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## Meeting Notes

July 16, 2024

### I. Hollywood Station Command Update

#### Captain Craig Heredia

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#### Hollywood Division Crime Stats

LAPD has recently transitioned to a new records management system to collect crime data. The new system will elevate operational efficiency and data management. They are going through a transition period - comparing crime stats from the two systems is challenging.

Overall, it's been a pretty good year:

- There has been a slight increase in robberies over last year.
- Fewer aggravated assaults. Although along Hollywood Blvd. and The Western Corridor they are focusing on prevention measures (foot beats, mounted units etc.).
- Pretty close to flat on violent crime.
- There has been a significant reduction in burglary / theft from motor vehicles (64 fewer cars broken into this year).
- The biggest challenge is in the category of burglary. There have been 72 more burglaries this year over last year.
- There has been an uptick in robberies from outside restaurants and clubs in the Hollywood Entertainment District (HED). The primary items stolen are watches and jewelry.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Recap

#### Sgt. Chad Costello, Community Relations Officer

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Thank you to CD4 for supporting dedicated details for Hollywood Area during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday which greatly assisted in keeping things safe. LAPD has full deployment during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July but Hollywood officers are often pulled into other areas such as Venice. These dedicated details funded by CD4 were specifically for Hollywood Areas that need extra support during 4<sup>th</sup> of July

1. Mulholland Side (LAPD & LAFD extra patrols)
2. Lake Hollywood Park Area
3. Party Patrol Car

## II. Government Officials Updates

The following representatives in attendance gave quick updates:

**Kylie Jansen**, Homelessness Deputy for CD13

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Thanked LAPD for supporting the recent Inside Safe operation at Harold Way & Western (just north of Sunset Blvd.). She believes they were able to house 30 people from that location.

**Anais Gonzalez**, Field Representative for CD13 - Hollywood Area

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CD13 has allocated discretionary funds to fix lighting in Hollywood. Current turn around time for street lighting is 7 months.

LADOT Hollywood Boulevard Safety & Mobility Project (Vision Zero) is underway. Hollywood Blvd. is being reconfigured to increase safety by converting a travel lane in each direction into a continuous left turn lane, and a parking-protected bike lane. The street resurfacing has begun, and is scheduled to complete by August 18<sup>th</sup>. For details, refer to:

<https://ladot.lacity.gov/hollywood>

CicLAvia “Meet the Hollywoods” is Sunday, August 18, 2024 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The 6.6-mile route will include Hollywood Blvd. from Vermont to Highland. Be prepared for street closures. Technically they have the streets until 4, but likely starting at 2pm it will begin clearing. Everything in the area should be clear before the Hollywood Bowl traffic for that evening’s performance.

Captain Mike Rippe will be the Incident Commander during CicLAvia.

For details about CicLAvia visit: <https://www.ciclavia.org/>

**Joshua Marin-Mora**, Hollywood Field Representative

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Additional revisions have been added to AB 2943 - retail theft packages discussed at our May meeting, including misdemeanor exceptions. They have expanded the ability for police to arrest for shoplifting based on witness statement or video footage of the crime.

The new state budget includes a billion dollars for homeless assistance. It also includes 250 million dollars for localities to clear encampments and get people into housing.

**Nick Ferrari**, Battalion Chief

LAFD Battalion 5

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LAFD and LAPD worked collaboratively over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday weekend to ensure public safety.

LA City Emergency Management Dept. has published a newsletter that addresses heat related illnesses, how to prepare to reduce risks to the community and additional tips for hot months ahead.

For more info go to: <https://emergency.lacity.gov/>

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Brush clearance concerns should be reported to: <https://lafd.org/fire-prevention/brush/report-hazard> or by phone: (800) 994-4444 (Monday – Friday).

Preparing for the upcoming Santa Ana wind season is really important to prevent brushfires.

### **III. In the Spotlight**

#### **How does the recent US Supreme Court Ruling (Grants Pass v. Johnson) impact enforcement of anti-camping laws in Los Angeles**

SCOTUS concluded that cities don't violate the Constitution by penalizing people for camping outside. This reversed the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision that anti-camping laws violated the Eighth Amendment (which bars "cruel and unusual punishment"). Not much is likely to change in the short term. Existing laws may be enforced, but in Los Angeles, it's up to the Mayor and City Council (and the LA County Supervisors) to determine how. Mayor Bass has publically disagreed with the court's decision and has pledged to continue to lead with services and housing first.

#### **Best Practices to Keep Your Home Safe While Away This Summer**

SLO Joe Raviol (Area reviewed some important tips:

- The number one thing to help an investigation is an active home security system. Preferably one that is hard-wired (vs. wireless / wifi based systems). Sophisticated criminals have found ways to disable wireless systems using jammers. These jammers may also interfere with police radios.
- Use smart home devices to turn lights and radios on and off while you are away to make it appear like your home is occupied.
- Post "no trespass" signs and complete the Trespass Arrest Authorization forms and have them on file with LAPD. This allows law enforcement to respond to calls about suspicious activity on your property even if you aren't present. Link to the form: <https://ctycms.com/ca-hollywood/docs/trespass-arrest-authorization.pdf>
- Take time to get to know your neighbors and look out for each other.
- Arrange to have your US Postal mail suspended while you are away so that it doesn't pile up.
- Have your packages delivered to a trusted neighbor or business.
- Hire a house sitter who will keep plants watered, take care of your pets and make your home look occupied.
- Don't post about your vacation on social media until you get home. Limit posts that display the valuable items in your home. Keep your "friends" list up to date and private.
- Don't leave spare keys in "hiding spots" – most criminals are savvy to the typical places people hide keys. Put them in a secure location.
- Keep lithium batteries in an airtight container or ammo can to prevent accidental fires.
- Keep your vehicle key fobs in a signal blocking case (Faraday) to prevent thieves from capturing and using the signal to steal your car.

## IV. CPAB Committee Updates

### **SLO Heather Mata, Special Events Committee**

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### **2024 National Night Out Event**

Event Date: Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Event Time: **5:30 pm – 8:30 pm** (*slight time change since our last meeting*)

Location: 1300 Block Party on Cole Avenue (just north of Fountain)

There will be food, live music, activities, outreach and special units. Please join us! This event is FREE to the public.

We would love to have community members **volunteer alongside LAPD at this event**. If you are interested in helping – please contact us.

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### **Officer Gabe Ruiz, Reserve & Volunteer Coordinator**

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### **Community Police Academy Recap**

Officer Ruiz recapped the recent (March – May) Hollywood Area Community Police Academy. There were approximately 40 participants, 30 of which completed the entire 11-week program.

Each week focused on a different aspect of LAPD with presentations from Metro, SWAT, Detectives, the Gang Unit, and Narcotics. Air Support provided a demo and RHD did an amazing presentation regarding “dog-nappings.”

The next Community Police Academy will be in West LA. Anyone interested should reach out to Officer Ruiz to get on the list of potential participants.

## V. Upcoming Events & Announcements

### **Hollywood Boulevard Safety & Mobility Project**

June 17, 2024 – August 18, 2024

### **Hollywood National Night Out Event**

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 (5:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

1300 Block of Cole Avenue

### **CicLAvia Meet the Hollywoods**

Sunday, August 18, 2024 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

### **Next CPAB Meeting**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

6501 Fountain Avenue – Community Room