



Hollywood Area C-PAB

Co-Chairs: Captain Craig Heredia & Alexa Iles Skarpelos

Meeting Notes

August 15, 2023

I. Hollywood Station Command Update

Craig Heredia, Captain III, LAPD Station Commander – Hollywood Division
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Hollywood Division Crime Stats

Hollywood is #1 in the City of LA for violent crime reduction this year over last year.
Hollywood is #3 in the City of LA for property crime reduction this year over last year.

LAPD Challenges / Shrinking Workforce

There are less than 9,000 sworn officers at LAPD (8,967 as of July 30, 2023).
Of those, Hollywood Division has 299, which is 63 less than 5 years ago.

Response Times

Hollywood is the fastest in the city response times.

Code 3 calls (emergency response, lights & sirens)

Hollywood Division = 5.2 minutes on average

West Bureau average = 6 minutes

Citywide average = 6.3 minutes

Code 2 calls (priority, but no lights & sirens)

Hollywood Division = 22.7 minutes

West Bureau = 23.9 minutes

Citywide = 25.1

Use of Force Numbers

Last year at this time there had been 88 uses of force. This year there have been 38. That is a 56% reduction over last year. The de-escalation tactics are working and they are still able to take people into custody using less uses of force.

Search Warrants – Props to Hollywood Detectives

Citywide average is 62

West Bureau is 66

Hollywood is 131!

Hollywood Entertainment District (HED) Officers

There is a special unit of officers dedicated to Hollywood Blvd.

Last year they removed 85 guns from the street at year-end in 2022. This year, to date, they have already taken 115 guns off the street. That is a significant contributing factor to reducing violent crime in Hollywood.

Street Closures & Special Events Permits in Hollywood

Sergeant Steve Smith, Special Events Coordinator in Hollywood
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Sgt. Smith explained how organizers of parades, protests and premiers obtain permits to close streets to traffic in Hollywood.

The Police Commission approves permit requests for First Amendment actions. The permit process is designed to create an opportunity for the LAPD to offer their expertise and give input and recommendations on how to safely conduct their protest / march or parade.

Premiers, promotional events or commercial / for-profit events permits are done through the Bureau of Street Services. Each department reviews the request (LAFD, LAPD, LADOT etc.) and makes recommendations.

The best place to find out what street closures are scheduled is on the Hollywood Partnership website: <https://hollywoodpartnership.com/alerts>

Q: There was a question about the overlap of the Hollywood Blvd. event closures and Hollywood Bowl event dates. Why are multiple events being allowed on the same dates?

A: Council District 13 holds a meeting once a month to review all of the events and street closures and decide what type of resources are needed to assist with traffic control. The Council District and the Mayor's Office are the entities to decide whether or not an event can occur. LAPD is charged with then making the event safe for the public.

Q: There was an event two Saturdays ago. The road closure at Laurel Canyon delayed the LAFD response to a fire that broke out that day. They had to go another route that took them a mile or more out of their way to respond. It was a one-acre fire. It was fortunate that they were able to get the fire out, but it could have been much worse.

A: We need to find out what occurred and follow up.

II. Government Officials Updates

The following representatives in attendance gave quick updates:

Josef Siroky, Field Representative for CD4
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Josef is the area field representative for Council Member Nithya Raman's office. When he's not out in the field, his office is in the Hollywood City Hall. His area covers Council District 4 in Hollywood and the Hollywood Hills from Laurel Canyon to the west to Western Avenue to the east.

They are currently working on a tour bus study. Please feel free to reach out to him if you need assistance with City services or concerns, if you want to hold a block party or need updates on what's happening in the district, let him know.

Anais Gonzalez, CD13 Field Representative for Hollywood Area
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Karla Martinez, CD13 Field Representative for East Hollywood, Los Feliz, Greater Wilshire, Larchmont Village & Windsor Square
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They do conduct a **Street Closures Meeting** the first Thursday of the month. This meeting is open to the public. This is the opportunity for stakeholders to give input. These are in-person meetings (not virtual). Approvals happen in those meetings.

CD13 is hosting a **Community Resources Fair** on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm in Lemon Grove Park (4959 Lemon Grove Avenue). There will be free resources available for the community including:

- Mobile Health Clinics
- School Backpacks (child must be present)
- Immigration Services
- Information on Cal Fresh & Medical Benefits
- Tenants rights information
- Music, Food and Activities for Kids

Patrick Mooney, CD13 Homelessness Director
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Patrick gave an update on recent efforts at the Selma encampment. They worked with multiple groups (Mayor's office, LA County and others) including to house 61 individuals at that encampment. The "Inside Safe" program comes with tools (subsidies) that should result in higher rates of retention. They timed this to be close to the start of the school year.

Assistant Chief Dean Zipperman, Los Angeles Fire Department West Bureau
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He supervises daily operations across West Bureau. He has taken a proactive approach to safety violations in the encampments. There are often a lot of illegal electrical wiring, pulling power from light posts and electrical boxes in encampments that can pose a danger to the public. They also were able to recently clear an encampment area on Ivar that was obstructing fire exit doors. He is very concerned about the fire danger in the hillsides and evacuation in the event of a brushfire. Starting September 1st they contract to have a super scooper aircraft from Canada on hand, and some new LAFD helicopters that have high capacity to assist with fire fighting in the hillsides.

Q: What can be done about a property owner who has not done brush clearance? This is land without a house or buildings but it is overgrown and adjacent to nearby homes that are scared about fire danger? The owner lives out of the country. How can they be made to clear their property?

A: LAFD Brush Patrol will identify the violation and send a notice to the property owner. If they don't clear it within the time frame the LAFD will send in a contractor to clear it at the owner's expense.

III. In the Spotlight: Police Activities League (PAL)

Officer Geoff Lear

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Officer Raina Foster

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Officer Lear shared the purpose and mission of the Police Activities League. It began 109 years ago in New York City to bridge the gap between police and the community by providing ways to engage youth in positive activities. During the school year they run after school programs. This summer the Hollywood PAL ran a number of programs to encourage kids in Hollywood to get out and expand their world. They held a 6 week “summer camp” (2 days a week for 4 hours a day). They got to visit the Natural History Museum, and two different farms with farm animals. They also established a “camper of the week” award and to give to kids who may have never been recognized with an award before. They got to experience the simulator room, and visit with the LAPD Bomb sniffer dogs and visit the Fire Department and check out their trucks and equipment.

If anyone here is part of a company, business or organization that has something to contribute (in kind or \$’s), to support this work, please reach out. Hollywood PAL is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) non-profit. Go to their website for more information: <https://hollywoodpal.org/home/how-to-help/contribute/>

IV. CPAB Committee Updates

Heather Mata, Senior Lead Officer Area 6A15 – National Night Out Committee

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LAPD Hollywood hosted National Night Out Event on Tuesday, August 1st at Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Thank you to Hollywood Forever Cemetery and the Celebrity Center Tech team who helped make the outdoor movie night possible. We would like to thank all of the community partners who participated in making this event a success. For a complete recap see the attached doc.

Paul Jordan, Senior Lead Offer Area 6A63 – CPAB Meeting Refreshments

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Officer Jordan was tasked with arranging for a community partner to provide refreshments for tonight’s meeting. Huge thank you to Fat Sal’s Deli who provided the delicious sandwiches.

Ralph Sanchez, Senior Lead Officer Area 6A31 – Parks & Green Spaces Committee

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Officer Sanchez shared a little history about the community concerns in and around Runyon Canyon Park. 160 acres of land, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has control of the land and LA City Rec & Parks assists with operations. The issues arise around the lack of crowd control or services and keeping the park secure at night.

Parks & Green Spaces Committee (new)

The Parks & Green Spaces Committee will focus on issues in Hollywood Area parks that pose a threat to public safety or make parks inaccessible to their intended public use. This committee will have points of contact with a variety of agencies; LAPD Security Services, LA Rec & Parks, LA County, Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA), LADWP and LA Animal Services, to ensure responsibilities are clarified and communicated.

Q: One of the big issues is getting the parks locked up at night. With all the staffing issues there seems to be no one to provide this service consistently. What can be done? People are sneaking up into the park to party and smoke and there are real public safety concerns associated with that.

A: Please join our CPAB Parks committee and help us work on these type of issues. It's important that the community and residents nearest to the location weigh in on and offer up solutions that make sense.

Captain Heredia also encouraged the residents to make the calls to LAPD to get the incidents on record.

LAPD Non-Emergency Number: (877) 275-5273

V. New Business & Upcoming Events

Tip A Cop Fundraiser for Special Olympics

September 21, 2023 (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Hard Rock Café Hollywood – 6801 Hollywood Blvd.

There will be a live performance by Brian White and Cory French

Brett Cohen will be dropping dishes.

Faith In Blue Event

Plans are still in work. TBD

Next CPAB Meeting

October 17, 2023 (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm