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June 2024 Update

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SUMMER'S TOO HOT!!



As soon as June gloom goes away, that heat is coming. If you feel like you are getting dehydrated, please holla at your boy. Starting at the end of June, I will have plenty of water for ya!!!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



To all the great Dad's out there: Thank you for your strength, protection, and provision. You are so important. To my father, I miss you, and am forever grateful for how you stood ten toes down for your family.

IT'S PRIDE MONTH



Please be safe at all the celebrations and festivities this

month. Let us remember that hate is not welcome in this city, and hate crimes spurned from that hate against anyone will be taken seriously. To my friends, family, and all members of the LBGTQIA community, enjoy Pride month and all the festivities.

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As we celebrate one of the most important days in American History, let us continue to build on these freedoms to be a better and stronger nation. This day is a celebration of freedom, but it can provide inspiration for people to free themselves from many things that keep them from being their absolute best. Enjoy this incredible day to the fullest.

INSPIRATIONAL QOUTE OF THE MONTH

"The bad news is this; time flies. The good news is; you are the pilot."

THANK YOUS!!



My deepest appreciation for Council District 14 and the LA City Council for paying respect to my Uncle Retired LAPD Officer

Roosevelt Joseph. To Councilman DeLeon and staff, my family will always appreciate this gesture.



Big thank you to my partner SLO M. Gutierrez, Animal Regulations, and the Central Clergy Council for participating the Paws in Place event in San Julian Park. It was nice to meet some of our fourlegged friends and engage in outreach.



Thank you to George Thomas from LAHSA for assisting with a 72-year-old woman in need of help getting off the streets. For years he was one of several individuals I could count on to assist people in need who I contact daily.



Another big thank you to the Union Rescue Mission for allowing us to present LADIES NIGHT there. We met so many wonderful ladies. Big shout out to Officer Lissa Esteban from the

DART team, Judy McLaurin from Peace Over Violence and Louie Mendez from the DA's Victim Assistance Unit.

COP JOKES OF THE MONTH



"A man walks into a police station and steals a lamp. When he was caught, he got a LIGHT sentence."

"I got a call from the police that they wanted to interview me. That's funny. I never applied for the job."

CONGRADULATIONS



To Bettina Lewis on her promotion to Interim CEO of Christian Health Center. A great person. Awesome organization providing much needed care to the Skid Row community.

HEADS UP, PHONES DOWN



Please do not get stuck walking around looking at your phone. There are individuals out there looking to catch you off guard. My strong suggestion is while walking downtown, please keep your head on a swivel, and your phone in your pocket until you need it. If you insist on staying on your phone, have you back to a wall and look up from time to time, so you don't become a victim.

MISSING HERO

Please help us reunite Mr. Kenneth Davis with his family.



TENTS AND SIDEWALK ACCESS



Please seek housing and shelter over the streets. Yet if you insist on camping on the sidewalk, please make sure there is three feet of space for people to be able to utilize the sidewalks. Many of your neighbors have special needs and should not have to be in the street to get where they need to go.

<u>THE TRANSPERANCY</u> <u>CORNER</u>



The other day, I was talking to a woman who was understandably upset from her point of view, when she saw officers responding quickly to an officer in need of assistance, in contrast to when she was assaulted, and it took 30 minutes for officers to respond.

Part of my job is to be honest with you all because I respect you. The reason why it appears that way, is simple. When an officer needs help, he or she makes that request over a radio that can be heard immediately by other officers, who then respond quickly to assist from all over the division.

When you call 911 from a cellular phone, the process is a little more complexed. Your call will first be patched to the California Highway Patrol 911 dispatch. Once you provide them with the information, and they realize you are not calling for a highway related issue, they transfer you to the city dispatch. Once the information is received by them, it is broadcast over the air for an available patrol unit to take the call. Due to staffing issues, many patrol units are already stacked with high priority calls, so it may take a bit depending on how busy the officers in the division are. Please understand that Central Division patrol has been reduced by 80 officers, so we are spread thinner than we have been before. Another key factor is that every 12 minutes in DTLA an 911 call is generated, which keeps our officers extremely busy.

For non-emergency calls, it has taken up to 90 minutes for a police response based on the aforementioned reasons, and the number of high priority calls.

Please know that your safety is important to us. We want to be there for you as we do a fellow officer in trouble, just understand then process is different. As we become better staffed, you will begin to see a difference in response.

TIPS TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS:

When you call 911 here are some things you can do to help expedite the process.

- \blacktriangleright Try to calm yourself We understand you can be traumatized or frightened after being victimized. As best as you can, take some deep breathes to calm yourself, and provide the information in a controlled calm manner to the 911 dispatcher. If you are calling from a cellular phone, and the crime is not freeway related, let the CHP dispatcher know you need to be connected to the LAPD dispatch center.
- Give a detailed description of the suspect you are calling on, as well as the location. If you aren't sure where you are, you can ask Siri on your phone, and it will give your location. You can also provide the nearest cross streets, for example: "5th and Wall"
- Provide a detailed description of yourself as well so officers can locate you.
- Request to stay on the line with 911 dispatchers to provide updates on the location of the suspects if you are in immediate danger.

SKID ROW ADJACENT



Please come support our officers in the Central Torch Run for the special olympics on June 6th. If you see us running, through downtown give us a wave. It's for a wondeful cause

<u>SPRING, MAIN AND LA</u> <u>STREETS</u>



I can't say it enough folks. Please take your valuables out of your vehicles. Especially in the above mentioned corridors.

- Remove important electronics, bags and documents
- ➢ Lock your car.

It only takes a few seonnds for the items you paid for are stolen. Do all you can to make yourself less of a target.