

# AREA 35 UPDATE

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

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## JANUARY 2025 Update

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#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



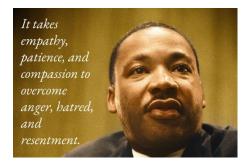
Well; we survived 2024. It's a new year. Let's shake off old beefs and try coming together for a change. My new year's resolution is to continue to be the best version of myself for you. Let's do this together. I hope the coming year brings everything wonderful to you.

#### **VACATION TIME!!!**



I will be on vacation until February 7<sup>th</sup>. Gotta' relax, repair and rejuvenate. If you need anything, please feel free to contact my Partner Officer Marylin Gutierrez in my absence. She is an incredible officer. Her number is (213) 448-6907.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE GREATEST AMERICAN



Thank you, Dr. Martin Luther King, I thank you for all you did and your sacrifice. You will forever be an inspiration to me.

#### **2025 GOALS**



Here are my goals for 2025.

#### **CRIME**

- Continue sexual assault education in the Skid Row area.
- Reduce aggravated assaults in Skid Row
- > Reduce Car burglaries in in the Historic Core.

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Focus on graffiti removal and prosecution of those engaged in it. I hope to partner with the community in this efforts. We've don it before, we can do it again.

#### **BURGLARIES**



Please do not leave your doors unlocked for a moment. Even if you are leaving to get the mail or take a shower (if you live in an SRO). It only takes seconds for someone to enter your unit and remove your property. Even if you are in your unit, please do not go to sleep with the door unsecured.

# KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR STUFF!!



Please do not leave any valuable items unattended. Here are some preventive measures you can take to reduce the risk of being a victim of theft:

- Don't charge your cell phone and leave it unattended.
- > Do not go to sleep with your property unsecured.
- > Don't get so distracted in conversations that you put your valuables down and someone takes it.
- > Do not let anyone use your phone.
- > Do not count money in public
- > Secure your medications, as they are often stolen.
- > Keep wallets in the front pocket, not the rear.
- ➤ Place noise making devices (bells, cans, chimes) on you bags, while you are asleep so you can hear if someone is removing your items. Shower with your belongings in a plastic bag for better control, to keep it from getting wet.

These are some great ways to keep control of your property, and reduce the chance of being a victim of theft.

### WHAT IS AN AGGRAVATED ASSUALT



I'll keep it simple friends. An aggravated assault any violent act committied against another. Pushing, shoving punching, kicking... If there are no serious injuries, it's a battery. You can make a report or if the crime happened out of the view of officers, you can make a citizen's arrest.



If there are serious injuries, for instance; broken bones, lacerations, missing teeth, loss of consciosness, it is a felony, No need for a citizen's arrest because the evidence of the assualt is your injuries.



If the assualt involved any weapon that has the potential to cause serious bodily injury or death, whether they connect or not, it is a felony assualt with a deadly weapon.



I pray none of these things happen to you, and strongly encourge you to STEP AWAY from any dsputes that can lead to violence. But if it happens, when it is safe to do so, call 911 immedietly.



Don't wait. When the police arrive, point out the suspect to the officers. Without a positive ID, officers cannot help you.

If the suspect is not around, alow officers to take a police report. If it a felony report, keep the report number on hand. Anytime you see the person who assualted you after the assault, call 911 and based on the report, officers can effect and arrest.

If you are unhoused, please provide officers with a location to find you or number to someone you trust for us to contact.

REMEMBER: We can get justice for you, WITHOUT YOU! Be safe.

#### IN MEMORIUM



To everyone we lost in Skid Row this year; may your rest in peace. To those impacted by the loss of life, I wish comfort on you in your grief. I

Memorial Services for Wemndell Blassingame will be in San julian Park on January 25<sup>th</sup>. From 12pm to 3pm



#### INPIRATIONAL QOUTE



"Sometimes difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations."-Unknonw person.

Yes folks, the road you are on may seem rough, but if you take it step by tep, day by day and keep fighting for your lives, I promise you something wonderful is on the other side of that struggle that will be worth it. I'm always rooting for you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR SKID ROW FAM!!!