



AREA 35 UPDATE

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

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A TIME FOR THANKS



The goblins and ghost are gone. Now it is time to enjoy the presence of your loved ones during Thanksgiving. Whether it is blood relatives, or family you

developed through community, take this time to share a meal, and love with one another.

UPCOMING EVENTS

It's that time again where our incredible service providers put on major holiday events for the community. Be aware of street closures in the Skid Row Area, particularly surrounding the major shelters.

INSPIRATIONAL ROUTE OF THE MONTH

"Focus on the goal, not the obstacle"

This is so true. We often suffer from paralysis in trying to reach our goals, because the obstacles in front of you seem challenging. Do not give up. On the other side of your obstacle is something beautiful and can only be obtained through overcoming them. It

makes the potential victory in your lives that much sweeter.

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IN MEMORIUM

REST IN PEACE

To those hurting from the loss of Skid Row family, my deepest condolences go out to you.

May the following souls rest in peace

Mike at 5th and Main

RESIDENTIAL 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.

ANGELS OF THE MONTH

There are unsung heroes in the Skid Row community who deserve recognition. I would show my appreciation for the following organizations working to make Skid Row a better place for all.

5 Keys - for their efforts in improving the quality of life in the Skid Row area. These workers are truly an asset to the area, I am so grateful for their hard work in keeping the Skid Row community clean.



Urban Alchemy – Thank you for providing a safe space for the unhoused to rest, cool off, receive water and other resources.



The Pit Stop Crews – For maintaining the area public toilet systems. Thank you for keeping them clean and safe for the community.



WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM



It's going to get cold out there folks. Please call 211 to find winter shelter location in the county.

THANKSGIVING JOKES OF THE MONTH

Why did the Turkey join the rock band?

He had great drumsticks.

Why did the turkey cross the road?

To prove he wasn't chicken.

What's the biggest difference between a turkey and a chicken?

A chicken actually likes Thanksgiving.



A THOUGHT FROM A SKID ROW COP



IF YOU SEE ME OR MY FELLOW OFFICERS DEALING WITH A TROUBLED INDIVIDUAL, YOU CAN HELP US WITH OBTAINING THE SAFEST OUTCOME

When it comes to law enforcement contacts with the public, especially with those under the influence or suffering from mental illness, we need everyone's help in gaining the safest outcomes. How can you help? Please do not interfere.

Let me give you an example of this:

A while ago, I was at a wonderful event in the area of 5th Street and San Julian Street. A man who was in crisis was swinging a pole in the street and presenting potential danger to the community. As I was trying to talk him down, another man approached and challenged the troubled man to a fight.

This escalated the situation and nearly forced me to use force against the man in crisis swinging the pole. Please do not interfere in any way shape or form when officers are trying to help individuals in crisis.

Also; we recognize your right to film us. We have nothing to hide and respect your right to do so, but

yelling at us, or walking up on us and the individuals we are encountering can cause disaster.

Many individuals we are trying to detain are already hearing voices in their own head. It doesn't help when multiple voices outside of their head are yelling at us and the person we are trying to safely detain as we try to communicate with them.

The individuals we encounter need to hear one voice, and that is the voice of the officers trying to detain or help them, for the safest outcomes.

I know many of you genuinely care about the individuals we contact, but when they are in crisis, the yelling and agitation we receive only serves to make things worse. Which is something we don't want.

I totally understand that officers using force is not can be jarring to many. Please know our ultimate goal with encounters with the public is to make sure the outcome is a safe one, whether we are verbalizing with someone or trying to detain them.

If you have an issue with the contact the officers had, simply ask to speak with a sergeant at scene when the incident is calm. Show him or her your footage and it will be addressed.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!!!

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR STUFF!!



Please do not leave any valuable items unattended. Here are some preventive measures 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 your 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.

SPRING STREET



I'll be walking the beat in the Spring Street area this month. If you have any questions or concerns in the area, please feel free to holler at me!!

SPRING/MAIN/LA



To my Historic Core peeps: Please ensure your important items are not in your vehicles when you leave them.

If it's important to you, a criminal will probably want it too.

MY SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES



My social media pages are still up. Please give me a follow on both pages for area updates. X(formaly twitter) page

@LeadDeon and my new Instagram page @slodeonjoseph. In the future, if you want this newsletter by e-mail, send me an email, so we can save some trees.

Come on Skid Row and HC fam; gimmie' a follow. These pages are for you.

MISSING PERSONS

