SERVE



There have been reported and non-reported incidents of sexual assaults in the Skid Row area. Some of these incidents are happening within the tents. We have had some women get grabbed and taken into a tent as they walk past them.

Others voluntarily enter a tent then get sexually assaulted. Some buy narcotics, and end up unconscious possibly from being slipped something, and then assaulted in a tent. Others were in a hotel room or allowed someone to enter their room and were assaulted.

I pray that this never happens to you, but if it does, I want you to know these important things.

- IT IS NEVER YOUR FAULT
- WE WILL NOT JUDGE YOU IF YOU WERE BUYING DRUGS OR ENGAGED IN SEX WORK WHEN YOU WERE ASSAULTED
- WE DO NOT CARE IF YOU ARE ON

PROBATION OR PAROLE

- WE WILL NOT DEPORT YOU IF YOU ARE UNDOCUMENTED
- WE WILL NOT ARREST YOU FOR PETTY WARRANTS FOR REPORTING RAPE
- ALL WE CARE ABOUT IS GETTING YOU JUSTICE

Some important things you should do if you are assaulted SEXUALLY

- CALL 911 AND REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY – IT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET YOU JUSTICE.
- THE LONGER YOU WAIT, TO REPORT IT, THE HARDER IT IS TO GET A FILING.
- DO NOT THROW AWAY CLOTHING OR SHOWER YOU MAY DESTROY EVIDENCE WE NEED TO GET YOU JUSTICE
- COOPERATE WITH THE OFFICERS
- ALLOW THE OFFICERS TO TAKE YOU TO GET EXAMINED BY A DOCTOR FOR YOUR HEALTH AND

EVIDENCE

COLLECTION

- GIVE DETECTIVES A LOCATION AND A CONTACT NUMBER WHERE THEY CAN REACH YOU IF YOU ARE HOMELESS
- AWESOME ADVOCATES AT OUR STATION FROM PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, WHO ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK. YOU CAN WALK IN ANYTIME TO SPEAK WITH THEM. THEY ARE NOT POLICE OFFICERS; THEY ARE COUNSELORS AND ADVOCATES WHO ARE HERE FOR YOU.
- FROM YOUR SENIOR LEAD OFFICER DEON JOSEPH

WE KNOW IT'S ROUGH OUT THERE, BUT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU ARE NOT ALONE. IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK WITH A COUNSELOR BEFORE TALKING TO US, WE HAVE. REMEMBER: YOU DID NOT DESERVE IT, AND IT IS NEVER YOUR FAULT!!!

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING



If you need support, or want to leave a tip on human trafficking, please call the number above.

ANGELS OF THE MONTH

Katrina Williams



Thank you for putting on an incredible Breakthrough event for the Skid Row community. We appreciate you bringing joy to the area.

THANK YOU

I'd like to thank the LAPD Central Area RESET team for the apprehension of a 187 Suspect, who killed a pregnant woman. We never stop trying to bring justice to those whose lives are stolen from them.

AGGRAVATED ASSUALTS



While I was on vacation, I heard that there were a lot of aggravated assaults in the area. An aggravated assault can be a simple battery to assault with a deadly weapon. Please avoid all confrontations if you can. If you become a victim of a crime, please do not wait to call 911 or go to the police station as soon as it is safe to do so.

IF YOU SEE A GUN, CALL 911



So, I was at a community meeting, and someone voiced their frustration with crime in the area. He said he saw a man walking around with a gun and the police were nowhere to be found. It is more than likely that officers were handling other calls and were not there to witness what he saw. I asked him if he called the police, to which he replied "No."

Please understand, that we are not psychic. We cannot see through walls. You are our eyes and ears when we are not immediately available. If you see anyone walking around with a firearm in their hand or any weapon for that manner in a way that is threatening or dangerous to the

public, please call 911. That is a high priority call, and we will respond to it. Please provide a detailed description of the person with the gun, and type of weapon if you are able (shot gun, pistol, handgun, rifle etc..) As we are responding, please continue to give updates to the communications operator of the person's location, if they change clothes and where the weapon is located.

IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANIMAL ABUSE, GIVE US A CALL



In the Skid Row area, we have many people who own dogs, and they have the absolute right to. Yet, no one has the right to abuse them. If you suspect someone is abusing an animal in your presence, please call the police. If you suspect they are abusing them in their hotel rooms or neglecting them, download the myLA311 app and report it there. You can also give me a call.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR RADIOS DOWN



I get a lot of complaints from people who live in the community about loud radios.

At the end of the day, it comes down to respect. You must respect people's right to peace and quiet. Many people in this area are in recovery, and struggle with many issues. The noise interferes with their recovery and impacts their mental health.

Skid Row is not a quasi community. It is a real community. There are people here who want the same thing people want in other communities. And that is a safe, sane and quiet place to live.

I know you love your music. I have to admit, some of it I love, but when the community is in right standing with the law, I must support them. There are laws in place that prohibit playing loud music in residential areas. I want to educate you on them, so it will be no surprise if I have to enforce the law. Which I do not want to do, but if I cannot get the cooperation from you, you will be cited for the following violations:

112.01 LAMC – Loud radios/stereos, TVs, musical instruments, amplified devices are prohibited in residential area.

41.57 LAMC – Loud or raucous noises from any sound making or

sound amplifying device in your control.

As you know, I only cite people as a last resort. Please keep your radios down to a minimum. Think of your neighbors. Most are not going to tell you because they are trying to avoid confrontation. That's why they call me. And I will respond.

STEP AWAY SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES



Okay. You stepped away from an argument that could have turned violent. Smart move. Now what? Still having unresolved issues with a neighbor, landlord or business? Is there a person struggling with mental illness, who you are concerned about? Do you know a victim of Domestic violence who may not want to reach out to law enforcement? I have a few numbers for you.

LA City Attorney Dispute Resolution Program

(213) 978-1880

LA County Dept. of Mental Health

(800) 854-7771

Peace Over Violence (Domestic Violence Outreach)

(213) 626-3393

HEALTH AND SAFETY



Fentanyl is doing a lot of damage out there. **All it takes to kill you is 2 milligrams.** That's literally equated to two grains of salt. If you see someone who appears to be overdosing, you don't have to let them die. Here are some things you can do the keep them alive:

- **Call 911 immediately**
- **Place them in the recovery position (On their left side with their knees bent towards their chest.**
- **While on their side, rub the center of their rib cage vigorously with your knuckles to try to stimulate them until the paramedics arrive.**
- **If they are not breathing at all, try chest compressions.**