

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The City Council will receive an update on public safety activities and provide additional direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.) Approve the following public safety priorities including:
 - Monitor and adjust deployment as necessary to combat and prevent crime;
 - Continue to provide attentive customer service and conduct a "Sheriff's Station Report Card"/community satisfaction survey;
 - Monitor and adjust traffic enforcement deployment as needed to address crosswalk enforcement, pedestrian safety, speeding vehicles, distracted driving and "distracted movement" by pedestrians, bicycles on sidewalks, driving under the influence, and other traffic violations;
 - Continue to work with Security Ambassadors, local businesses, residents, and neighboring jurisdictions to promote neighborhood livability and mitigate impacts from nighttime establishments and strengthen education regarding alcohol related incidents;
 - Continue to collaborate with the Code Compliance Division to address various nuisance issues, including dogs off leash, inappropriate disposal of dog waste, scavenging, and noise;
 - Continue to address criminal transient issues and assist Social Services with overall homelessness issues; and
 - Continue to educate the community through Neighborhood Watch and the Public Safety Commission's "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" campaign on key public safety issues utilizing new models of community engagement whenever possible.

- 2.) Provide additional direction to staff as necessary.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The City continues to be a very safe place to live, visit, and work. Sheriff's personnel have continued to focus their efforts on neighborhood patrols and maintaining the quality of life for the community. Sheriff's personnel, Public Safety staff, and the Public Safety Commission regularly examine crime statistics in order to identify problem areas and adjust resource deployment as appropriate. In addition, the Station's Crime Analyst continues to analyze and identify trends for the Deputies in the field. Although current resources are adequate, Captain Gary Honings works with the City Council and the City Manager to adjust resources as necessary. The City Council continued to support funding for supplemental Sheriff's patrols and expanded funding for the Block by Block Security Ambassadors along Santa Monica Boulevard and the surrounding neighborhood this past year. Part I Crime is slightly lower (-3%) in calendar year 2014 as compared to calendar year 2013, although when comparing the second half of 2014 to the second half of 2013, it is slightly higher (+4.5%). Crime overall has trended lower over the last five years. Part I Crime includes crimes against persons (e.g., homicide, robbery, rape, and aggravated assaults) and property crimes (e.g. burglary, theft, grand theft auto, and arson).

During 2014, public complaints filed against West Hollywood Station personnel continued to trend downward. A total of 46 complaints were filed in 2014 compared to 52 complaints in 2013. In 36 of the 46 complaints, investigation revealed the employee's conduct was found to be reasonable. In four of the complaints the information provided during the investigation was insufficient to make a determination on the employee's conduct. In two of the complaints the investigation revealed the employee's conduct could have been better or different. In four of the complaints the investigation is still being conducted, and the final outcome is not yet determined. West Hollywood Station continues to accept and investigate all public complaints and is open to any suggestions regarding customer service. In the chart below, a "personnel complaint" is an allegation of misconduct, including a violation of law or department policy. A "service complaint" is a dissatisfaction expressed with regard to departmental services, procedures, or practice.



In addition, the City will be hiring a consultant later this spring to conduct a formal customer service survey regarding public safety services.

Public Safety personnel continue to promote neighborhood livability and address the various quality of life issues that regularly impact the West Hollywood community, including impacts from noise (loud music, motorcycles), speeding, and night club operations. Specifically, the Community Impact Team (CIT) Deputies and Code Compliance staff are extremely proactive in addressing the impacts from entertainment establishments and special events. CIT Deputies work with staff at nighttime establishments on preventing alcohol related incidents and have increased criminal enforcement of various neighborhood concerns, including drinking in public, criminal transient issues, and various nuisance issues. Sheriff and Code Compliance personnel work with the Alcohol Beverage Control to educate businesses and work collaboratively on alcohol related issues.

Public Safety personnel serve on the Vacant Properties Committee, the High Impact Business Committee, the Park Security Committee, and the Homelessness Issues Committee. In addition, Sheriff's Deputies work with Code Compliance staff to address issues such as noise, anti-scavenging, dogs off leash and illegal pet waste disposal, illegal hot dog cart vendors, bandit taxi cab enforcement, and other nuisance issues. Staff and the Public Safety Commission also continue to promote the "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" public education campaign.

Please see the following attachments for detailed statistics and programmatic information.

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OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

Public Safety Department

CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020 AND THE GOALS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN:

This item is consistent with the Ongoing Strategic Program of Collaborative Public Safety.

This item is consistent with the following General Plan goals:

Safety and Noise:

SN-6: Maintain adequate levels of law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services.

SN-7: Utilize law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services in a proactive and preventative way.

SN-8: Provide public safety services in a manner that reflects and is sensitive to the characteristics and needs of the West Hollywood community.

EVALUATION:

Staff will continue to work with the community and the Public Safety Commission to evaluate and make policy recommendations to City Council regarding public safety resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH IMPACTS:

City staff will work with the County of Los Angeles to ensure that resources procured are environmentally friendly whenever possible.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

APPENDIX 1A - Sheriff's Station Overview

West Hollywood Sheriff's Station

West Hollywood remains a very safe place to live, visit, and work. The station remains dedicated to its goal of providing the City with efficient and effective law enforcement services on every level. As always, each person at West Hollywood Station appreciates the strong partnership with City staff.

Part I Crime is slightly lower (-3%) in calendar year 2014 as compared to calendar year 2013, although when comparing the second half of 2014 to the second half of 2013, it is slightly higher (+4.5%). Crime overall has trended lower over the last five years. Although consistent with national crime trends, West Hollywood Station has some of the lowest crime statistics out of all twenty-four Los Angeles County Sheriff's Stations. The station's goal is to foster the continuation of this downward trend throughout 2015. The highlights for 2014 are a decrease in Part I Crime involving rape (-50%), petty thefts (-8%) and overall burglaries (-28%). This can be attributed to crime suppression and saturation patrol throughout the city. Deputies have maintained high visibility and worked closely with station detectives by providing Field Identification (FI) cards. West Hollywood Station personnel have continued to be diligent in their efforts to keep the community safe.

Station Deputies, Detectives, Supervisors, and civilian personnel have been proactive and swift in their response to any Part 1 Crime increases. The implementation of advanced technology has been at the forefront, including an Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) equipped radio car, facial recognition computer software, and cellular phone tracking equipment. Several crimes have been prevented or solved through the use of the aforementioned systems.

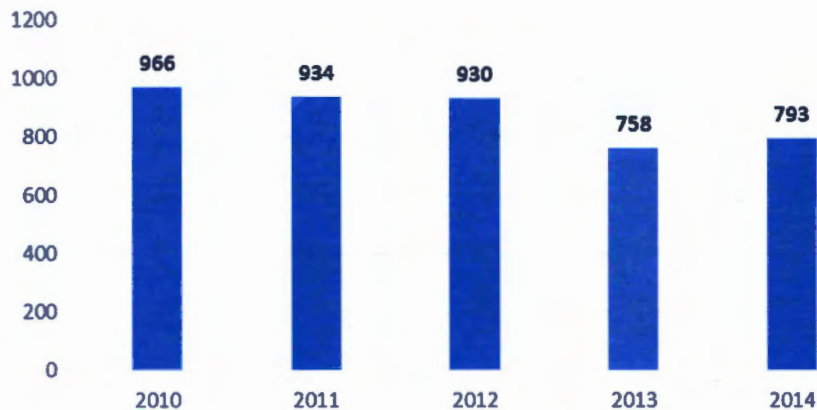
Reducing Part I Crime is a priority for the station, but personnel also remain committed to addressing the various quality of life issues. To effectively address these issues, station personnel and the City continue to work together with the Quality of Life Task Force. This joint effort task force, headed by the Public Works Department, includes members of the station's Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Team and Entertainment Policing Team (EPT), as well as city staff from Code Compliance, Parking Enforcement, and Public Safety. On a day to day basis, the station's ability to quickly respond to and handle the myriad of quality of life issues is greatly enhanced through the efforts of this task force.

The following pages summarize crime statistics and station activity primarily for July through December of 2014.

Part 1 Crime

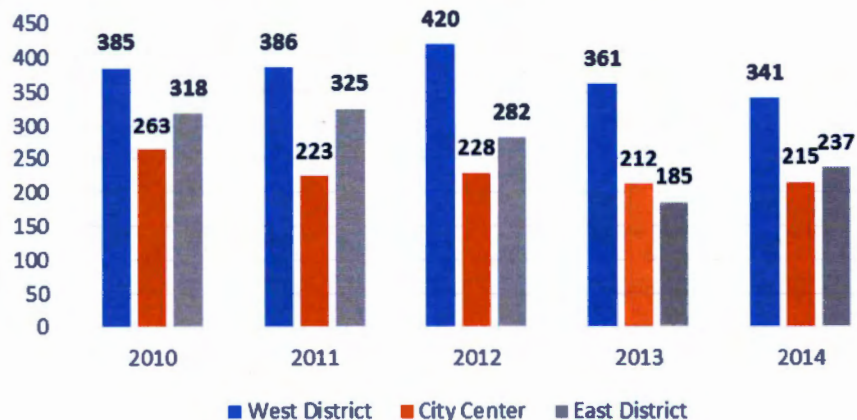
The following chart depicts Part 1 Crime for the months of July - December for the last five years. Part 1 Crime includes Homicide, Rape, Assaults, Robbery, Burglary, Theft and Arson.

**Part 1 Crime: July - December
2010 - 2014**



The following chart depicts the number of Part 1 Crime for the months of July - December for the last five years, broken down by district. West District (West of La Cienega), City Center (La Cienega to Fairfax) and East District (East of Fairfax).

**Part 1 Crime by District: July - December
2010 - 2014**



Citywide, Part 1 Crime increased slightly when compared to the same time period last year. This small increase in overall Part 1 Crime can be attributed to increases in Grand Thefts and Robbery. West Hollywood Station has deployed crime suppression Deputies working in concert with regular patrol to combat these increases. West Hollywood Station is developing and implementing a crime reduction plan utilizing all personnel to reduce all Part 1 Crime in 2015.

Part I Crime - Whole City	July - December 2013	July - December 2014
Homicide	0	0
Rape	8	5
Assault, Aggravated	62	71
Robbery Total	36	46
-Robbery, Armed	15	17
-Robbery, Strong Arm	21	29
Burglary Total	158	114
-Burglary, Residence	69	62
-Burglary, Commercial	89	52
Theft Total	437	498
-Grand Theft	102	155
-Vehicle Burglary	99	113
-Petty Theft	236	230
Grand Theft Auto	52	46
Arson	2	9
Total	755	789

Looking separately at the three areas of the City, Part 1 Crime in the West District decreased when compared to the same time period last year. The West District had substantial reductions in Burglary and Petty Theft, but increases in Grand Theft and Vehicle Burglary.

Part I Crime - West End	July - December 2013	July - December 2014
Homicide	0	0
Rape	7	3
Assault, Aggravated	33	34
Robbery Total	20	20
-Robbery, Armed	8	7
-Robbery, Strong Arm	12	13
Burglary Total	67	47
-Burglary, Residence	28	23
-Burglary, Commercial	39	24
Theft Total	204	207
-Grand Theft	61	74
-Vehicle Burglary	39	54
-Petty Theft	104	79
Grand Theft Auto	25	19
Arson	2	7
Total	358	337

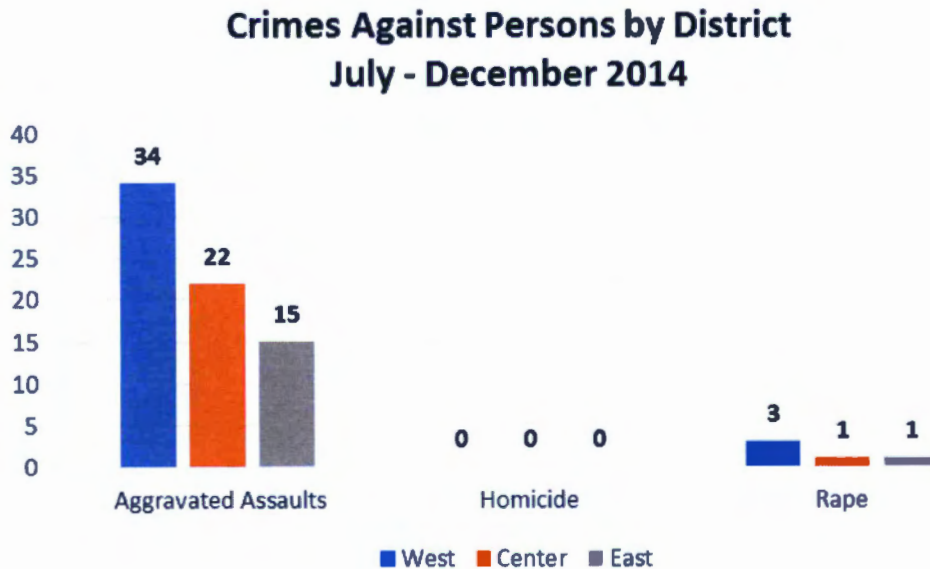
The City Center had a small increase in Part 1 Crime. Like other areas of the City, Grand Thefts and Aggravated Assaults increased while burglaries decreased.

Part I Crime - City Center	July - December 2013	July - December 2014
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	1
Assault, Aggravated	7	22
Robbery Total	9	10
-Robbery, Armed	5	5
-Robbery, Strong Arm	4	5
Burglary Total	59	41
-Burglary, Residence	27	27
-Burglary, Commercial	32	14
Theft Total	123	122
-Grand Theft	27	43
-Vehicle Burglary	44	32
-Petty Theft	52	47
Grand Theft Auto	13	18
Arson	0	1
Total	212	215

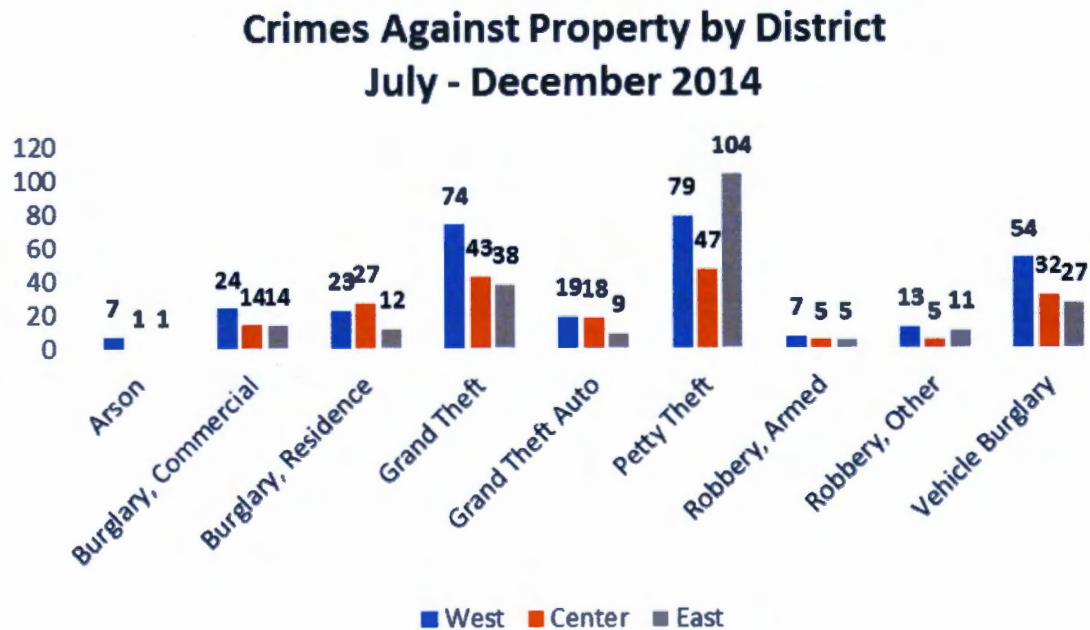
The East District had an increase in Part 1 Crime including Grand Theft and Robbery.

Part I Crime - East End	July - December 2013	July - December 2014
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	1
Assault, Aggravated	22	15
Robbery Total	7	16
-Robbery, Armed	2	5
-Robbery, Strong Arm	5	11
Burglary Total	32	26
-Burglary, Residence	14	12
-Burglary, Commercial	18	14
Theft Total	110	169
-Grand Theft	14	38
-Vehicle Burglary	16	27
-Petty Theft	80	104
Grand Theft Auto	14	9
Arson	0	1
Total	185	237

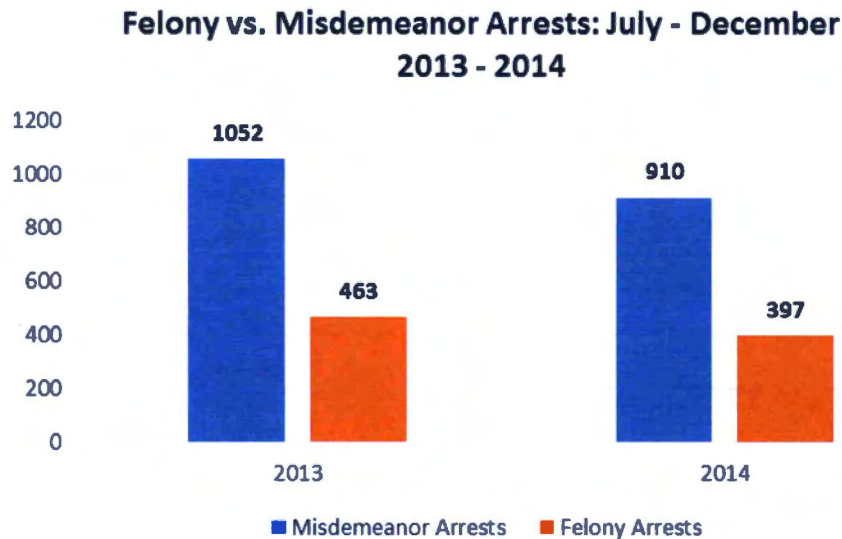
The following chart depicts crimes against persons, broken down by district for July – December 2014.



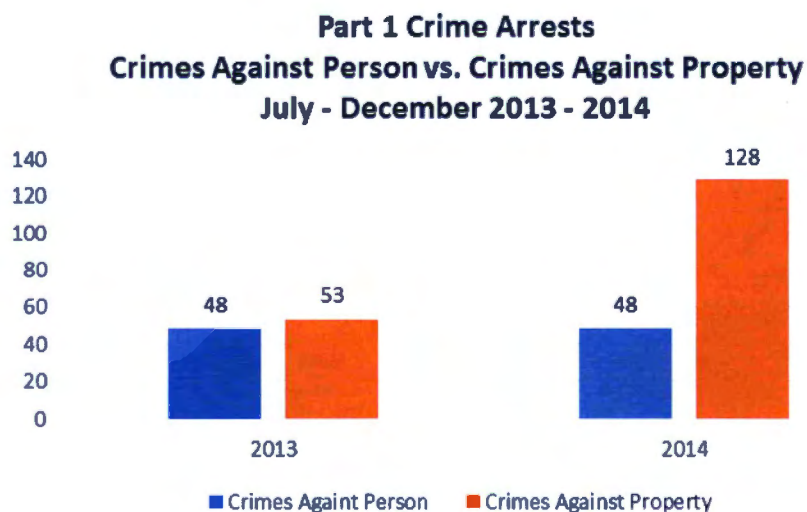
The following chart depicts crimes against property, broken down by district for July – December 2014.



The following chart depicts the number of Part 1 Crime arrests for felonies versus those for misdemeanors for July – December of the last two years.

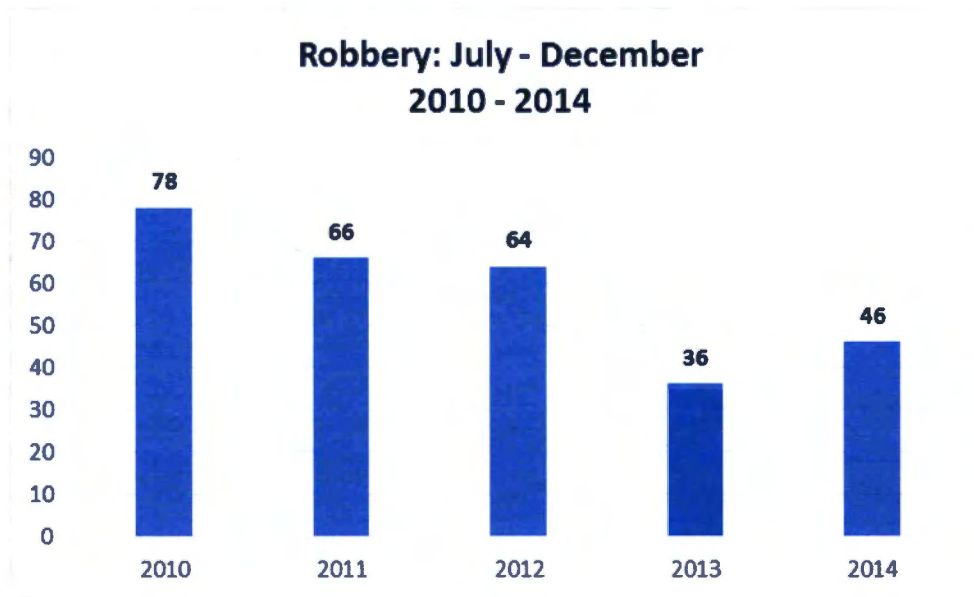


The following chart depicts the number of Part 1 Crime arrests for Crimes Against Persons (i.e., Homicide, Rape and Aggravated Assaults) versus those for Crimes Against Property (i.e., Robbery, Burglary, Grand Theft, Petty Theft, Grand Theft Auto and Arson) for July – December of the last two years.

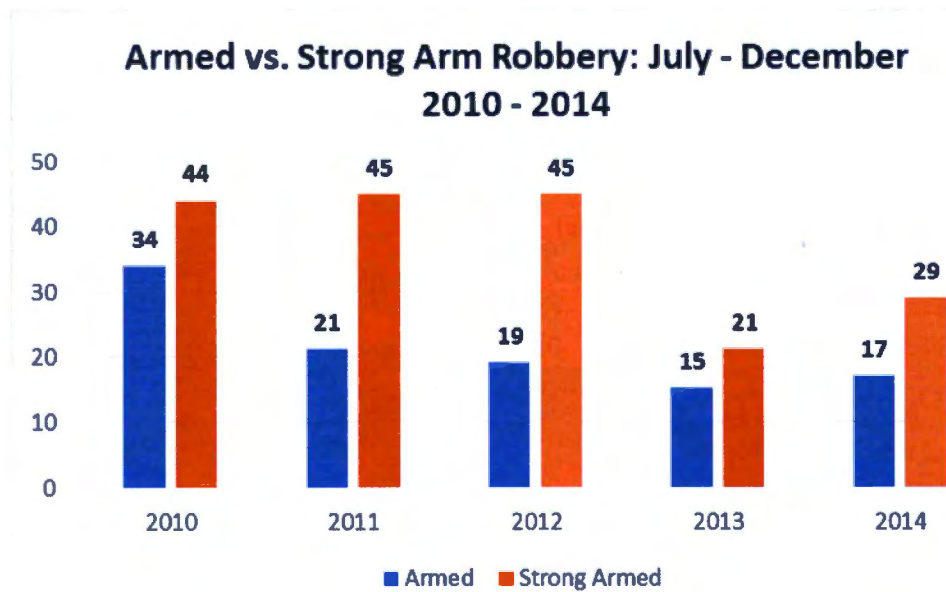


Robbery

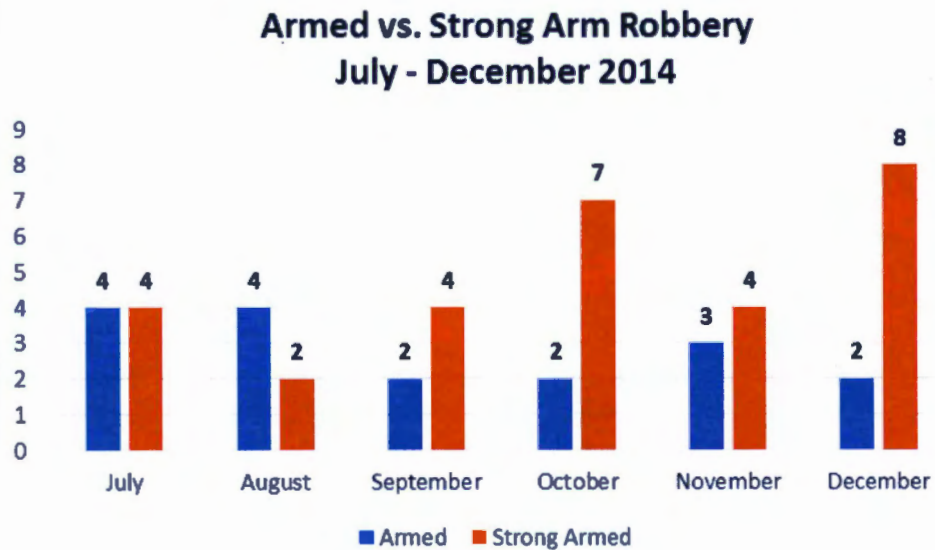
The following chart compares the number of Robberies during July – December for the last five years.



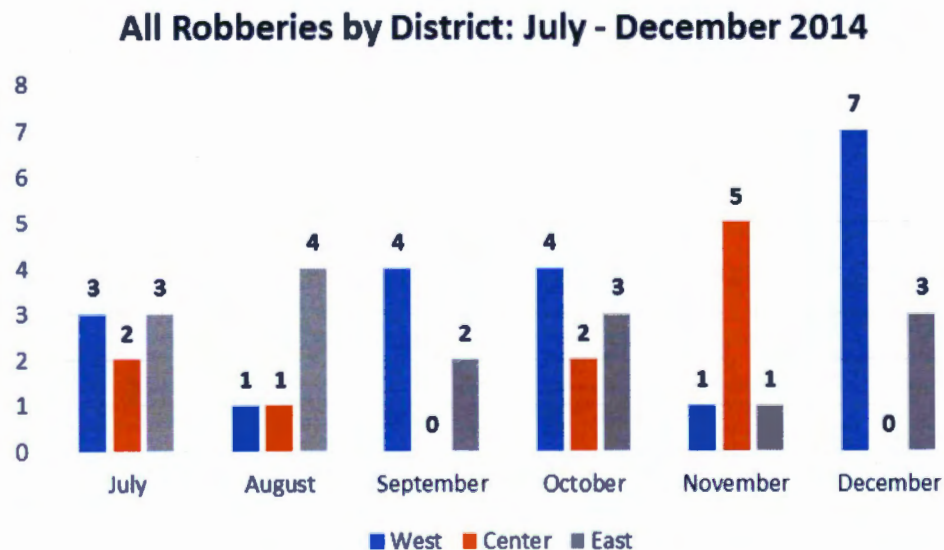
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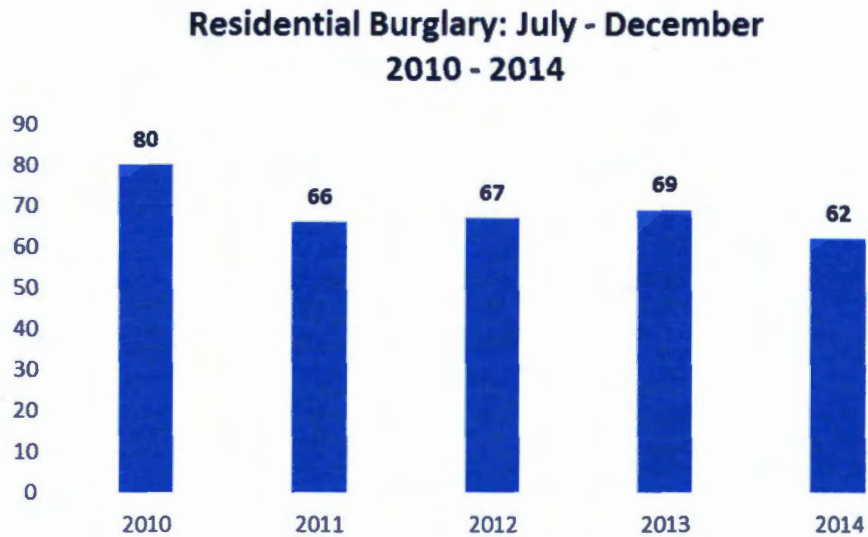


The following chart compares all Robberies by district for July – December 2014.

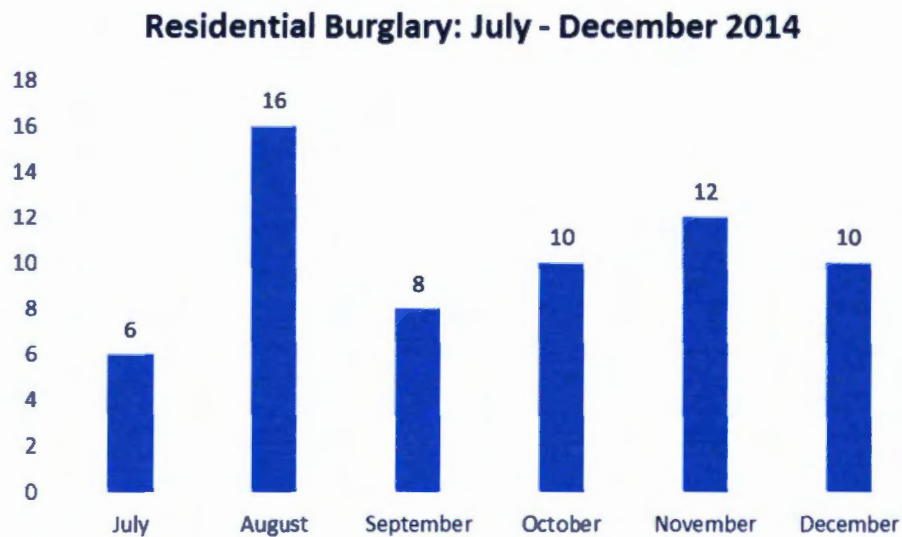


Residential Burglary

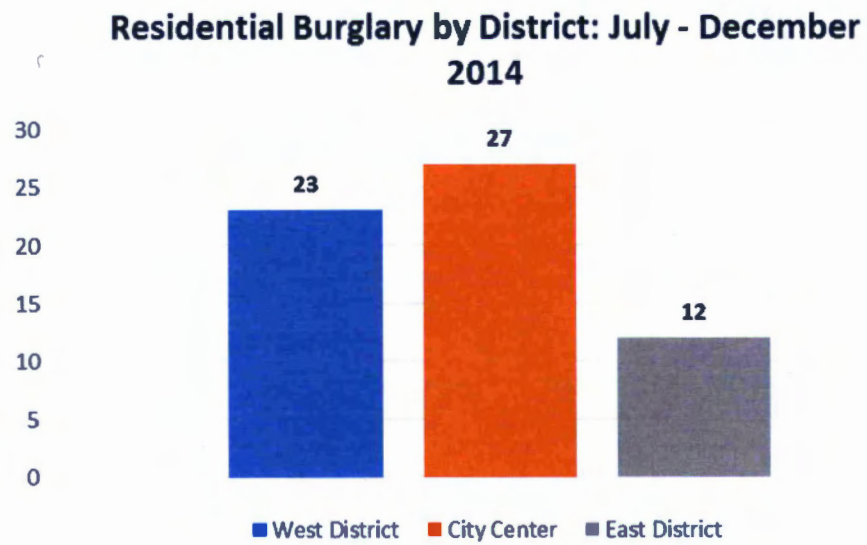
The following chart compares the number of Residential Burglaries during July – December for the last five years.



The following chart shows Residential Burglaries by month for July – December 2014.

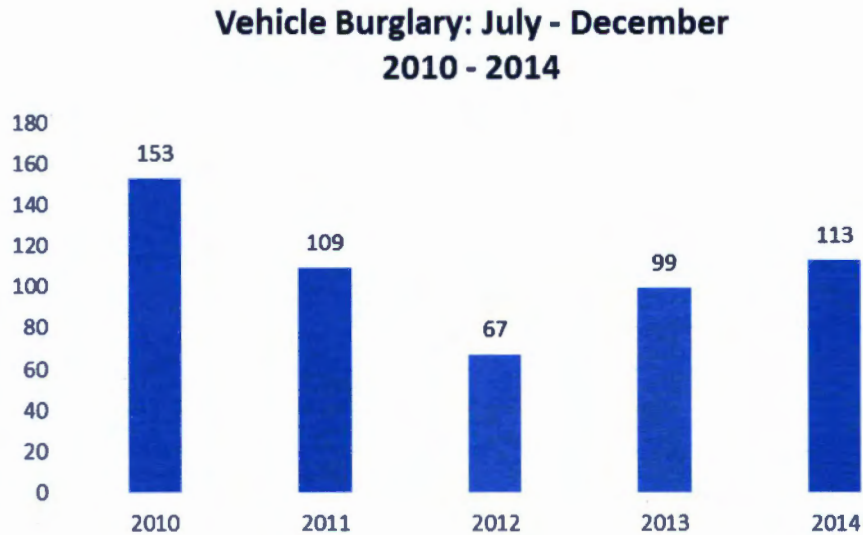


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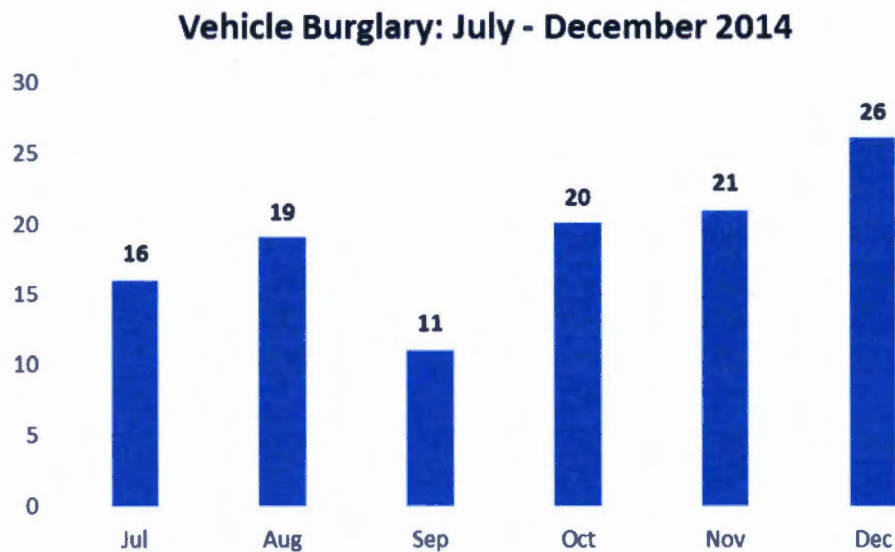


Vehicle Burglaries

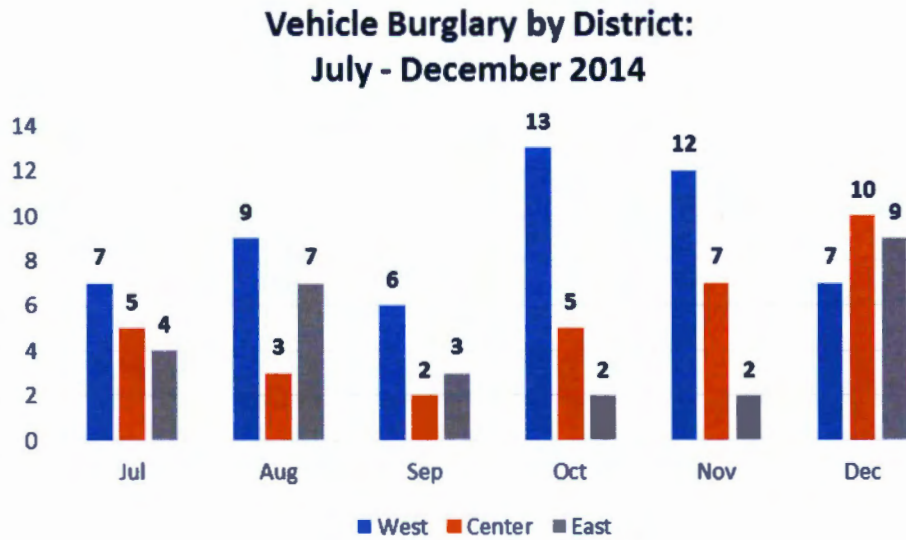
The following chart compares Vehicle Burglaries during July – December for the last five years.



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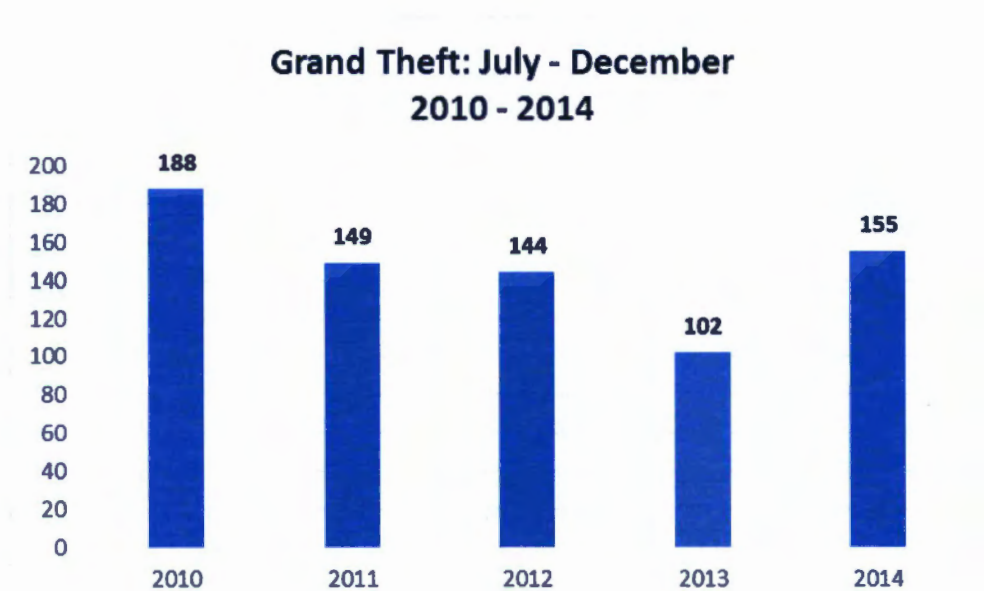


The following chart shows Vehicle Burglaries by month and district for July – December 2014.



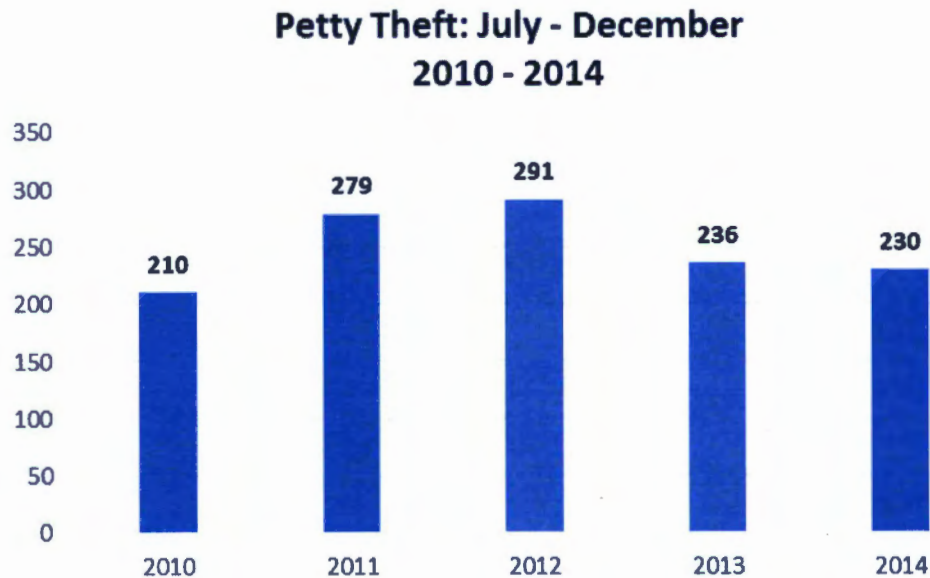
Grand Theft

The following chart compares Grand Thefts for July – December for the past five years.

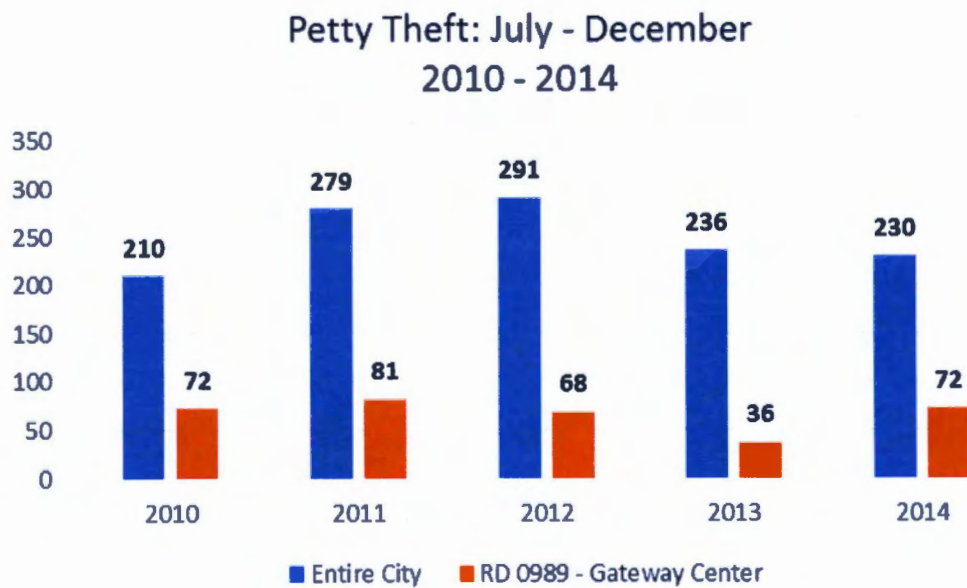


Petty Theft

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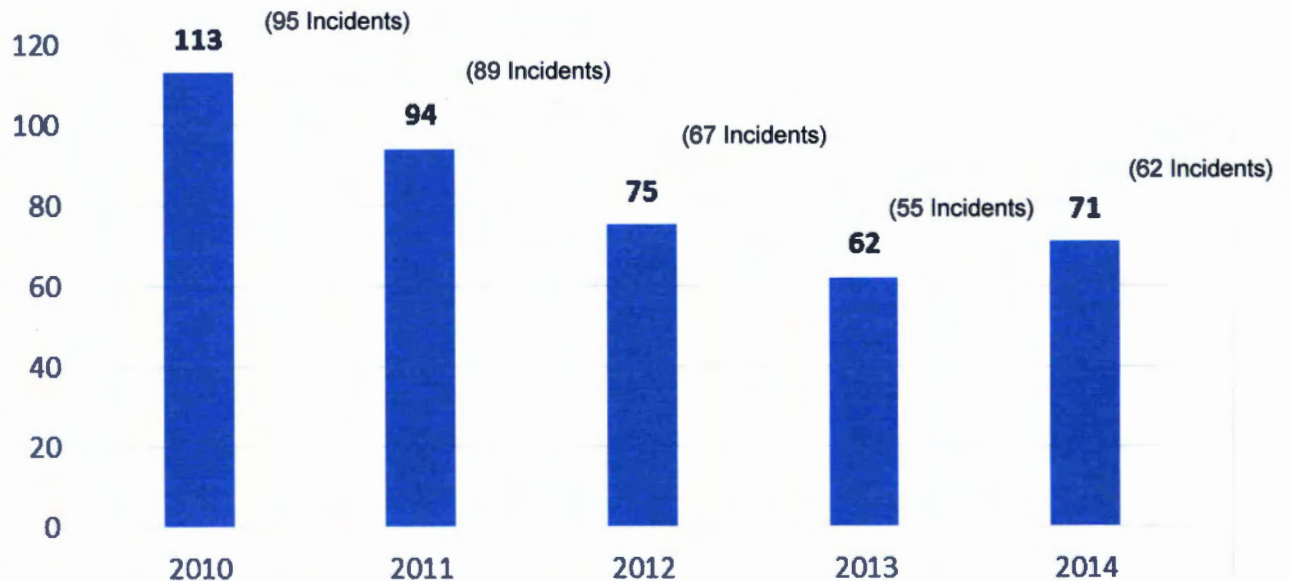
The following chart compares Petty Thefts over the last five years for the entire City vs. petty thefts for Reporting District 0989 (Gateway Center) only.



Aggravated Assaults

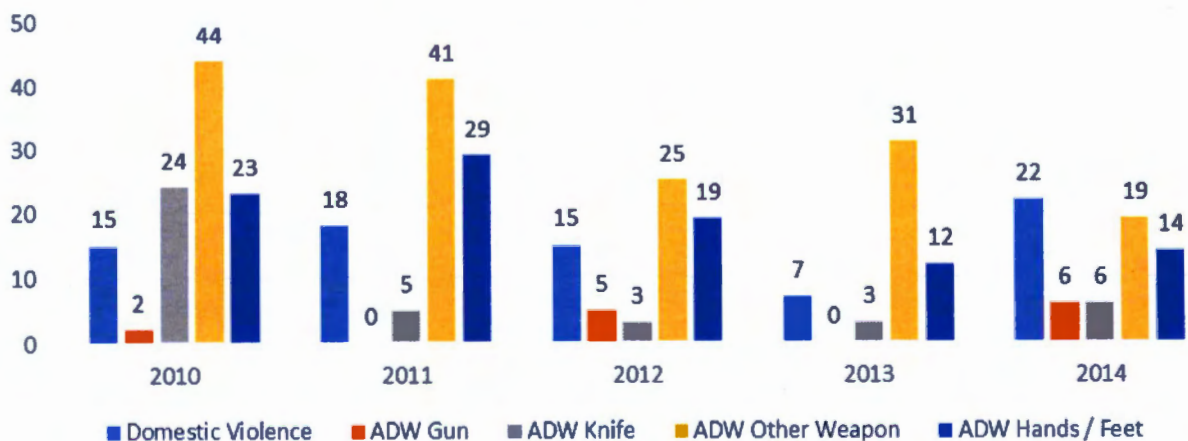
The following chart shows the number of Aggravated Assaults during July – December for the last five years. Aggravated Assaults are counted by victim (not incident) per Universal Crime Reporting guidelines.

Aggravated Assault: July - December 2010 - 2014



The following chart shows Aggravated Assaults isolated by category for July – December for the last five years.

Aggravated Assault: July - December 2010 - 2014



APPENDIX 1B – Community Impact Team (CIT)

The Community Impact Team (CIT) includes the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Team, and the Entertainment Policing Team (EPT). The CIT is led by a Service Area Manager, Lieutenant David Smith and Sergeant Jon Klaus. The teams collectively manage community concerns and promote crime prevention through a variety of intervention and enforcement techniques. The members work with Residential and Commercial Code Compliance, Social Services, Animal Control, Rent Stabilization, and many other City staff to address the quality of life concerns.

The COPPS Team remains committed to collaborating with City officials, residents, and businesses to resolve community concerns. Team members also worked with several Neighborhood Watch groups. They address residents' concerns, including criminal transient issues such as drinking in public, urinating in public, drug usage, littering, trespassing, theft, panhandling, and misuse of public facilities. Personnel not only make arrests for violations of law, but also provide information and assistance regarding shelters, medical attention, jobs, and substance abuse education. In addition, the COPPS team conducts numerous park patrols, works closely with local businesses to address their concerns, and they help institute a "Letter of Agency" where appropriate. A "Letter of Agency" gives the Sheriff's Department the authority to enforce trespassing laws on private property without the owner or manager being present. This letter is extremely useful in the protection of problem abandoned buildings and homes, or new construction areas. The COPPS team continues to receive numerous commendations from both the station Captain and the City.

The Entertainment Policing Team (EPT) continues its work on Sunset Boulevard, as well as on Santa Monica and Robertson Boulevards. These deputies primarily focus on "entertainment" and "alcohol" related law enforcement issues in the City. On a nightly basis they actively patrol over sixty bars, nightclubs, and hotels. While patrolling the different venues, the team members make contact with the management of the different establishments to maintain a cooperative working relationship and to stay informed on individual business concerns and events. The EPT issues vehicle citations, tows vehicles, and completes a large number of field investigations and arrests.

As part of their regular duties, EPT handles crowd control issues and Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) enforcement. Personnel also continue to work closely with the Sunset Strip Business Association (SSBA), their related security detail, SSBA members, and City Code Compliance officers through illegal taxi cab enforcement and other specialized operations. In addition, the Deputies enforce the code with regard to modified exhaust, loud music, and other quality of life issues.

Both COPPS and EPT have other duties including assisting the West Hollywood Station's Detective Bureau by documenting and monitoring gang members, probationers, and parolees in the City limits.

The following is a list of CIT activities for July – December 2013 vs. July – December 2014.

	July – December 2013	July – December 2014
Felony Arrests	10	9
Misdemeanor Arrests	204	322
Misc. Vehicle Code Citations	296	439
Noise Violations (27007 CVC)	36	8
Modified Exhaust Violations (27151 CVC)	12	4
Impounded Vehicles	24	18
CIT Calls for Service	525	329
Taxi Operations	5	4
Senior Safety Meetings	6	5
School Presentations	5	4
Crosswalk Operations	2	3
Robbery Suppression Operations	30	25
Neighborhood Watch/Community Safety Meetings	6	8
Homelessness Meetings	7	6
Park Security Meetings	7	7
Code Compliance Issues	170	182
City Quality of Life Requests	205	211
Vacant Properties Meetings	6	5
Probation/Parole Compliance Searches	50	8

- The Community Impact Team continued its enforcement in and around bars, nightclubs, and entertainment venues. The following incidents were noteworthy:
- Responded to a vehicle rollover on Fairfax Avenue and helped to extract two passengers.
- Conducted a Crosswalk Awareness Operation resulting in over eighty tickets being issued.
- Arrested several persons for possession for sales of narcotics.
- Conducted an "underage drinking enforcement operation."
- Conducted directed patrol at Plummer Park which resulted in numerous narcotics and transient arrests.

- Conducted four “Bandit Cab” operations resulting in the arrests of illegal cab companies.
- The Team increased its workload with Code Compliance officers and successfully tackled various code issues with swift and results-oriented efficiency. The Team also increased its focus in dealing with ongoing quality of life issues.

APPENDIX 1C – Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau at West Hollywood conducts follow-up investigations on all criminal complaints filed at the Station. The Bureau is headed by one Lieutenant who supervises one Sergeant, nine Detectives, one Crime Analyst, one professional staff member, and three reserves. The Detective Bureau is responsible for the investigation of crimes, ranging from disorderly conduct, vandalism, and thefts, to crimes against persons, including robberies, assaults, and hate crimes.

As a result of its investigations, the Bureau is also responsible for the identification and apprehension of criminals, recovery of property, and the identification and preservation of evidence. Along with these duties and responsibilities, its members participate in joint efforts with neighboring law enforcement agencies, both state and federal, to share information about crime trends and suspect identification. The Detective Bureau's Crime Analyst continues to document recent trends and statistics to assist with directed patrols in targeted areas. In addition, the Crime Analyst uses the available technology to help solve cases.

During this period, West Hollywood Station Detectives investigated a commercial burglary where high dollar merchandise was stolen. The item consisted of a mink throw valued at \$35,000. Detectives conducted an extensive investigation, reviewing video surveillance, and using departmental resources to obtain an address where the suspects lived. The suspects were eventually taken into custody when they were seen coming out of their residence. The stolen property was recovered.

Detectives, via the use of the internet and an informant, were able to solve a grand theft from a vehicle and recover a stolen "Apple Mac Book Pro" and an "Apple iPad".

Detectives investigated an assault with a deadly weapon/attempt murder case where the suspect walked into a nail salon and stabbed the victim in the face with a knife. With the help of the Crime Analyst, a crime bulletin was circulated which resulted in one of our neighboring agencies (LAPD) taking the suspect into custody.

The ALPR vehicle (Automated License Plate Reader) continues to be a valuable resource. This system is installed in a patrol vehicle and captures thousands of license plates as deputy personnel drive their patrol area. The Deputy can also park in the middle of a busy street and capture vehicle license plates traveling in both directions. This system has, and will continue to be an invaluable resource for Detectives and field personnel. This technology is also used by the Crime Analyst to document suspect vehicle movement, and also assist Detectives by

tethering the vehicle into the crime being investigated or additional crimes in other jurisdictions.

The Detectives are in constant contact with members of the community. On 12/13/2014, Detectives conducted a "Gifts for Guns" operation where 14 various weapons were exchanged for gift cards.

The Detective Bureau continues to work closely with the Entertainment Policing Team and the COPPS team to keep them informed of any new crime trends or issues.

Cases Assigned: July – December 2013 and 2014

Cases	July – December 2013	July – December 2014
Cases assigned to Detective Bureau	1648	1541
Hate Crime Investigations	2	1
Hate Incident Investigations	1	4
Domestic Violence Investigations	65	61
Identity Theft Investigations	117	121

APPENDIX 1D – Traffic Division

The Traffic Division monitors general traffic issues and consists of two (2) Traffic Motor Deputies, seven (7) Traffic Enforcement cars, one (1) Traffic Detective, and a full time Deputy who monitors the City's Red Light Photo Enforcement program. The Traffic Division is supervised by one (1) full time Sergeant. The field units monitor traffic patterns throughout the city looking for areas in need of traffic enforcement. Traffic personnel are typically the initial on-scene investigators at any collision scene.

The following is a list of activities for the Traffic Detail comparing July through December 2013 to June through December of 2014:

	JULY - DECEMBER 2013	JULY - DECEMBER 2014	+ / -
Traffic Collision Investigations	582	631	+49
Fatal Traffic Collision Investigations	0	1	+1
Traffic Collision Investigations Involving Injury	136	122	-14
Traffic Collision Investigations Involving Non-Injury	446	508	+62
DUI Traffic Collision Investigations	42	26	-16
Traffic Collision Investigations Involving Pedestrians or Bicyclists vs. Vehicle	60 (41 peds/19 cyclists)	52 (35 peds/17 cyclists)	-8
Hit and Run Traffic Collision Investigations	197	177	-20
Total Citations Written	3,893	2,437	-1456
Photo Enforcement Citations Processed	5,970	4625	-1345
DUI Arrests	82	70	-12
Speeding Citations	540	648	+108
Cellular Phone – Talking	907	224	-683
Cellular Phone – Texting	79	59	-20

In the July through December period of 2014 the number of traffic collisions in the City of West Hollywood increased.

The number of DUI traffic collision investigations decreased by 16. The number of DUI arrests decreased by 12. The Traffic Detail has taken a proactive

approach to combating drunk driving. The Traffic Detective has continued DUI training for newly assigned Patrol and Traffic Deputies. As a result, Patrol and Traffic Deputies are more aware of the signs of drunk driving as well as proper documentation of DUI arrests. By using a combination of enforcement and educational campaigns, the West Hollywood Traffic Detail aims to reduce DUI's even more in the months to follow. The implementation of DUI checkpoints by Traffic Services Detail along with their conducting numerous traffic enforcement operations within the city limits has helped in this regard.

General traffic citations decreased by 1,456, along with red light camera citations which decreased by 1,345.

The normal chart comparing traffic collisions at photo enforcement intersections vs. normal controlled intersections is unavailable due to a computer program compatibility problem between the separate databases.

APPENDIX 1E – Youth Programs

Youth Athletic League (YAL)

The Station's Youth Athletic League (YAL) was formed in 2007 in a joint partnership between the Sheriff's Youth Foundation and the City of West Hollywood. The YAL's purpose is to provide youngsters (7 to 17 years old) with safe opportunities to grow and develop the tools they need to succeed in life. Currently, the West Hollywood YAL has over 63 members registered.

During the YAL's normal hours at Plummer Park (Monday - Friday, 3 to 8 PM), the members receive school tutoring and classes in such varied areas as photography, bicycle safety, drama, video production, creative writing, physical fitness, singing and dancing, and cultural awareness. The YAL youth also participates in community service projects each month. As part of its mission, the YAL fosters leadership skills in its members.

The YAL Program participated in the following events from July - December 2014:

July 2014:

Registered Youths: 61

Activities:

- SYLC (Sheriff's Youth Leadership Council) meeting
- Football/Rugby/Basketball/Dodgeball

Field Trips:

- Will Rogers State Beach
- Lakewood YAL Dance
- Lakewood YAL Dance
- PALpalooza at Santa Monica Pier
- Raging Waters
- Camp Courage (Industry YAL's youth camp)

August 2014:

Registered Youths: 61

Activities:

- SYLC (Sheriff's Youth Leadership Council) meeting
- Football/Rugby/Basketball/Dodgeball

Field Trips:

- Raging Waters (2X)
- 2nd Annual "Kids Got Talent"

September 2014 (Back to School):

Registered Youths: 62

Activities:

- Tutoring
- SYLC (Sheriff's Youth Leadership Council) meeting
- Football/Rugby/Basketball/Dodgeball
- Heal The Bay

Field Trips:

- Hollywood High Football Game
- Annual- Sheriff Youth Foundation Gala

October 2014:

Registered Youths: 62

Activities:

- "Lock-in" Halloween Dance
- Tutoring
- SYLC (Sheriff's Youth Leadership Council) meeting
- Football/Rugby/Basketball/Dodgeball

Community Service:

- Halloween Carnival

Field Trips:

- Rocktober at Santa Monica Pier

November 2014:

Registered Youths: 63

Activities:

- Tutoring
- SYLC (Sheriff's Youth Leadership Council) meeting
- Football/Rugby/Basketball/Dodgeball
- Running Club
- Thanksgiving Dinner

Field Trips:

- Deputy Ruiz attended the Annual CAL PAL Training Conference

December 2014:

Registered Youths: 63

Activities:

- Tutoring
- SYLC (Sheriff's Youth Leadership Council) meeting
- Running Club
- Holiday Party
- Football/Rugby/Basketball/Dodgeball

Field Trip:

- Santa Monica PAL hosted "Basketball Clinic"
- Magic Mountain

APPENDIX 1F – Narcotics Bureau

During this report period, the West Hollywood Narcotics Bureau consisted of two Detectives and one Sergeant. The West Hollywood Station Narcotics Bureau regularly responds to and investigates narcotic related arrests generated by station patrol, as well as their own cases. Additionally, the Narcotics Bureau is on-call to respond after hours to any incident warranting detective intervention.

Statistical Breakdown

During this report period, the statistical data was captured in the following categories: Methamphetamine arrests, Cocaine-Heroin-GHB combined arrests, and Marijuana arrests.

During this period Proposition 47 was enacted in California which reduced narcotics violations that originally were classified as felonies to misdemeanors. Since Prop 47 went into effect, there have been 13 arrests by patrol cited as a misdemeanor, rather than remaining in custody as a felony.

Comparing the same time period in 2013 to the current time period, Possession of Methamphetamine arrests decreased by -10%, going from 115 to 103. Possession of Methamphetamine for sales also decreased by -33%, going from 6 to 4. It should be noted that two out of the four possession for sales arrests were of suspects who resided in the City of West Hollywood.

The combined arrests for Possession of Cocaine, Heroin, and GHB increased +6%, from 36 to 38. The Possession for Sales arrests for these substances decreased the most of any category, from 8 to 0, a -100% decline.

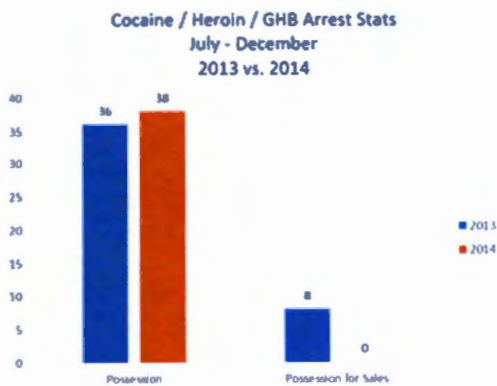
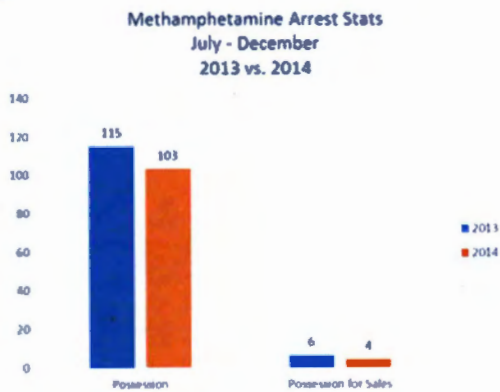
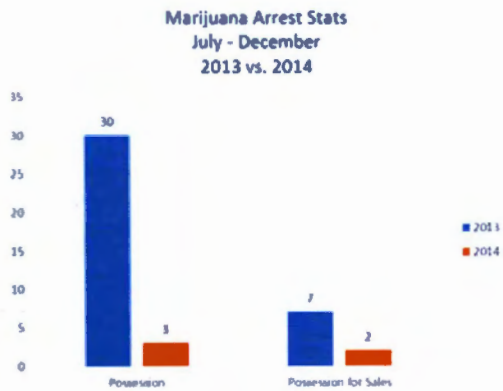
Possession of Marijuana arrests decreased 90%, from 30 to 3. This is largely due to the reclassification of the possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana to an infraction. Possession of Marijuana for Sales arrests also declined by -57%, from 7 to 2.

The "Safe Drug Drop Off" program is still in effect, providing the community with a safe receptacle to discard their hazardous materials (syringes, blood vials, test kits), as well as expired prescription medications and illegal narcotics.

The West Hollywood Narcotics Bureau remains diligent in pursuing illegal narcotics activity throughout the City of West Hollywood and surrounding areas.

During this report period, information obtained during investigations and through interviews of arrestees suggest that the individuals arrested for narcotics possession violations typically purchase their narcotics within the city of West Hollywood, Hollywood, Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. Information obtained on narcotics dealers within the city of West Hollywood suggest the individuals are selling within clubs, the transient community and deliveries from outside of West Hollywood into the city.

The following charts depict Marijuana, Methamphetamine, and Cocaine/Heroin/GHB arrest statistics:



APPENDIX 1G – West Hollywood Bike Team

Formed in the early 1980s, the West Hollywood Sheriff's Bike Team was the first bicycle patrol team fielded by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The Bike Team handles all the same police functions as regular patrol, only on bikes. These specially trained Deputies have proven to be highly mobile, easily approachable, and have helped to build new bridges between the Sheriff's Department and the community. The Bike Team currently works day shifts and continues to concentrate on alleys, sub-garages, and parking lots. The Team also does frequent patrol checks of parking lots and regular park sweeps. Through their regular contacts with business owners and residents, they are able to assist them regarding quality of life issues, such as graffiti abatement, trespassing, and panhandling at local stores.

APPENDIX 1H – Volunteers

There are thirty-five volunteers who serve the West Hollywood Station under the direction of Captain Honings and Sergeant Jon Klaus. Station volunteers assist with front desk and lobby reception, clerical duties, traffic control, and handicap placard violation citations. Their aim is to provide a “high touch” level of customer service to those who live and visit our City. The Volunteer Team Leader also addresses inquiries sent through wehosherriff.com, updates LASD’s new West Hollywood Station website, and sends messages to subscribers of the Nixle service.

In addition, volunteers serve as members of the West Hollywood Station Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) Program. The team contributed hundreds of hours of their time, usually on Friday and Saturday nights. The VOP team consists of twelve volunteers who are specially trained to perform foot patrols throughout the City. This includes, patrols on Sunset Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, Melrose Avenue, Robertson Boulevard and the City’s parks. This team assists with numerous special events which occur in the City.

The following summarizes the contributions made by station volunteers:

	Number of Volunteer hours donated	Value of hours at \$24.75 per hour	Handicap Placard Violations	Total Estimated Value of Volunteer Time
July- December 2014	4,248	\$105,138	\$4,188	\$109,326

Highlights during this reporting period:

- Volunteer Training/Development 736 hours
- Volunteers on Patrol 947 hours
- Front Desk 2,370 hours
- Halloween Festival 56 hours
- National Night Out 18 hours
- Sunset Strip Musical Festival 95 hours
- AIDS Walk 11 hours

APPENDIX 2 – Los Angeles County Fire Department

The City of West Hollywood is primarily served by three shifts of twenty personnel each housed at Los Angeles County Fire Stations 7 and 8. Assistant Fire Chief Anthony M. Whittle manages the resources within Division VII, of which West Hollywood is a part.

From July 2014 through December 2014, fire personnel responded to 2,960 total calls. Over 73% (2,168) were emergency medical calls. In addition, there were 61 total fires, of which 4 were vehicle fires, and 12 were building fires. The remaining 45 fires were a combination of outside rubbish fires, tree fires, dumpster fires, dryer fires, or cooking fires, all of which caused no financial damage or injuries. The total fire loss during this time period was \$1,527,400 in property damage and \$1,205,115 in contents damage. There were no non-fire related incidents during this period which caused any monetary damage.

It is worth noting that 3 significant fire incidents (outlined below) which contributed to \$2.5 million in losses also resulted in \$5.5 million worth of values saved.

Other responses included hazardous materials incidents, public assistance calls, and elevator rescues. In addition, station and fire prevention personnel conducted 437 inspections and checked 121 plans.

The figures provided below are for informational purposes only. Correlations or comparisons cannot be made from the chart below. For example, inferences cannot be made as to whether fires, medical calls, false alarms, etc. are "up" or "down".

	January - June 2014	July - December 2014
Total Calls	2,947	2,960
Emergency Medical Calls	2,193	2,168
Total Fires	46	61
Vehicle Fires	4	4
Building Fires	8	12
Miscellaneous Fires	34	45
Total Property Damage	\$2,057,200	\$1,527,400
Total Contents Damage	\$516,050	\$1,205,115
Inspections	708	437
Plans Checked	56	121

Noteworthy incidents during this time frame include:

- September 18, 2014 – Building Fire at 1230 Horn Avenue #200; apartment house fire with 4 total units involved (out of approximately 102 units); cause determined to be accidental, due to an unattended candle. Property damages: \$1,000,000; Contents damages: \$200,000; Value saved: \$1 million
- October 23, 2014 – Building Fire at 1261 N. La Brea Avenue; commercial building; Kat Von D's tattoo parlor; cause determined to be accidental, due to an electrical overload in the parlor room. There were numerous pieces of valuable artwork and memorabilia, many of which were salvaged, but some of which were destroyed. Property damages: \$300,000; Contents damages: \$1 million; Value saved: \$2.7 million (this value saved reflects property and contents combined)
- December 13, 2014 – Building Fire at 7546 Norton Avenue #2; apartment house fire; cause determined to be accidental, due to an unattended candle. One patient was transported with burn injuries; three patients treated for smoke inhalation and released on scene. Property damages: \$200,000; Contents damages: \$25,000; Value saved: \$1.8 million

In addition, Fire Department personnel provided the following community outreach:

- Emergency Preparedness Education for Apartment Building Managers (coordinated through Rent Stabilization Division)
- Participation in National Night Out
- Attendance at Kings Road Employee Barbeque
- Attendance at City's Holiday Luncheon
- Senior Fire Safety Presentations (11) throughout the month of October, which included Sidewalk CPR instruction
- Participation in City's Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Provided approximately 500 toys from the Spark of Love Toy Drive to assist in the City's local efforts
- While the training was held in January 2015, preparations for CERT training began in the Fall of 2014. The 40 person class graduated on February 7, 2015, during which time the City hosted a reunion with former West Hollywood CERT graduates. Over delicious cake, the former graduates got to know the current graduates and together they were able to discuss and formulate plans for various WeHo neighborhoods and build a network to remain in contact.

Station personnel regularly conduct blood pressure checks with constituents who visit the local stations, and routinely provide Fire Station tours for the public. They also participate in Neighborhood Watch meetings organized by the City and Sheriff's Department. Fire Department personnel also provided event management for the Sunset Strip Music Festival, AIDS Walk, and the Halloween Carnaval.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department is engaged in social media through the use of Facebook and Twitter. Additionally, in an effort to engage our local communities, Division VII maintains its own Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, separate from the Department's main accounts. This allows us to focus our messaging to the communities we serve. We routinely share general safety messages, but also information and photos of local happenings, such as incidents, community outreach, or firefighters engaged in training exercises.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lacountyfire7

Twitter: www.twitter.com/LACoFD_DivVII or @LACoFD_DivVII

YouTube: www.youtube.com/lacofddiv7

Division VII also utilizes Nixle when there is a need or desire to further target our message only to the residents of West Hollywood and/or areas very nearby.

For community outreach, our use of Nixle is public; however, we also use Nixle in a more private manner (we control who receives messages) as an aid in managing large-scale events, such as Halloween and Pride. In this manner, Nixle enables us to communicate with our personnel and/or partners (law enforcement and city staff) to provide real-time information during the event.

APPENDIX 3 – Public Safety Department and Public Safety Commission

Multidisciplinary Projects, Special Events, and Public Safety Education

The Public Safety Department actively participates in several multidisciplinary projects including emergency preparedness, park security, quality of life and nuisance abatement, vacant properties, and monitoring the impacts from medical marijuana dispensaries; as well as managing competing residential and commercial issues. Staff manages various committees including the Public Safety Commission, the Russian Advisory Board, and the Transgender Advisory Board. Staff also had a significant role in various special events during the second half of 2014 including the Halloween Carnaval, AIDS Walk, and the Sunset Strip Music Festival.

Public Safety Commissioners work closely with Public Safety staff and Sheriff's and Fire personnel. In order to broaden public safety education using the "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" campaign, staff worked with the Public Safety Commission to conduct community outreach days with specific public safety messages, participated in "walk abouts" with the Sheriff's Captain, and held public "Five Minute CPR" training with fire personnel. Commissioners continue to increase awareness about pedestrian safety, petty theft, and crimes of opportunity. Finally, Commissioners attended various Neighborhood Watch meetings as well as other Commission and Advisory Board meetings.

Anti-Violence Project

The Public Safety Department continues to work with the Los Angeles LGBT Center and other community partner agencies that provide domestic violence counseling services. Through its participation with various violence prevention agencies, the City continues to be one of the leading municipalities with regard to advocating for improved services for survivors of domestic violence and those affected by hate crime, hate incidents, and other family violence issues. Staff continues to meet on a quarterly basis with the Network against Hate Crimes Association.

Emergency Management

Emergency management is a key component to the Public Safety Department, and staff is responsible for ensuring that the City is prepared to respond to and recover from a disaster. This includes working closely with both internal staff and external agencies. During the past six months, staff participated in various preparedness efforts including providing survival product sales for staff, participating in the state of California's Great Shakeout exercise, and updating the City's authorized Designated Agents to execute applications for financial assistance from FEMA and the State Office of Emergency Services. Staff also participated in the Los Angeles County's Communications Exercise including a

test of the Sheriff's amateur radio system. The City also continues its relationship with the Maple Counseling Center for counseling services for victims of crime or disaster.

Training is a priority, and all new staff members receive basic National Management Incident Management System (NIMS) training and Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training. NIMS Refresher trainings were also held for all staff. In addition, staff participated in web-based incident management systems training, and Family Assistance Center training. City staff assigned as the Disaster Management Area Coordinating Liaison attended advanced training hosted by the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management. Finance staff attended one of several Emergency Operations Center Cost Recovery trainings. Staff continues to hold regular tests on all emergency equipment.

Finally, Staff maintains "Alert First", an emergency notification system and continues to register additional residents in the network's database, and conducts quarterly tests on the notification system. Community outreach is also ongoing including safety and emergency preparedness presentations for seniors and apartment landlords.

Neighborhood Watch

Six Neighborhood Watch meetings were held during the months of July – December 2014. At all of the Neighborhood Watch meetings, information is provided by one or more members of the Sheriff's CIT Team including crime summaries for the area and crime prevention tips for personal safety. Vehicle burglary prevention tips and street robbery prevention tips are highlighted at these meetings. Other staff from residential code compliance, commercial code compliance, planning, rent stabilization, housing and environmental services attend many if not all of the meetings, giving our residents the opportunity to raise questions in these specific areas of interest and to become familiar with City Hall staff and their areas of expertise. Ongoing issues for neighborhoods include transients, vehicle burglaries, speeding on residential streets, loud noise generated by patrons of local clubs, and other nuisance issues affecting the overall quality of life in the neighborhoods. Staff continues to work closely with residents and businesses and to hold meetings to address their issues and balance competing interests.

Staff continues to promote the Lights on West Hollywood program by having free motion sensor lights available to residents at all of the Neighborhood Watch meetings and other public safety special events.

The annual National Night Out Against Crime was held on Tuesday, August 5th with nine Neighborhood Watch groups participating out of a total of 12 events held Citywide. The Russian Advisory Board continued its tradition of hosting a

NNO block party with games, craft tables, live music and lots of good food. The West Hollywood Gateway held its inaugural NNO celebration with live music and the participation of every merchant at the Gateway offering free food or other fun giveaways. Add to the evening's festivities the annual Movie Night in the Park at Plummer Park and you have another successful Night Out bringing residents and businesses, Sheriff's and Fire, and City Hall staff together for a night of fun, education and a strengthened partnership.

Staff also coordinated the annual "Don't Drink and Drive Napkin Distribution Campaign" in the early part of December. The month long campaign was launched at the Sheriff's Station with a crash car on display. This was followed by the delivery of cocktail napkins to local establishments serving alcohol. Participants included members of the Public Safety Commission, Sheriff's personnel, Sunset Strip Security Ambassadors, Block by Block and Public Safety staff. This program is always very well received.

Staff continues to assist the Public Safety Commission with the "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" public safety education campaign. In an effort to continually address the needs of the community, staff also created a new Pet Etiquette flyer for residents and visitors to the City for the purpose of cultivating appropriate behavior among pet guardians.

Staff also works very closely with the Sheriff's Deputies and Fire Fighters to promote programs and other resources available to the public to enhance the quality of life for its residents.

Russian Community Outreach

The City's Russian Community Outreach Coordinator dedicates the majority of her time to addressing ongoing issues for the Russian speaking community. This includes safety, homelessness, domestic violence, neighbor disputes, elder abuse, human trafficking, housing, and translation needs. In collaboration with the Russian Advisory Board, staff coordinates educational seminars and assists with various events including; Kids Fair, Russian Cultural Week, Victory in Europe Day, International Women's Day, Women's History Month, senior safety presentations, emergency preparedness presentations for people living with disabilities, and other cultural events. Staff coordinated participation of the Russian Advisory Board and members of the Russian speaking community in the National Night Out event.

Staff is working with the Public Information Division on a Russian speaking community internet portal on the City's website. Staff continues to train with Dispute Resolution Services to provide the Russian speaking community with effective and easily accessible conflict resolution services. Staff is continuing to work with Cable TV to create a televised lecture series for seniors on personal safety and emergency preparedness. Staff continues to assist the Public

Information Office with the Historical Records Project of West Hollywood immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Staff is working with the Cultural Affairs Administrator and Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission on various programs, including translation of written materials. Staff assisted various community groups with grant applications for cultural events.

Translation is a crucial service, and staff translated materials on Improving Crosswalk Safety for the Community Development Department and assisted with outreach to the Russian speaking community. Staff also translated materials for the election campaign of 2015 and assisted in recruiting poll workers for the upcoming elections

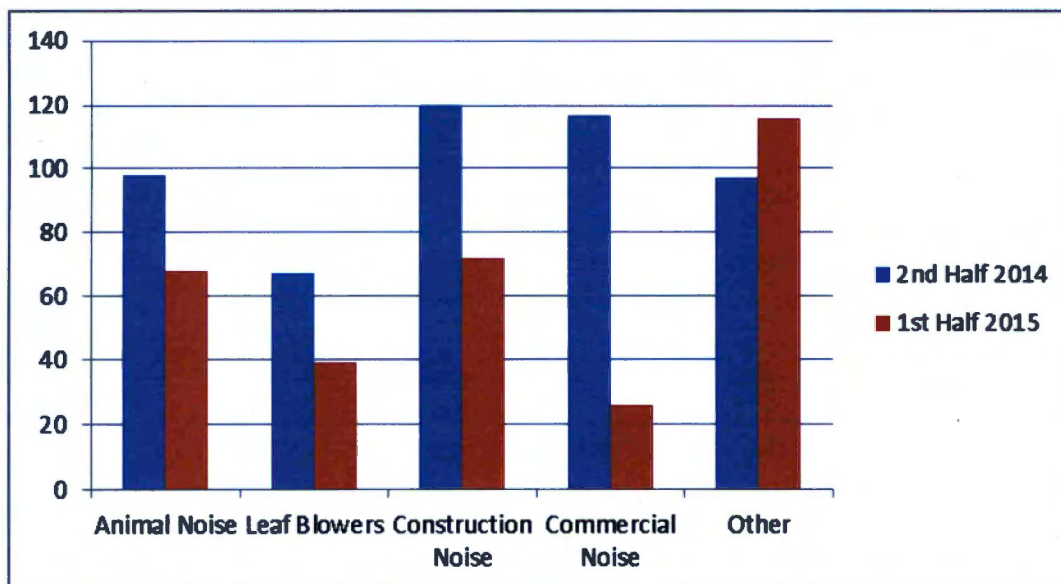
APPENDIX 4 – Code Compliance Division

Code Compliance has continued to improve its coverage of the City and its ability to respond to concerns that arise. The City is broken up into zones with a team of officers dedicated to address issues that arise within that defined area. This offers Code Compliance Officers a greater “ownership of neighborhoods” gives the City the ability to be more responsive to issues and complaints that come up on a daily basis. Code Compliance also has a dedicated nighttime and dedicated weekend day Officer providing the City with virtual around the clock coverage.

Working in conjunction with other agencies (Sheriff’s Department, Fire Department, Animal Control, etc.), Code Compliance staff work diligently to uphold and maintain the City’s high neighborhood livability standards. The majority of the issues that Code Compliance addresses are related to property maintenance, noise, environmental, and animal issues. These concerns heavily affect the quality of life that West Hollywood residents enjoy.

Noise

Code Compliance has largely experienced a decrease in the number of noise complaints compared to the first half of 2014. Leaf blowers and animal noises comprised a significant percentage of the calls for assistance. Code compliance responded to 68 calls regarding animal noise and another 39 for leaf blowers during the period covered by this report. The City also responded to 72 calls regarding after-hours construction, 26 concerns of noise from commercial businesses (bars, nightclubs, and restaurants), and 116 other noise violations that fall under other specific code sections.



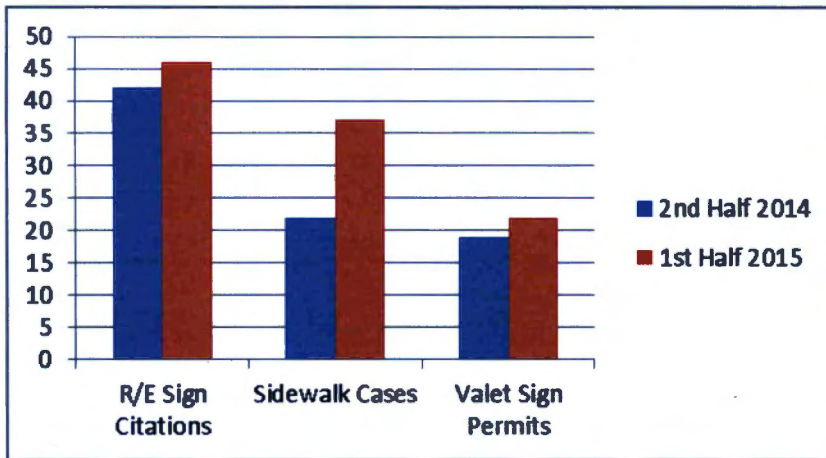
Sidewalks/Public Right-of-Way (PROW)

Code Compliance continued its efforts to keep the sidewalks and public rights-of-way maintained properly and free of obstructions.

Obstructions placed on City sidewalks continue to be a focus of Code Compliance. These types of violations are not only a trip-and-fall hazard, but reduce the aesthetic appeal that our City is known for. "Open House" real estate signs on the PROW represent a large percentage of violations under this category. Code Compliance has seen the number of real estate sign violations increase slightly during the last half of 2014 as compared with the previous six months. 46 citations were issued for signs placed on the PROW during the time period covering this report, compared to 42 for the last reporting period.

Sidewalks being improperly maintained and tables and chairs being placed on the PROW also represent potential neighborhood livability concerns to the community-at-large. Raised/uneven sidewalks, improper ground cover in the parkways, and the lack of maintenance of sidewalks all continued to receive a lot of attention from Code staff. There has been a noticeable improvement on some of the east side streets where many of the sidewalks and parkways were in the worst shape. Thirty-seven (37) Code Compliance cases have been initiated to address the worst of the parkways and sidewalks. Through Code Compliance efforts, West Hollywood continues to be a pedestrian-friendly City.

Code Compliance continues its enforcement of the new valet sign encroachment permit requirement. In the past, valet companies often placed portable signs on the public right-of-way in order to advertise available parking and attract business. Unfortunately, there were never any uniform standards to these signs which lead to a wide variety of sign shapes and sizes placed on the sidewalk in a very haphazard manner. These signs often posed a legitimate trip and fall hazard to pedestrians or blocked the line of sight for drivers entering and exiting these parking facilities. The new regulations now require uniform sign size and placement which will help reduce the risk these signs pose. Additionally, the now-required encroachment permit will enable Code Compliance to track these signs and will indemnify the City against issues that may arise from their use. Twenty-two (22) valet sign encroachment permits have been issued since the start of the program. Code Compliance cases have been opened for those signs which have not yet been permitted.



Environmental/ Trash

Code Compliance is tasked with enforcing federal, state, and local environmental laws. The main areas being addressed are solid waste violations and non-storm water discharges to the storm drain.

The solid waste provisions of the West Hollywood Municipal Code cover areas such as the accumulation of solid waste, scavenging, the time of placement of trash cans, and the lack of trash service. If not continuously monitored, all of these areas of concern can have a major negative effect on the quality of life that the residents and visitors enjoy in this City. In the 6 months covered by this report, 537 reports of bulky items were reported and addressed. Code Compliance has done an excellent job in monitoring these issues and will continue to do so.

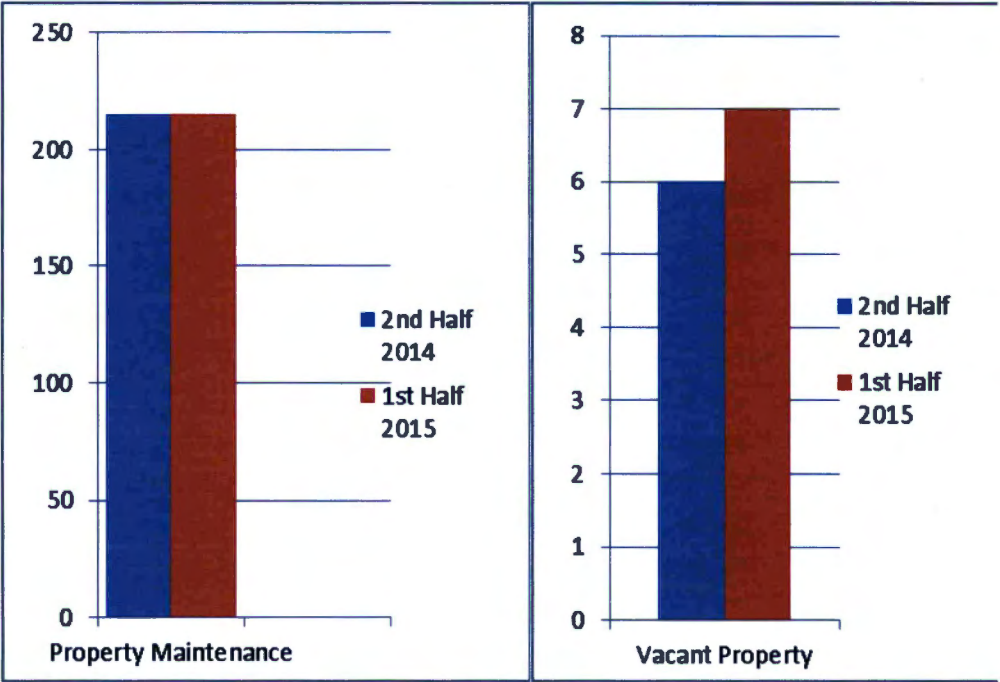
Several enforcement operations have been conducted with the goal of driving away scavengers. These people not only endanger themselves by jumping into solid waste bins containing unknown items, but they are also often trespassing onto private property in order to sift through the solid waste bins. Residents often discard documents containing personal and private information which then makes them susceptible to identity theft should this information end up in the wrong hands.

Property Maintenance

Property maintenance is the category that encompasses a wide variety of violations. There were 215 reports of property maintenance concerns. Generally, this code section ensures that buildings and properties are maintained in a clean, safe, and healthy manner. Leaky plumbing, overgrown vegetation, and deteriorating structures, as well as a host of other potential problems, all fall under this category. These violations have a direct impact on neighborhood livability and contribute to a decline in the quality of life for the community-at-large. Through inspections, both proactive and in response to complaints, Code

Compliance continues to ensure that the quality of life for residents and the overall aesthetics of the community are preserved.

Vacant properties also fall under the property maintenance code. Seven new (7) vacant property concerns were filed with the City; all of which were promptly addressed by Code Compliance and other agencies. By collaborating with the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, Building & Safety, and other divisions and agencies, Code Compliance strives to ensure that all vacant and abandoned properties in West Hollywood are maintained in a safe and aesthetically pleasing manner.



Animals

Code Compliance continued its collaboration with the Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles County Animal Control to enforce the animal control regulations. Code Compliance received 5 reports of off-leash animals during this reporting period and responded to each one. Numerous proactive inspections, by both Code Compliance and Animal Control, took place in the parks and throughout the City during the past 6 months. These inspections resulted in several administrative citations being issued and several more verbal warnings. In many instances, the animal guardians were unable to produce identification which made issuing citations impossible. City staff has seen a dramatic decrease in the number of violations of animal control regulations compared to previous years.

In addition to the aforementioned areas of focus, Code Compliance also responds to a wide variety of calls and complaints from local residents and businesses. While many of these calls for service are not for violations of the

Municipal Code, we strive to work on resolving any concern that is brought to our attention, with our ultimate goal being to maintain the high standard of living for which West Hollywood has long been known.

Nighttime Code Compliance Efforts

Commercial Code Compliance has one officer that is dedicated solely to evenings and weekends. This officer is tasked with monitoring and responding to complaints received about businesses that operate primarily in the evenings and on the weekends. This has enabled the City to respond to constituent complaints quickly, and has reduced some of the burden that is placed on the Sheriff's Department.

Addressing the operations of valet companies will continue to be a priority of Code Compliance. Regular site inspections have been conducted of valet operators to ensure that they are following their approved route plans, their drivers are licensed to drive, and that they are not operating in a manner that would endanger the public or would otherwise create unnecessary disturbances to the neighborhood-at-large. These inspections have resulted in numerous citations.

The new promoter venue business license has also helped Code Compliance and the Sheriff's Department track which promoters are operating within the City and identify those that are bringing in undesirable crowds or are otherwise not adhering to the City's operational requirements. With the transient nature of promoters, Code Compliance has been able to track the migration of promoters from business to business so that the appropriate resources can be deployed to address concerns before they become a public safety issue. Code compliance has become more proactive and less reactive.

APPENDIX 5 – Block By Block Security Ambassadors

Deploying Block by Block Security Ambassadors along Santa Monica Boulevard has had a positive impact on safety and neighborhood livability. The following chart shows their activities from July – December 2014.

