



HOLLENBECK AREA

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A Message from the Area Captain...



Greetings from Hollenbeck. With summer behind us, we can now look forward to the festive months of October, November, and December.

The men and women of Hollenbeck will continue our community engagement efforts partnering with CD-14, CD-1, Recs and Parks, and many others. Over the summer, we hosted and or partnered with movie in the park, National Night Out, Movie-with-a-Cop at Hollenbeck Station, basketball, and baseball games against other City entities or community members, Peace Marches, and many other events.

Expect to see us involved with Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas Events, as well as many other events in between. This provides us the opportunity to know those we serve and allows them to know those who have committed to serving their communities. Building partnerships is only one of the ways we work to reduce the fear and incidence of crime. Effective and proactive crime fighting is also part of public safety, in follow-up pages we'll share some of those stories as well.



The Hollenbeck Family suffered a loss this summer with the death of an employee off duty. Many tributes were paid by many, Thank You to everyone involved in the celebrations. Tomorrow is never guaranteed and, as a sergeant stated in his remembrance, never hesitate to tell someone you love them and how special someone is to you. Cherish the times as the memories will last forever.

Hollenbeck is a special place to work for many because it is where they grew up. The stories I hear from folks assigned here amaze me. We'll be at an event and the officer states "I remember playing baseball at Evergreen Park when I was a kid" or officers at a call for service will reflect on when they used to walk down Cesar Chavez shopping with their parents. The connection to the community is as strong as I have ever seen.

With the anticipated retirement of many personnel from LAPD, now more than ever we (Department and Community) are looking for qualified and motivated men and women who want to be part of a great Department in an exceptional career. The LAPD offers more than 250 different job and promotional opportunities, guaranteed the motivated individual will never be bored.



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Stay Safe – *Captain Alfonso Mendoza*





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Spotlight on Hollenbeck

Hollenbeck Patrol Commanding Officer: Captain Celina Robles

Greetings, my name is Celina Robles and it is my distinct honor to serve as the Patrol Commanding Officer of Hollenbeck Area.

Hollenbeck Area personnel continue to stand ready to protect and serve our diverse community members. Our goal is to provide the highest level of quality service and continue to strengthen public trust through service and constitutional policing.

We remain committed to our mission to safeguard lives and property and reduce the incidence of fear and crime. I look forward to engaging with the community and collaborating with residents, faith leaders, and stakeholders.

My commitment to you is that I will be available, accessible, and diligently work to listen and respond accordingly to any community needs. Please contact me should you have any questions at 38064@lapd.online.



Crime Statistics

For the 4 Weeks Ending: October 7, 2023			
Crime Type	YTD 23	YTD 22	% Change
Homicide	31	26	19.2%
Total Rape	26	44	-40.9%
Robbery	264	239	10.5%
Agg. Assaults	657	773	-15.0%
Total Violent	978	1,082	-9.6%
Burglary	341	338	0.9%
GTA	978	1,157	-15.5%
BTFV	718	656	9.5%
THEFT	607	442	37.3%
Total Property	2,644	2,593	2.0%
Total Part 1	3,622	3,675	-1.4%
Shot Fired	162	201	-19.4%
Shooting Victims	83	110	-24.5%

Hollenbeck Area Statistics

The current statistical chart reflects a -1.4% 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 2.0% increase 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.



LIVE LINK to Hollenbeck STAT Profile





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Traffic Information

(CTD Officer Victor Islas)



Central Traffic Division: Halloween Traffic Safety

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of injury to children on Halloween night. Getting hurt is a sure way to ruin what should be a fun family evening. Since most traffic collisions are preventable, there is a lot that we can do to stay safe on the night of ghosts and goblins. Here are a few tips to keep trick-or-treaters safe as they make their rounds in our community.

Selecting a Safe Costume for your Children:

- ✦ Make sure that their costume fits them properly. An ill-fitting costume can restrict their ability to move freely. A loose-fitting costume can cause them to trip and fall.
- ✦ Choose a costume that is made of a flame-resistant material.
- ✦ If they wear a mask, make sure that they can see through it properly.
- ✦ Use reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to motorists at night.

Walking in the Neighborhood:

- ✦ Have your children carry a flashlight; this will allow them to see where they are going, and it will also make them more visible at night. Don't forget to use fresh batteries.
- ✦ Walk with them or advise them to walk in a group.
- ✦ Instruct them to walk on the sidewalk, and to cross at the crosswalks.
- ✦ Remind them to look both ways before they cross the street.
- ✦ Tell them to watch for cars that are coming out of driveways.



Driving in the Neighborhood:

- ✦ Expect pedestrian traffic to be greater than normal on Halloween night.
- ✦ Slow down. A lower speed will give you more time to react to a traffic hazard.
- ✦ Watch for children crossing mid-block or coming out from behind parked cars.
- ✦ Be careful when passing stopped vehicles, they may have stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross.
- ✦ If you're transporting children, be sure that they are properly restrained.

General:

- ✦ Check your children's candy before they eat it.
- ✦ If you are handing out candy, be sure that all pathways are well lit. Secure your pets.
- ✦ Be polite and respectful.
- ✦ Consider attending a Trunk-or-Treat event at your local police station

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!...

Hollenbeck Station Trunk-or-Treat on October 27 at 5PM (Check our Social Media for more details)





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RIPA DASHBOARD



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:



RIPA Dashboard Video Tutorial	RIPA Community Dashboard
	

HOBK Senior Lead Officers Notes

2023 Fall Session Hollenbeck Community Police Academy by SLO Altamirano

The Senior Lead Officers of Hollenbeck Division are currently about to finish our second Community Police Academy (brought back by popular demand). It started on Thursday, August 24th and it is scheduled to end on Thursday, October 19th.

During this 9-week session, community members were exposed to a variety of subjects ranging from warning behaviors of an active shooter, gang/narcotics investigations, mental health evaluations and upon receiving a use of force presentation, they were evaluated on the application of force via the force option simulator.





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The students were able to gain awareness on the challenges of becoming a police officer but most importantly, a positive relationship was built between community members and officers, that will one day turn into a lifetime of friendships.

Here is what is being said about the Hollenbeck Community Police Academy:

“While attending the citizens academy, I have learned a lot about the behind the scenes of what law enforcement goes through that you do not see on social media or any other news outlet.”

“I have enjoyed the presentations by several units of LAPD such as SWAT and the Mental Evaluation Unit and it’s been very interesting to see how different units of LAPD come together in specific situations to help each other out.”

“I have also gained more appreciation for law enforcement. They have to deal with a lot of backlash just for doing their job of trying to protect and serve the community and the media can be very biased on showing us what truly happened.”

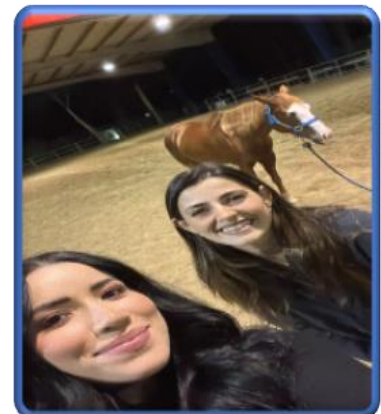
“Being in the citizens academy has opened my eyes to the way politics can affect the way law enforcement can execute their job and I have started to do more research to gain more knowledge of the laws we as civilians vote for. I have enjoyed the field trips we have gone on and my favorite one was the Virtual course at the Elysian Park Academy because I learned how quickly a situation can escalate and officers are not always given enough time to process different approaches.”

“I highly recommend that people enroll in the Citizens Academy, so they can get a better understanding of what happens in their community and how law enforcement is there to help.”

Remember, if you are interested in attending the next Community Police Academy, you must pre-enroll to attend. Keep looking on our social media posts for the next class.

This photo was from our field trip to the LAPD Mounted Unit Stables where students learned of what type of calls the Mounted Unit responds to and how they care for the horses.

We look forward to your participation!





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Movies in the Park by CRO/SLO Supervisor – Sgt. Galvan

In the summer of July 2023, in the late evening hours, while most were asleep, an unsuspecting group was gathered in the mouth of the alley just across from Pecan Park. When two shadowy figures were caught on video walking in quick step toward the unsuspecting group. Guns in hand, they suddenly stopped, and a barrage of unrelenting gunfire followed causing a panic among the group who scrambled for cover. When the smoke cleared one victim was found, a young female: a victim of gang violence. Sadly, she did not survive.

Prior to this unfortunate incident, the area had begun to experience growing pains of gang initiation and false bravado. These “street terrorists” began to regulate their authority over the community through intimidation, vandalism, threats of death and robbery. The community suffered in silence. Senior Lead Officer Johnny Altamirano began to canvas the neighborhood and it was clear to him, that a thin pall of fear loomed over this quiet neighborhood. This was the height of summer and many summer activities were scheduled for Pecan Park.

Senior Lead Altamirano learned that this group crafted this park for those participating and working a place of danger. So, he organized a meeting to return the area to a sense of normalcy. He coordinated with Park Administrators; Council District 14 Kevin de Leon, Metro Mounted Unit, Community Safety Partners, Central Traffic Division and Hollenbeck Community Relations.

The goal was to create an event where the community could come-out and enjoy an evening under the stars. The event was organized as Movies in the Park. The event was hosted on August 9, 2023, inside Pecan Park. In attendance were members of the community, coupled with various community resources and a large presence from law enforcement. The community responded and enjoyed the event under the blanket of police protection. A very clear statement was made that Pecan Park was for the community and that no one would come into control nor regulate who can use and participate in the activities which were designed for the people to enjoy.

This event was a resounding success that an encore was hosted on August 11, 2023, Hollenbeck Station hosted Movie with a Cop and a movie was shown just outside the station.

Hollenbeck is committed to ensuring that our community will never be denied from enjoying the services provided by the city; no matter the evil intent by those who seek to enslave through fear and intimidation the Department will work hand in hand with its partners and work to improve the quality of life for all who call Hollenbeck home. It is our commitment to ensure that no one lives in fear of being a victim of a crime.





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HOBK Special Units Notes

Notable Incidents by Lieutenant Jeff Mares

The area around Mendez High School recently experienced an increase in gang-related crimes perpetrated by The Mob Crew (TMC) criminal street gang. These predators were intimidating, threatening and on more than one occasion, brandished a firearm at students as school let out in the afternoon. With the collaborative work of the Senior Lead Officer, Gang Detectives, GED officers and NED detectives, the predatory suspects were identified. A plan was put together to address this matter and put it to a stop.

On September 27, the above listed personnel observed a group of TMC gang members congregating at the corner of 1st Street and Clarence Street just before Mendez High School students were to be released for the day. One TMC gang member was observed spray painting "TMC" in large letters on the corner business' wall. An additional TMC gang member was observed armed with a handgun. The individual with the firearm was apprehended along with the individual vandalizing the building.

The Hollenbeck Gang Impact Team remains committed to keep the community safe

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.

