I hope this message finds you well. As we progress through the summer months with higher temperatures, we have unfortunately seen an increase in some violent crimes. Know that all of us at Hollenbeck, with the support from Operations Central Bureau and the Department as a whole, are doing all we can to quickly identify those responsible, arrest them, and bring them before the courts.

Hollenbeck currently has fewer Part-I Crime (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assaults, Shooting Victims, Burglary, GTA, Burglary Theft from Vehicle, and Theft) victims within Operations Central Bureau. The increase in shooting, and homicides, bothers us all and takes away from the overall great work being done. I am proud of the efforts of all the dedicated officers and detectives assigned to Hollenbeck.

Now more than ever we could use those good young men and women who want an exciting career in public service. What's even more exciting is if those willing to do this job come from within the Hollenbeck Communities. Nothing speaks to community policing like an individual born and raised in Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, or El Sereno, who one day is policing the very same streets they grew up on.

Remind me to tell you of a great recruiting story that involves pumpkin pie at one of our next community events ...if you know you know.

Stay Safe – Captain Alfonso Mendoza

Spotlight on Hollenbeck

Hollenbeck Detective Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Cherie Stelter

Cherie Stelter is a 23-year service member of the Los Angeles Police Department. She was born in Torrance, California, and is one of six children in a blended family. She came onto the Department wanting to better serve the community and have a positive impact. She had a daughter at a young age, finished high school, and continued with her education. She worked in the private sector of the banking industry until she decided to join the Los Angeles Police Department at the age of 21.

She continued to attend college while she was a young officer, completing her Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and then her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, with her main focus being on her daughter. She worked various assignments, including patrol, Juvenile Car assignment, Professional Standards Bureau and other Administrative assignments prior to making Detective.
As a Detective she worked critical and relevant assignments for future leadership positions such as the Juvenile Child Abuse Section, Analysis Section at Detective Bureau, Risk Management, Civil litigation section and Professional Standards Bureau dealing with management, policy and discipline issues.

She promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned as a watch commander at Rampart Area, working morning watch while she continued to expand in her leadership skills, and share her knowledge and experience with the officers she led. She most recently obtained the Detective Commanding Officer position at Hollenbeck Detectives.

She enjoys working out and spending time with her two younger children, family and friends. She is a huge advocate for employee wellness and mindset, encouraging her officers to take care of themselves, their families and foster a healthy lifestyle.

**Traffic Information**

**Central Traffic Division: Bicycle Safety Information**

An analysis was conducted by Central Traffic Division (CTD) of traffic collision data for the first six months of this year revealed a troubling statistic – bicycle-involved crashes in Hollenbeck Area are double what they were during the same period last year. While this increase is cause for concern, it is important to note that only one of those crashes resulted in severe injuries to the bicyclist, and none of those crashes resulted in a fatality. In the past five years, however, three bicyclists lost their lives in crashes that occurred on the streets of Hollenbeck Area. Each of these incidents was a preventable tragedy.

Bicyclists are often struck because the driver either saw them too late, or the driver did not see them at all. Drivers often do not see smaller objects on the roadway, such as bicyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians – particularly during hours of darkness. Visibility is key to a bicyclist’s survival. Because bicyclists do not have the protection that vehicle occupants do, they generally sustain more serious injuries in traffic collisions. Severe and fatal injuries are common in collisions that involve bicyclists. Collision prevention is a bicyclist’s first line of defense.
Traffic Information
(Bicycle Safety Information - Continued)

Here are a few safety tips for bicyclists and drivers:

Bicyclists are reminded to:

- Never operate a bicycle while they’re intoxicated.
- Use designated bicycle lanes whenever they are available.
- Obey all traffic laws – stop signs, red lights, direction of travel.
- Remove their ear buds, put away their phone, and stay alert while they’re riding.
- Wear bright-colored, reflective clothing when riding on the street, particularly at night.
- Make sure that their bicycle has the proper lighting and reflective equipment when riding at night.
- Wear a properly-fitting helmet – California law requires a helmet if you’re under the age of 18. All can benefit from wearing one.

Drivers are reminded to:

- Be alert for bicyclists – they can be difficult to see.
- Use caution when merging into traffic, or when pulling out of a driveway or a parking lot.
- Give bicyclists extra room when passing them – a minimum of 3 feet is required by law.
- Slow down when visibility is reduced, like at night or when it is raining.

Be patient and courteous – together we can make our roads safer for all.

Crime Statistics

Hollenbeck Area Statistics
The current statistical chart reflects a -2.8% decrease in overall Part I crimes in the Hollenbeck Area.

The Total Violent crime category shows a -9.6% reduction in violent crimes in contrast to the 0.0% change in the Total Property crimes during the same time last year.

During this period, there has been an increase in Homicides, Robberies, Burglaries, Burglary Theft from Vehicles, and Theft in the Property Crimes category.
Introducing: Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Dashboard

The Department is committed to transparency and is always looking for ways to bring information to the public we serve. Recently the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Dashboard was launched on the Department website. The information will provide insight to the police work being done daily by LAPD Officers.

Information is broken down in many ways, with the goal of giving the community a way to see who is being stopped and where the stops are occurring.

These links will take you to the RIPA Community Dashboard:

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Community Events

Hollenbeck Community Police Academy

The Senior Lead Officers of Hollenbeck Division are inviting you to participate in our second Community Police Academy (brought back by popular demand). This interactive facilitated based course will start on Thursday, August 24th and end on Thursday, October 19th. During our community police academy, you will learn a variety of subjects from our profession, so you can gain a better understanding of what police officers accomplish on a day to day basis.

Classes are every Thursday from 6-9PM in our Community room at Hollenbeck Division. You must **pre-enroll** using our Online Application. Click on the flyer to access the Online Application for the 2023 Fall Community Police Academy.

We look forward to your participation!
2023 National Night Out
On August 1, 2023, we will be hosting a National Night Out in front of Hollenbeck Station. There will be entertainment, information booths, and most importantly plenty of fellow stakeholders to interact with.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. Please come out and join us.

HOBK Senior Lead Officers Notes

2023 Police Unity Tour by SLO Jurisaga
The Police Unity Tour (PUT) was created to raise awareness for police officers that have died in the line of duty and to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum. Each rider raises a certain amount of funds and then completes the ride, covering over 240 miles in three short days.

In late 2022, my Captain asked if I have ever participated in the Police Unity Tour and, if I hadn’t, did I want to. The Police Unity Tour was something that I had heard about and was always interested in but there was one problem, I didn’t own a road bike. Well, fast forward to May 8th, 2023, the start of National Police Week, and I found myself on an airplane to New Jersey to participate in the Police Unity Tour (or PUT as they call it).
We started the ride in Somerset, New Jersey, into Philadelphia, through Baltimore, and lastly ending at the Police Memorial at our Nation’s Capital, Washington D.C. The ride was challenging at times but came with non-stop laughs and bonding with fellow officers. We also received so much love and support through the communities we trekked through.

I wish I had the words to describe how I felt as we entered Washington D.C., riding through the police memorial. I could barely see the faces of the families of police officers that have died in the line of duty due to the tears streaming down my face. They were all there to honor their loved ones and support each rider. The impact that it had on me is indescribable and completely unforgettable.

I was completely humbled to participate in this event, that remembers and honors the sacrifice of more than 23,000 officers, whose names are carved into the walls of the memorial. I only wish I had done it sooner in my career. See you out there at next year’s Police Unity Tour!

Current Events from CRO/SLO SUPERVISOR – SGT. GALVAN

The City of Los Angeles has a monumental task with the increased number of the unhoused. Hollenbeck is no exception. Recreational Vehicles (RV) used by those experiencing homelessness are a significant challenge.

One encampment is located at 3501 Valley Boulevard which is adjacent to the University of Southern California (USC) Hospital; this location is an open project referred to as a SARA. This methodology is used to work-out issues and find solutions to a particular problem. For example, USC Nurses Union complained about the increase of the RV’s and the illegal activity in and around the area which in time, cloaked the area with a thin pall of worry for those who lived and worked in the affected area. The behaviors ranged from an increase of unsightly trash; gang shootings; Illegal drug sales to a homicide.

Senior Lead Officer Ricardo Huerta is the assigned officer for this area and solicited the help from Council District 14; Department of Transportation; Narcotics Enforcement; Hollenbeck Gang Unit; City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor and City resources for the unhoused. This collaborative effort first required some surveillance which would provide intelligence about where the drug sales were being sold; stolen property such as stolen catalytic converters and stolen vehicles.
One such example, yielded the arrest of a suspect who was observed in a white vehicle; was observed stopping and exiting from that vehicle and entering a stationary cargo train and removing items from within. The suspect was detained and was arrested for said crime, during this arrest it was learned the suspect was an ex-convict in possession of ammunition, as well as being in possession of burglary tools.

One other incident exposed a suspect entering one of the RV’s which was suspected of selling narcotics later exiting to an awaiting vehicle. A traffic stop revealed the suspect to be in possession of a handgun.

Another incident involved a shooting of a victim who sustained a gunshot to his leg. That incident was captured on close circuit camera mounted at USC which captured the shooting; the footage was provided by USC Department of Public Safety. The footage was instrumental in identifying two suspects. One was arrested on 4/4/23 and the second on 5/9/23 by Hollenbeck Detectives.

Once Senior Lead Officer Huerta was satisfied that those most responsible for the violence were arrested and/or identified; officers then sprang into action and conducted outreach with service providers with the assistance of Council District 14. The Department of Transportation was instrumental in impounding those vehicles that were abandoned, spilling raw sewage and with expired registration. Some of the unhoused showed some interest in outreach services; a follow-up would be conducted in a later time.

This collaborative effort was effective to reduce the countless issues which plagued the area if not addressed. It was a shared responsibility which was effective only because the community cared enough to report it, and all parties contributed to its success.

**Crime Prevention Tips**

We are continuing the Lock It, Hide It, and Keep It Campaign. We strongly encourage community members to not leave valuables in their vehicles, which might catch the attention of a criminal!

Visit lapdonline.org to file a LAPD police report online (if applicable).

If you see anything suspicious, please call us!

- For non-emergency calls, call 877-ASK LAPD, (1-877 275-5273).
- For crimes in progress call 911.

Crime Stoppers Hotline 1-800 222-8477 or text TIPLA to 274637 with your tip.

For bulky item pick up, (sofas, mattresses, trash ECT) call 311 or use the MyLA311 City App for all City Resources.

**Note:** Please follow our various Hollenbeck Area social media outlets for details on our Community Events.