



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: July 28, 2016

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PHW*

From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police *RGL for R. Luna*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: 2016 Second Quarter Citywide Reported Crime Statistics

OVERVIEW

This memorandum has been prepared to present you with citywide crime statistics for mid-year 2016. Also included, is a summary of the strategies that are being utilized to address crime citywide. In comparison with 2015, we have seen a 2.5% increase in Total Part 1 crime, and a 6.5% increase in Total Part 1 crime as compared to the 5 year average. Violent crime increased by 8.1% and increased by 11.5% as compared to the 5 year average. Property crime saw an increase of 1.4% compared to 2015 and 5.5% compared to the 5 year average.

The increase in violent crime through mid-year is primarily attributed to an increase in the number of murders and robberies. The Department has recorded 15 homicides through mid-year and of those eight were gang related. We are still seeing challenges with property crime increases in auto thefts and petty thefts of items valued at less than \$50.

STRATEGIES

The Police Department is maximizing its efforts to combat violent crime through the analysis of crime trends, collaboration between detectives and front line personnel, educational campaigns, task force operations and community engagement. Some examples include:

- Robbery detectives identified five robbery series, in which suspects were arrested and charged with multiple counts of robbery. In one case, two suspects were linked to 35 robberies throughout Long Beach and LA County.
- Burglary detectives investigated the arrest of two suspects for an apartment burglary. As a result of a thorough investigation, the primary suspect was linked to eight separate residential burglaries and charges were filed on all crimes.

- Youth Services Detectives and SRO's are hosting a Youth Leadership Academy and are presenting two sessions starting this week. Each session is two weeks long and will include 50 high school age youth (25 per session) from all parts of Long Beach. Leadership and career preparation will be highlighted, with experiential and classroom learning opportunities that include tours at the USS Iowa and the Museum of Tolerance.
- Vice Detectives and the Criminal Intelligence Section have partnered to promote the national the "If you see something, say something" campaign for the private sector, which includes training for restaurants and bars in Long Beach. The campaign highlights available resources, current safety concerns and an emphasis on "See something, say something." Divisional Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLO's) have contacted individual businesses and held meetings for LGBTQ. Meetings for Bars and restaurants on Pine Avenue are also scheduled to take place in the upcoming month.
- Analytic driven enforcement plans, such as dissemination of crime data to front line personnel in a timely manner, enabling them to conduct proactive enforcement on known gang members and violent offenders.
- The strategic deployment of decoy police vehicles and the Mobile Eye in geographical areas that are most impacted by violent crime.
- Continue to work with our City partners and engage the community through the Safe Long Beach, Violence Prevention Plan.
- "Walk and Talks", as well as focused enforcement by police officers assigned to the Bike Detail, specifically at the parks and business corridors. These strategies have served as excellent community engagement tools.
- In conjunction with the Department of Justice, officers have conducted numerous proactive Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) compliance checks of known gang members, and other violent offenders that have been released from incarceration.
- The continued use of additional overtime funding aimed at addressing specific crimes and higher crime areas.

Year-to-date, officers have recovered 254 firearms in 2016. In addition, the city overall experienced a reduction in five property crime categories: commercial burglary (-7.8%), auto burglary (-3.9%), grand theft (-15.6%), petty theft greater than \$50.00 (-19.5%), and bike thefts (-30.7%). (Please see attached reports for more detail.)

CLOSING

The Long Beach Police Department is dedicated to the reduction of crime through a variety of efforts, including strengthening community-police partnerships. The Strategic Vision of the Long Beach Police Department is reflective of the recommendations provided by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Additional efforts in crime reduction include advancing practices and policies related to procedural justice, through ongoing training and community collaboration.

It is through many of these efforts, as well as predictive analytics that we will be able to reduce crime and make Long Beach a safer city for all people. If you have any questions, please contact me, or my Chief of Staff, Commander Wally Hebeish, at (562) 570-7301.

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