

SUBJECT: **SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

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**STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:**

The City of West Hollywood (“City”) City Council will receive an update on community safety activities, including year to date crime data from January to December 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive an update and provide feedback on community safety activities.

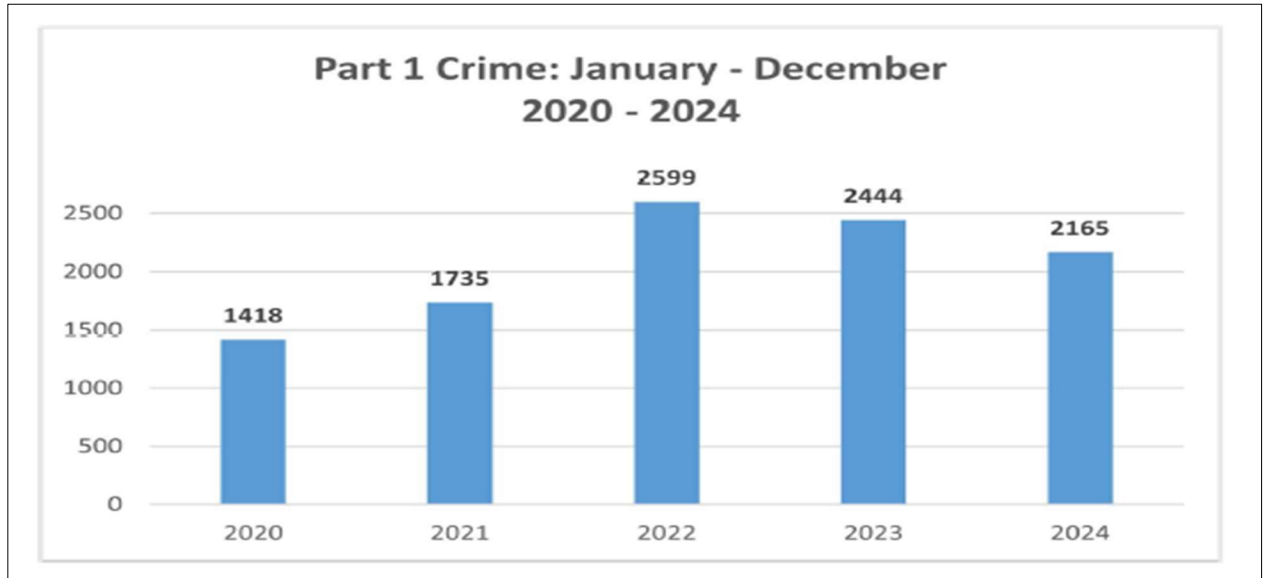
**BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:**

This item serves as the second semi-annual community safety update for 2024, with data included by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (“LASD”) West Hollywood Station, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Block by Block Security Ambassador Program, and City’s Neighborhood and Business Safety Division. To learn more about public safety agencies, programs, and initiatives in the City of West Hollywood, please visit the City’s Community Safety Department webpage online at: <https://www.weho.org/City-government/City-departments/community-safety>.

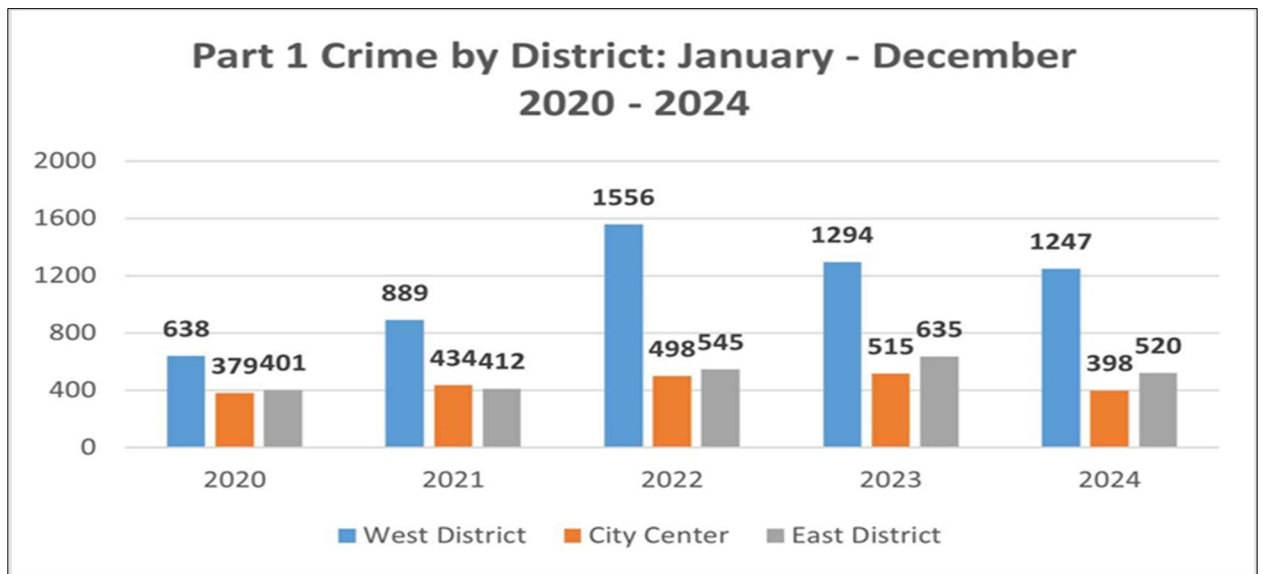
**LASD West Hollywood Station Calls for Service & Crime Statistics**

From January through December 2024, there were 21,975 calls for service. This represents a 2% decrease when compared to the same time in 2023. Part 1 Crime totals for 2024 (January through December) have overall decreased by 11% when compared to the same time in 2023. When compared to 2022, when Part I Crime peaked within the last five years, Part I Crime has decreased by 16%. Theft (Grand Theft, Petty Theft, and Vehicle Burglary) continues to drive Part I Crime numbers in West Hollywood and accounts for 66% of all Part 1 Crime in 2024. The following chart

depicts Part 1 Crime for the past five years (January through December) and includes Homicide, Rape, Assaults, Robbery, Burglary, Theft, and Arson.



In review of Part I Crime occurring by area of the City, the West District (West of La Cienega) continues to experience the bulk of Part I Crime totals. The following chart depicts the number of Part 1 Crimes for the months of January through December for the last five years, broken down by district. The three districts are: West District (West of La Cienega), City Center (La Cienega to Fairfax), and East District (East of Fairfax).



In the West District, there was a 3% decrease in Part 1 Crime for 2024 when compared to 2023. Vehicle Burglaries dropped significantly while Aggravated Assault and Armed Robbery showed increases. With 1,247 Part 1 Crimes, the West District accounted for 58% of all Part 1 Crime in 2024.

The City Center District experienced the most reduction in Part I Crime in 2024 than in any other area of the City, with a 23% reduction when compared to Part I Crime totals in 2023. Aggravated Assaults and Armed Robberies increased while Strong Armed Robberies decreased. Additionally, the Other Burglaries category experienced a decrease. With 398 Part 1 Crimes, the City Center accounted for 18% of all Part 1 Crime in 2024.

In the East District, Part 1 Crime decreased by 18% when compared to the same period in 2023. However, the East District was the only area of the City to show an increase in Residential Burglaries. Strong Armed Robberies and Vehicle Burglaries decreased dramatically and every other Part I Crime category reflected decreases for the year when compared to 2023. With 520 Part 1 Crimes, the East District accounts for 24% of all Part 1 Crimes in 2024.

A detailed overview of LASD West Hollywood Station crime statistics from January through December 2024 is reflected in "Attachment A" which also includes 5-year historical comparisons.

### **LASD Special Teams**

The Community Oriented Policing and Problem-Solving Team ("COPPS") and Entertainment Policing Team ("EPT") Deputies conduct regular operations as well as community outreach type engagements. This includes performing foot beats in the Rainbow District and building relationships with businesses, residents, and visitors. In addition to regular patrol functions, the special teams participate in community events. Some of the highlights of events attended in 2024 include: LA Marathon, West Hollywood Elementary Door Decoration Judging, Elton John Oscar Party, Veteran's Day celebration, WeHo Pride, CicLAvia, AIDS Walk LA, WeHo Halloween Carnival, and the Special Olympics Torch Run. The teams also attend functions and regular meetings with local businesses, schools, neighborhood watch groups, and the City.

## **LASD Foot and Bicycle Patrols**

The City provides supplemental funding to cover the costs associated with foot and bicycle patrols and/or to provide public safety support during planned and unplanned events or first amendment activities. Most recently, the City increased supplemental funding by two-hundred thousand (“\$200,000”) for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

From January through December 2024, the LASD West Hollywood Station provided support to 26 planned/unplanned events. In addition, Deputies continued to perform foot patrols and COPPS and EPT Deputies continue to conduct bicycle patrols when available. The focus of foot and bicycle patrols is to enhance community engagement and to provide a high-visibility uniformed presence to proactively prevent crime.

## **LASD Mental Evaluation Team (“MET”)**

The City has continued to fund a MET to assist persons experiencing homelessness to meet emerging community needs. MET includes a specialized trained LASD Deputy and a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (“DMH”) Clinician.

The City continues to be the only LASD contract City in the County of Los Angeles that funds a dedicated MET. This specialized mental health team has continued to forge effective partnerships with several of the City's contracted social services providers and the homeless services navigators to strengthen the safety net for those West Hollywood community members who are experiencing mental health challenges, homelessness, or who are at risk for homelessness. The specially trained Deputy and the DMH licensed mental health clinician are trained to evaluate, and if necessary, authorized to initiate acute psychiatric holds, in accordance with the Welfare and Institutions Code, section 5150 or 5585. The MET provides housed and unhoused community members with mental health support, crisis intervention, appropriate psychiatric placement, substance use treatment, and mental health linkages through the Outpatient Outreach Treatment program when needed. The City has benefitted from this locally serving MET which has allowed for rapid response to community members in crisis. For example, compared to the regional-serving LASD MET units' average response time of 23 minutes, the West Hollywood MET averaged a response time of eight (8) minutes. Additionally, when the MET unit arrived on scene and LASD patrol Deputies had rendered the situation safe,

the MET unit relieved an average of three (3) LASD Deputies and one (1) LASD Sergeant who could then return to the field and be available to respond to other incidents in West Hollywood. This local availability and rapid response led to measurable, positive impacts for the community.

### **LASD MET Statistics**

The West Hollywood MET responded to 252 calls from January to December 2024 and evaluated 136 people experiencing a mental health crisis. Of these 136 individuals, 43 adults were involuntarily hospitalized by the MET to receive mental health treatment. The MET prevented the use of force in three (3) interactions between LASD Deputies and community members. Three (3) West Hollywood constituents living with severe and persistent mental health illness were also referred to a specialized County-funded intensive case management program to meet their underlying mental health needs and reduce reoccurrence of chronic calls of 911-level services.

### **LASD Traffic Division**

The LASD Traffic Division monitors general traffic issues and consists of (1) Sergeant, two (2) Traffic Motor Deputies, eight (8) Traffic Enforcement cars, two (2) Traffic Detectives, and one (1) non-sworn professional staff member. The field units monitor traffic patterns throughout the City and conduct special enforcement operations in problem areas. Traffic personnel are typically the initial on-scene investigators at any traffic collision scene.

Following a City Council directive in 2024, targeted enforcement was conducted for loud exhaust/speeding/cruising vehicles at various times. Traffic Deputies found that a lot of the vehicles they made contact with came with stock engines that were not California compliant for decibel levels. Specific focused operations will continue to be planned for 2025 to enforce this issue. A detailed overview of LASD Traffic Division statistics from January through December 2024 is reflected in "Attachment A under Appendix 1D".

### **LASD Training**

LASD West Hollywood Station Deputies and non-sworn personnel have attended sexual assault training facilitated by the UCLA Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center

and with the LASD Special Victims Bureau several times within the last year. In addition, 16 new Deputies assigned to the West Hollywood Station since January 2024 have attended a mandated three-week training program prior to transferring to the West Hollywood Station. The curriculum included training on cultural diversity, mental health crisis, elder abuse, domestic violence, hate crimes, homeless outreach, first Aid/CPR, and Narcan administration procedures. All new Deputy and non-sworn civilian transfers to the West Hollywood Station are also required to complete LBGTQ+ Community Awareness training provided by LASD instructors certified through the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training. LBGTQ+ Community Awareness training for new personnel at the West Hollywood Station is scheduled within the first or second week of assignment. The West Hollywood Station also held three (3) transgender awareness meetings in 2024 and hate crime related information was presented by the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and LASD Major Crimes Bureau.

The LASD West Hollywood Station has implemented a proactive approach in scheduling Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement Technicians assigned to desk operations, Deputies, and field Supervisors. West Hollywood Station personnel have attended Crisis Intervention Training in January, March, April, and December 2024. This training provides Law Enforcement Technicians, Deputies, and Supervisors with valuable tools when dealing with members of our community experiencing a mental health crisis. In addition, field Supervisors attended a forty-hour field operations school two (2) times in 2024. The LASD MET assigned to the West Hollywood Station also attends briefings on a regular basis and answers questions and/or provides Deputies with techniques when dealing with mentally ill persons.

LASD West Hollywood Station Deputies attended active shooter training classes provided by the LASD Tactics and Survival Unit three (3) times in 2024. The classes included mass casualty, team, and lone active shooter response exercises. LASD West Hollywood Station Deputies and Supervisors also participated in an active shooter mass casualty exercise with the Los Angeles County Fire Department at the Pacific Design Center in 2024. In addition, the LASD West Hollywood Station Training staff is planning stages of coordinating an active shooter response drill which will take place at Universal

Studios Hollywood in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department in 2025.

### **LASD Crime Prevention Plan**

The City's Community Safety Department, in partnership with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, has created a crime prevention plan for review. The plan provides a general overview of the LASD West Hollywood Station response in addressing emerging issues and approaches to prevent crime. The Crime Prevention Plan can be found in "Attachment B".

### **LASD Jewish Community Safety Plan**

The LASD Jewish Community Safety Plan, developed by the West Hollywood Station, is designed to enhance the safety and security of the Jewish community in the City. This plan serves as a resource for emergency and safety personnel, providing essential information on West Hollywood Jewish faith organizations, facilities, and community-specific needs. The plan also educates LASD West Hollywood Station personnel on Jewish customs, dress, holidays, and observances, enabling them to provide culturally sensitive and timely support to the community, particularly during high-visibility times such as religious holidays and periods of increased social unrest.

The plan emphasizes proactive engagement with local Jewish organizations, such as Magen Am, Hatzolah, and the Jewish Federation's Community Security Initiative, to improve coordination and response efforts. The LASD West Hollywood Station aims to maintain strong relationships with these organizations to ensure information sharing and intelligence gathering. Primary goals of the initiative include conducting regular patrols, meeting with community leaders, collaborating with facility security, and ensuring effective communication during times of heightened security risks. The LASD Jewish Community Safety Plan can be found in "Attachment B under Exhibit B".

### **LASD Online Reporting System**

The LASD has implemented a Sheriff's Online Reporting Tracking System ("SORTS") which is an online platform designed to allow community members and visitors to file non-emergency police reports electronically. This system streamlines the process by

enabling individuals to report incidents such as theft, vandalism, lost property, and other minor offenses without needing to visit a LASD station in person. Information is available on the City's Public Safety webpage as well as the LASD webpage regarding SORTS. The following is the link to SORTS: <https://lasd.org/sorts/>

### **Block by Block (“BBB”) Security Ambassador Program**

The BBB Security Ambassador Program continues to perform residential patrols, commercial patrols, and staffing 11 kiosks and various fixed posts at City facilities such as City Hall, West Hollywood Park, and Plummer Park. In addition, every Security Ambassador on patrol is trained, equipped, and able to administer Narcan.

City staff continues to support outreach efforts to inform the community about the BBB Security Ambassador Program. This includes communicating the expansion of the program in West Hollywood to community members, tourists/visitors, and business owners; developing messaging such as who BBB is and what services they provide; distributing messaging via news and social media; creating digital and printed graphics and materials for mailing to further awareness; and building familiarity around the connection between the LASD West Hollywood Station and the BBB Security Ambassador Program. The latest update in these efforts included newly wrapped kiosks throughout the City, highlighting the BBB Safety Escort Program and service number, which is available 24 hours, 7 days a week to community members and visitors. In addition to monthly safety and data trend updates to the Public Safety Commission, BBB regularly participates in the Civic Leadership Academies which encourages community members to learn more about the City's various departments and services.

### **BBB Calls for Service Statistics**

From January through December 2024, there were 6,622 calls for service and an average of 20 calls received per day. This represents a 78% increase, when compared to the same time last year in 2023. Unhoused community member contacts, safety escorts, and business contacts all increased this year in comparison to last year. City staff continues to meet with BBB on a bi-weekly basis and together with the LASD West Hollywood Station monthly to discuss trends, areas of focus, and deployment. BBB monthly reports that are presented to the Public Safety Commission have also been

revised to capture the full scope of services and work Security Ambassadors perform daily. This includes accounting for response times for calls for service when made to the A detailed review of statistical data on calls for service for BBB from January through December 2024 is represented in “Attachment C”.

### **BBB Senior Safety Officer**

The BBB Senior Safety Officer program was implemented in November 2024 to address increased activity in select park locations. BBB Senior Safety Officers are unarmed and have previous law enforcement experience. Their skillset and training in de-escalation tactics make them ideal candidates to handle mental health and substance abuse contacts with individuals in City parks.

### **BBB Training**

In 2024, BBB Security Ambassadors participated in a 90-minute interactive, in-person sensitivity-based training specifically focused on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and the LGBTQ+ community. The training also covered terminology/language issues when interacting with LGBTQ+ members of the community. This training was the first of its kind tailored specifically to the special needs of the West Hollywood community and has helped BBB Ambassadors become more culturally competent when working with LGBTQ+ individuals and the community at large. A refresher training was recently held in November 2024 and included the participation of the newly implemented BBB Senior Safety Officers.

Additionally, BBB Security Ambassadors partnered with the City’s social service provider, Be Alive, to facilitate a 90-minute in-person training that covered the importance of understanding harm reduction and how to properly assess signs of opioid overdose and the administration of Narcan. Since this vital training, BBB Security Ambassadors have successfully administered Narcan to five (5) individuals in the community while performing proactive patrols. Be Alive also provided an updated training for teams in November of 2024.

Training for new BBB Security Ambassadors has continued to include, but is not limited to, the following topics: Active Shooter; Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity; De-escalation Techniques; Public Engagement; Missing Children; Protests and Demonstrations;

Instructions for Administration of Narcan Nasal Spray; Mental Health First Aid; Business Contacts; Cold Weather Preparedness; Crossing the Street Safely; Eye and Face Protection; Giving Great Descriptions; Giving Directions; Radio Communications; Recruitment and Employee Referrals; Report Writing; Traumatic Situations; Uniform Appearance; and Emergency/Disaster Preparedness.

The above-mentioned training areas are provided as part of the onboarding process for new hires but continue on a bi-weekly basis every year, meaning once an employee completes, they must repeat the same training again once a year. The above-mentioned training also does not include any additional training as required by the City or those State-mandated trainings such as sexual harassment.

### **Request for Proposal for Unarmed Security Services**

The Community Safety Department is currently working on the release of a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for unarmed security services that the BBB Security Ambassador program is currently providing. This will include services such as foot patrols, bicycle patrols, fixed posts, and facility security. Staff anticipates completing the RFP process in advance of the end of this fiscal year and returning to the City Council with the selected contractor as part of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

### **Los Angeles County Fire Department (“LACoFD”) Calls for Service Statistics**

From January through December 2024, fire personnel responded to 7,134 calls for service. Of these, 5,132 were for emergency medical calls (72% of all calls). In addition, there were 116 total fires, 13 of which were vehicle fires, and 14 were building fires. The remaining 89 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 period was \$620,000 in property damage and \$89,700 in contents damage.

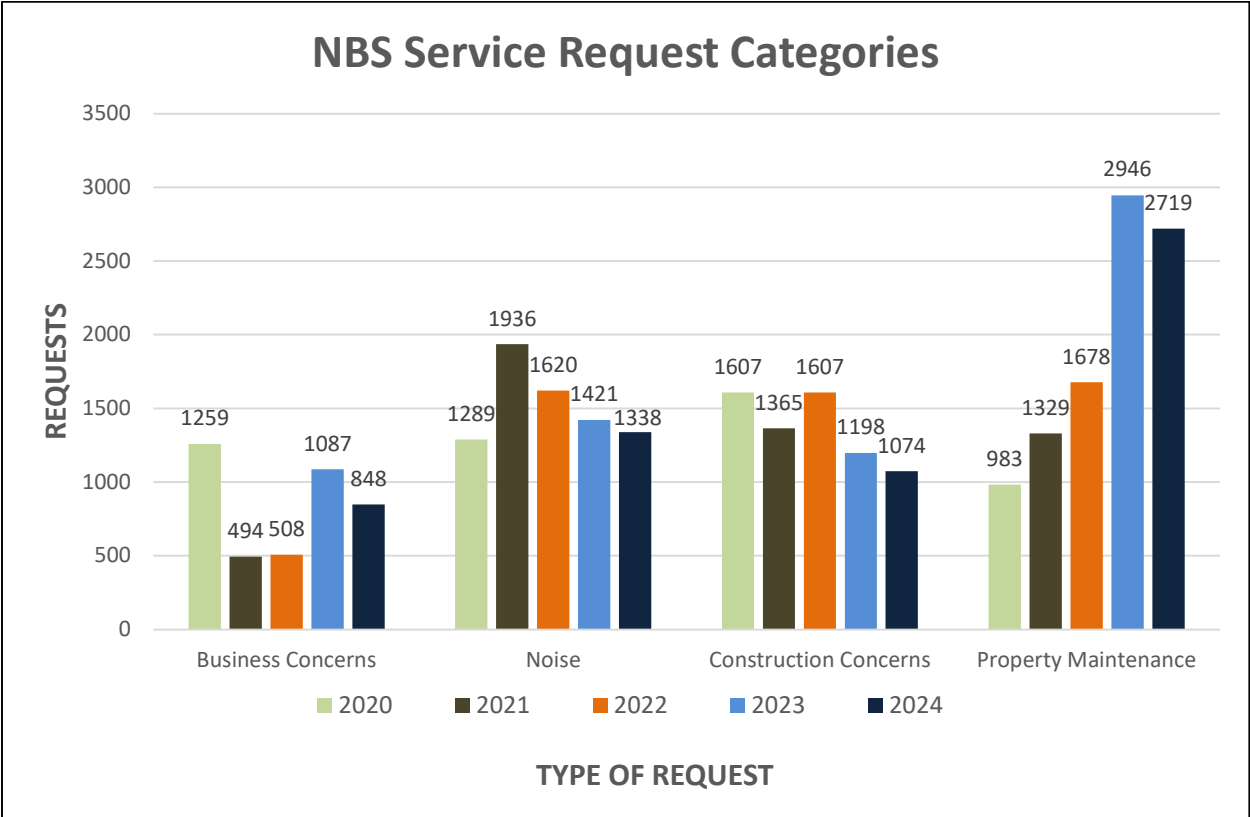
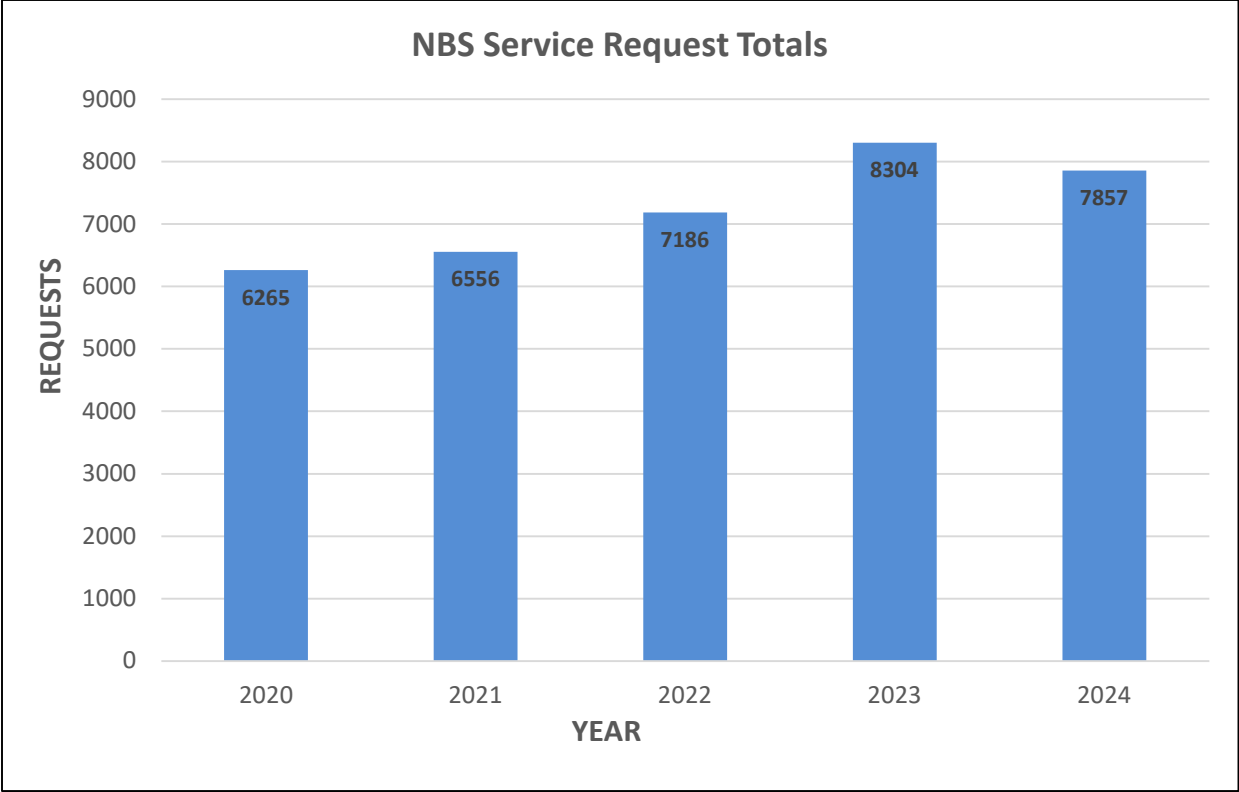
Other responses included hazardous materials incidents, public assistance calls, and elevator rescues. In addition, station and fire prevention personnel routinely conduct inspections and plan checks, and these averaged approximately 25 and 35 monthly. A detailed overview of LACoFD calls from January through December 2024 is reflected in “Attachment D”.

## **City Neighborhood and Business Safety (“NBS”) Division**

The City’s NBS Division operates seven days a week and enforces the West Hollywood Municipal Code. It does this by working collaboratively with residents, businesses, and public safety personnel from other partnering agencies. NBS Division also oversees the City’s Animal Care and Control services contract, Community Cats Program, Vacant Property Program, Business License Program, Multi-Family Inspection Program, and issues Special Event Permits as well as other business-related permits. NBS Division and LASD West Hollywood Station personnel continue to work in partnership to promote neighborhood livability and address the various quality of life issues that regularly impact the West Hollywood community, including but not limited to, impacts from noise, commercial operations, vacant properties, vacation rentals, construction, property maintenance, and unpermitted vending.

### **NBS Calls for Service Statistics**

From January through December 2024, there were 7,856 requests for service. This represents a 5% decrease in comparison to the same time last year (8,304). General construction concerns, general noise concerns, short-term rental complaints, and general concerns with businesses all decreased, while vacant property concerns increased. The following chart depicts NBS calls for service for the past five years (January through December) and includes data from major case categories such as Business Concerns, Noise, Construction Concerns, and Property Maintenance. A detailed overview of all services the NBS Division provides from January through December 2024 is reflected in “Attachment E”.



## **Community Safety Technology and Equipment Updates**

### **Drone as First Responder (“DFR”) Program**

Staff is currently working on implementing the one-year DFR pilot program that was approved by the City Council in 2024. The DFR pilot program will provide LASD West Hollywood Station Deputies with decision-quality data, essential incident management information, and most importantly, an enhanced de-escalation tool. A proposed contract is being presented for consideration before the City Council on January 21, 2025. If approved, the pilot program will tentatively begin in March 2025.

### **Fixed Real-Time Cameras**

Staff is currently working on implementing the one-year fixed real-time camera pilot program, which includes a mobile security camera trailer, that was approved by the City Council in 2024. These cameras will support the LASD West Hollywood Station with any incidents in which a live camera could assist in addressing criminal activity and investigations. A proposed contract is being presented for consideration before the City Council on January 21, 2025. If approved, the pilot program will tentatively begin in March 2025.

### **Real-Time Watch Center (“RTWC”)**

The RTWC is currently being constructed at the LASD West Hollywood Station following its approval by the City Council in 2024. The RTWC will serve as the command center for approved public safety technology (e.g., DFR, ALPR cameras, fixed real-time cameras, mobile security camera trailer) and will integrate real-time data from these devices into one network in a unified manner. The RTWC is anticipated to be operational in March 2025.

### **Proactive Security Monitoring**

Staff has finalized the contract with a selected vendor to implement the proactive security camera monitoring program that the City Council approved in 2023. Fifteen (15) of the City’s existing security cameras at various public facilities including City Hall, Plummer Park, Aquatic and Recreation Center, and King’s Road Parking Garage will be proactively monitored by a contractor after hours through their real-time command

center. The command center operators will intervene when evidence of a threat is confirmed on a City security camera and can take immediate action by communicating directly through cameras informing people they are being recorded and that they are calling the appropriate authorities. The proactive security monitoring program is scheduled to be in operation in April 2025.

#### *Polaris Utility Task Vehicle (“UTV”)*

The Community Safety Department completed the purchase and is in possession of the UTV approved by the City Council in 2024. The UTV will be used during major events, such as Pride and Halloween, and provide the ability for staff to overcome mobility challenges at these large-scale events or during street closures when there are significant impacts to traffic and parking is limited. The UTV will also be used to attend meetings and programming events, when assessing and/or responding to complaints, or when patrolling to identify any issues/unpermitted activities.

#### **Non-Sworn Unarmed Program Alternative Update**

The City’s Community Safety Department, in partnership with the LASD West Hollywood Station, finalized its review into a non-sworn unarmed Community Safety Officer (CSO) program that various cities have in place to supplement sworn law enforcement services. CSO programs support and enhance the services provided by sworn law enforcement officers, such as LASD West Hollywood Station Deputies, to increase the safety and well-being of the communities they serve. CSO’s can respond to non-emergency calls and complete reports on their own without the need for a sworn law enforcement response, such as a commercial or residential burglary where an owner learns their home or business was broken into, and property was stolen. CSO’s can also be trained in fingerprinting and DNA collection which aids in the investigation and efficient apprehension of suspects that have committed crimes. This collaborative approach has proven to enhance faster service to the community because it allows sworn law enforcement officers (LASD West Hollywood Station Deputies) the ability to be more proactive and on patrol able to respond more quickly to emergency calls. A review of a proposed CSO program is being presented to the City Council for discussion on January 21, 2025.

## **Community Safety Training**

### LASD Community Academy

In 2024, the LASD West Hollywood Station facilitated one Community Academy. This community training is intended to provide members of the public with insight into the LASD policies/processes and West Hollywood Station operations. More information will be provided to the community by the West Hollywood Station about the dates for the next Community Academy being offered in 2025.

### Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”)

A CERT training was held by the LACoFD in September 2024 at the City’s West Hollywood Park Aquatic and Recreation Center. CERT training focuses on teaching individuals how to respond effectively to disasters, including basic first aid, search and rescue operations, fire safety, and how to handle hazardous materials. This training empowers community members to provide immediate assistance to their families, neighbors, and communities in the aftermath of an emergency. It also fosters a sense of preparedness, community resilience, and collaboration. CERT-trained individuals play a vital role in supporting local emergency services and helping to reduce the burden on first responders during critical times.

There will be two CERT training sessions offered for 2025 and communicated to the community when available. To sign up for this training, please contact the City’s Community Safety Department by email at [safety@weho.org](mailto:safety@weho.org).

### Active Shooter Training

In December 2024, the City held an Active Shooter Training for the community that focused on best practices, situational awareness, and responding to injuries in the event of such a situation. Community members were able to gain valuable information and training and ask questions on how best to prepare for such an emergency.

### CPR/First Aid/AED

The City hosted a free CPR/First Aid/AED certification training in December 2024 at the City’s West Hollywood Park Aquatic and Recreation Center. There will be training sessions scheduled for 2025 and communicated to the community when available. To

sign up for this training, please contact the City's Community Safety Department by email at [safety@weho.org](mailto:safety@weho.org).

## **Community Safety Engagement**

### *Public Safety Awards Ceremony*

In March 2024, the City's Community Safety Department held the first public safety awards event at the City Council Chambers. This event was a City Council initiative and will be held once a year to recognize our public safety partners. Representatives from the LASD, LACoFD, and BBB Security Ambassador program were present to receive awards for going above and beyond the call of duty.

### *Public Safety Open House*

In May 2024, the City's Community Safety Department held the first public safety open house at Plummer Park. This event was a Public Safety Commission initiative and will be held once a year to invite community members to meet with and learn more about our public safety partners at the LASD, LACoFD, and BBB Security Ambassador program. The NBS Division was also in attendance and will be present at this event.

### *Civic Leadership Academies*

In May and October 2024, the Community Safety Department along with the LASD, LACoFD, and BBB Security Ambassador program presented to the West Hollywood Civic Leadership Academy. This group was comprised of community members wanting to learn more about and get involved in City government. Both presentations also included a tour of the LASD West Hollywood Station and LACoFD Fire Station 7.

### *National Night Out*

The City celebrated National Night Out in August 2024. This nationwide event promotes public safety and neighborhood partnerships. Throughout the City, there was nine ("9") events hosted that evening. Neighbors and public safety partners came together to show unity in keeping the community a safe and fun place to live.

### *Public Safety Business Townhall*

In October 2024, the Community Safety Department in collaboration with the LASD

West Hollywood Station, LACoFD, BBB Security Ambassador program, and City NBS Division hosted a Business Townhall meeting. This meeting served as an opportunity for businesses to learn of community safety related activities and share their thoughts pertaining to public safety especially as it neared the City's Halloween Carnival event.

#### *CERT Alumni Meeting*

In October 2024, the Community Safety Department held a CERT alumni meeting for West Hollywood residents that completed CERT training in past years. This meeting allowed CERT members the opportunity to stay connected, network, and discuss emergency preparedness in West Hollywood. Staff will continue to host additional alumni meetings in 2025 and will work with this group to stay connected.

#### *Public Safety Technology Townhalls*

In December 2024, the Community Safety Department in collaboration with the LASD West Hollywood Station held two (2) public safety technology townhall meetings. One (1) was offered virtually and the other was in-person. These meetings are part of the outreach phase for the approved public safety technology one-year pilot programs that were approved by the City Council in July 2024. The Public Safety Technology initiatives discussed at the meetings included the real-time watch center, fixed real-time cameras, and the use of drones as first responders. Information about what these technologies are and how they will be utilized was presented followed by an open forum with an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. Staff will continue to provide regular updates to the community as the program moves forward.

#### *Neighborhood Watch Captains Meetings*

Throughout 2024, the Community Safety Department held multiple Neighborhood Watch Captain meetings which served as a platform for fostering communication and collaboration between residents, law enforcement, and City staff. These meetings provided a space for Watch Captains to share updates, discuss safety concerns, and develop strategies to address emerging issues in their respective neighborhoods. By offering direct access to City and law enforcement personnel and fostering a sense of community engagement, these meetings help strengthen neighborhood bonds and

create a proactive approach to public safety. Through these meetings, we aim to ensure that resident's feel supported and informed in their efforts to maintain a safe community.

### Public Safety Commission ("PSC") Meetings

The PSC meets once a month at West Hollywood Park Council Chambers. The PSC is provided monthly reports from the LASD, LACoFD, and BBB Security Ambassador program. Members of the community have an opportunity to participate and provide public comment pertaining to public safety issues. For 2024, the Community Safety Department, in partnership with the LASD West Hollywood Station, implemented a series of informational presentations to the PSC that covered several topics from the LASD Mental Evaluation Team, LASD Major Crimes Bureau, LASD Detective Bureau, and UCLA Rape Treatment Center. For information about the PSC and their monthly meetings, please visit their City webpage at: <https://www.weho.org/city-government/boards-commissions/commissions/public-safety-commission>

### **West Hollywood Pride & Halloween Community Safety Collaboration**

WeHo Pride and Halloween 2024 were both vibrant and safe celebrations for the entire community. Through coordinated community safety efforts, meticulous planning, and collaboration between the LASD, LACoFD, BBB Security Ambassador program, NBS Division, and many other public safety agencies and City Departments, the City was able to ensure a secure environment, fostering inclusivity and joy throughout the festivities. This collective endeavor not only upheld the spirit of Pride and Halloween but also showcased the City's dedication to supporting diversity and public safety.

### **Community Safety Tips**

As part of the ongoing commitment to community safety, holiday safety tips were updated on the City's webpage to ensure residents were well-informed during this time of year. The holiday season often brings an increase in activities such as shopping, travel, and social gatherings, which can also lead to heightened risks, including theft. By providing up-to-date and relevant safety tips, the City empowers residents to take preventive measures to protect themselves, their families, and their property. These

updates were shared via the City and LASD West Hollywood Station social media platforms.

The City and its public safety partners remind everyone if you see something say something and immediately contact the LASD West Hollywood Station at (310) 855-8850 or, in an emergency, call 911. The LASD West Hollywood Station operates and responds to calls seven days a week 24 hours a day. For emergency services, fire safety tips, emergency preparedness information and tips, please visit [www.weho.org/publicsafety](http://www.weho.org/publicsafety). To stay informed of local public safety and emergency services related information via text, please consider registering with Nixle at the following link: <https://local.nixle.com/zipcode/90069/>. More information is available at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). The County of Los Angeles, additionally, provides emergency mass notification text messages via Alert LA County; more information is available at <https://ready.lacounty.gov/alerts>.

## **CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020 AND THE GOALS OF THE WEST**

### **HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN:**

This item is consistent with the Primary Strategic Goal(s) (PSG) and/or Ongoing Strategic Program(s) (OSP) of:

- PSG-1: Maintain the City's Unique Urban Balance with Emphasis on Residential Neighborhood Livability.
- OSP-7: Collaborative Public Safety.

In addition, this item is compliant with the following goal(s) of the West Hollywood General Plan:

- 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 PROCESSES:**

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH:**

Staff will work with relevant community safety vendors and contracted agencies to ensure that resources procured are environmentally friendly whenever possible.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

The Public Safety Commission meets monthly and provides the community an opportunity to provide input on public safety related services.

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:**

COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - LASD 2024 Report

Attachment B - LASD Crime Prevention Plan & Jewish Community Safety Plan

Attachment C - BBB Security Ambassador 2024 Report

Attachment D - LACoFD 2024 Report

Attachment E - City NBS Division 2024 Report

## APPENDIX 1A – LASD Sheriff's Station Overview

### West Hollywood Sheriff's Station

Part 1 Crime decreased 11% for January through December 2024 versus January through December 2023. Total Theft (Grand Theft, Petty Theft, and Vehicle Burglary) accounted for 66% of all Part 1 Crime and those crime categories, especially Grand and Petty Theft, continue to drive the Part 1 Crime totals.

In the West District, there was a 3% decrease in Part 1 Crimes. Vehicle Burglaries (-61%) also dropped significantly and the more serious crimes of Aggravated Assault (+3%) and Armed Robbery (+10%) showed an increase. The West District, with 1,247 Part 1 Crimes, accounted for 58% of all Part 1 Crime in the City.

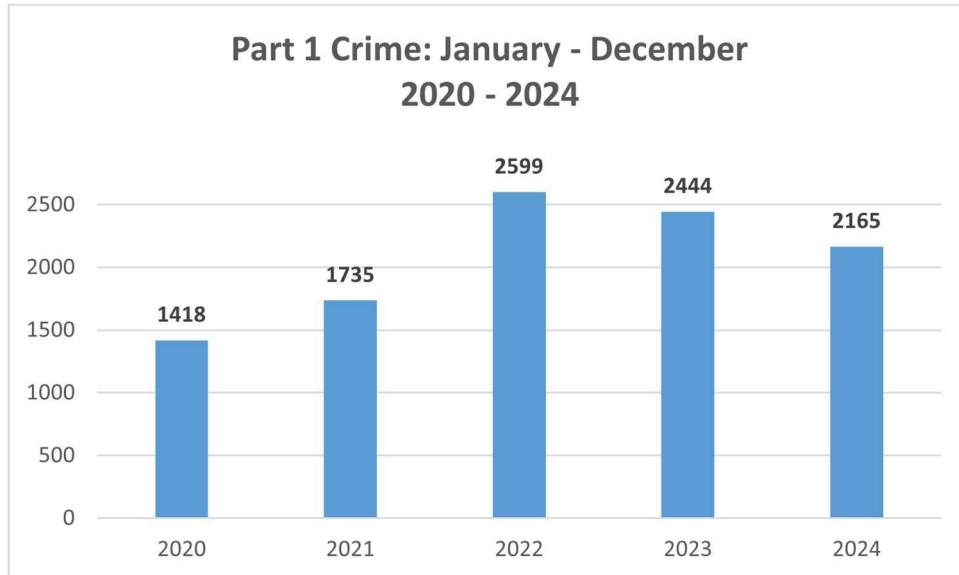
The City Center decreased with a -23% reduction in Part 1 Crimes compared to last year. Aggravated Assaults (+32%) and Amed Robberies (+85%) increased while Strong Arm Robberies (-53%) decreased. Station personnel will work to reduce those totals due to the serious nature of Armed Robberies and Aggravated Assaults. Additionally, Other Burglaries (-34%) was shown to have a decrease. With 398 Part 1 Crimes, the City Center accounted for 18% of all Part 1 Crime in the City.

In the East District, Part 1 Crime decreased -18% when compared to the same period in 2023 and the East District was the only area of the city to only show increase in Residential Burglaries by (+4%). Strong Arm Robberies (-50%) and Vehicle Burglaries (-47%) decreased dramatically. However, there were decreases in every crime category. With 520 Part 1 Crimes, the East District accounts for 24% of all Part 1 Crimes.

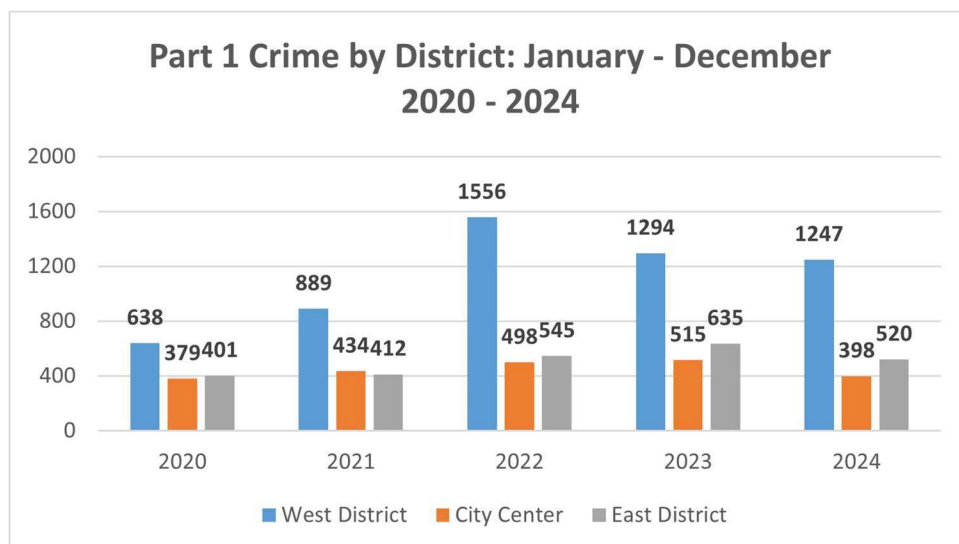
The following pages summarize crime statistics and station activity primarily for January through December of 2024.

**Part 1 Crime**

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



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



Citywide, Part 1 Crime decreased 11% when compared to the same period last year.

Part I Crime - Whole City	January - December 2023	January - December 2024	% Change
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	200.00%
<b>Rape</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	-13.33%
<b>Assault, Aggravated</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>164</b>	8.61%
<b>Robbery Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>106</b>	-18.46%
-Robbery, Armed	42	43	2.38%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	88	63	-28.41%
<b>Burglary Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>292</b>	-19.78%
-Burglary, Residence	96	107	11.46%
-Burglary, Other	268	185	-30.97%
<b>Theft Total</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>1441</b>	-9.48%
-Grand Theft	603	480	-20.40%
-Vehicle Burglary	347	172	-50.43%
-Locker Burglary	7	2	-71.43%
-Petty Theft	635	787	23.94%
<b>Grand Theft Auto</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>128</b>	-20.00%
<b>Arson</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	-64.71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2444</b>	<b>2165</b>	-11.42%

Looking at the three areas of the City separately, Part 1 Crime in the West District decreased -3% when comparing January – December 2023 to January – December 2024. Grand Theft Auto, which decreased (-5%) and Vehicle Burglary (-61%) showed the major reductions.

Part I Crime - West District	January - December 2023	January - December 2024	% Change
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	N/C
<b>Rape</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	13.33%
<b>Assault, Aggravated</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>80</b>	3.90%
<b>Robbery Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	5.00%
-Robbery, Armed	20	22	10.00%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	40	41	2.50%
<b>Burglary Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>130</b>	-18.24%
-Burglary, Residence	46	59	28.26%
-Burglary, Other	113	71	-37.17%
<b>Theft Total</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>906</b>	-2.16%
-Grand Theft	408	337	-17.40%
-Vehicle Burglary	151	58	-61.59%
-Locker Burglary	6	3	-50.00%
-Petty Theft	361	508	40.72%
<b>Grand Theft Auto</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	-5.56%
<b>Arson</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-66.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>1247</b>	-3.63%

The City Center had a 22% reduction in Part 1 Crime when compared to the same period last year. Armed Robberies (+85%) increased and is the primary area of concern.

Part I Crime - City Center	January - December 2023	January - December 2024	% Change
<b>Homicide</b>	0	1	100.00%
<b>Rape</b>	10	7	-30.00%
<b>Assault, Aggravated</b>	31	41	32.26%
<b>Robbery Total</b>	20	19	-5.00%
-Robbery, Armed	7	13	85.71%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	13	6	-53.85%
<b>Burglary Total</b>	119	86	-27.73%
-Burglary, Residence	25	24	-4.00%
-Burglary, Other	94	62	-34.04%
<b>Theft Total</b>	284	205	-27.82%
-Grand Theft	95	52	-45.26%
-Vehicle Burglary	93	60	-35.48%
-Locker Burglary	1	0	N/C
-Petty Theft	95	93	-2.11%
<b>Grand Theft Auto</b>	46	36	-21.74%
<b>Arson</b>	5	3	-40.000%
<b>Total</b>	515	398	-22.72%

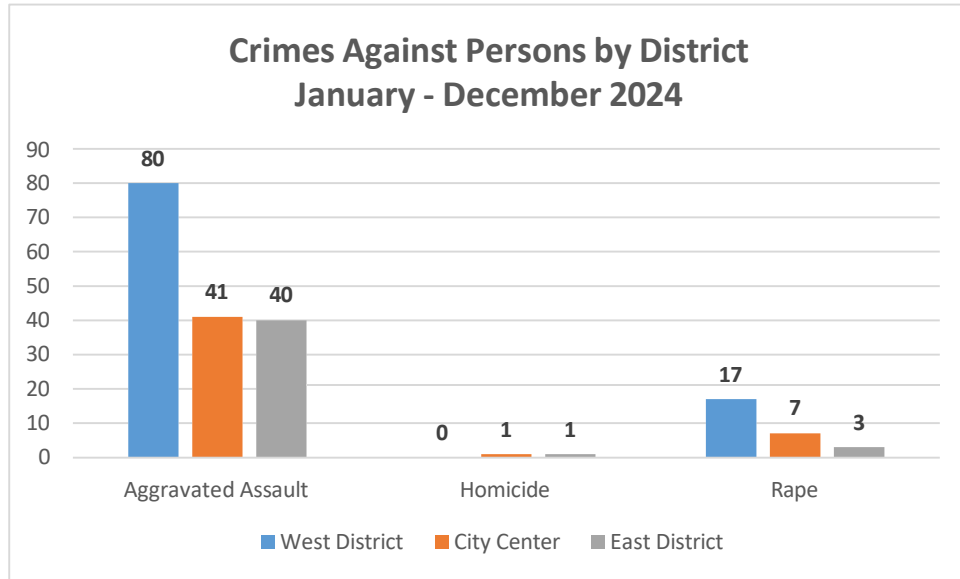
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The East District had a (-18%) decrease in Part 1 Crime when compared to the same period last year. Vehicle Burglaries decreased (-47%) and Strong-Arm Robberies (-50%) decreased substantially.

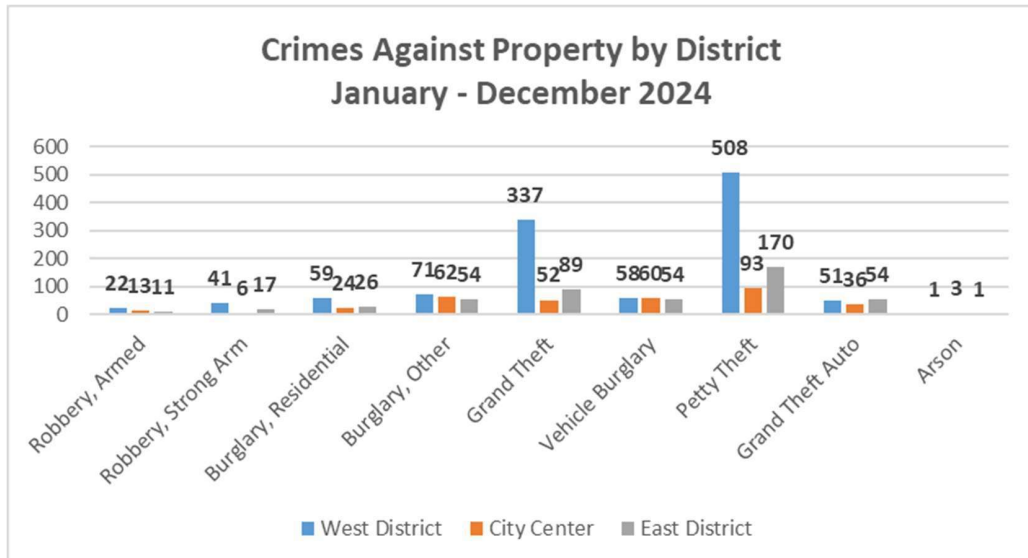
Part I Crime - East District	January - December 2023	January - December 2024	% Change
<b>Homicide</b>	0	1	100.00%
<b>Rape</b>	5	3	-40.00%
<b>Assault, Aggravated</b>	43	40	-6.98%
<b>Robbery Total</b>	50	28	-44.00%
-Robbery, Armed	16	11	-31.25%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	34	17	-50.00%
<b>Burglary Total</b>	86	80	-6.98%
-Burglary, Residence	25	26	4.00%
-Burglary, Other	61	54	-11.48%
<b>Theft Total</b>	382	313	-18.06%
-Grand Theft	100	89	-11.00%
-Vehicle Burglary	103	54	-47.57%
-Locker Burglary	0	0	0.00%
-Petty Theft	179	170	-5.03%
<b>Grand Theft Auto</b>	60	54	-10.00%
<b>Arson</b>	9	1	-88.89%
<b>Total</b>	635	520	-18.11%

\*N/C = not calculable

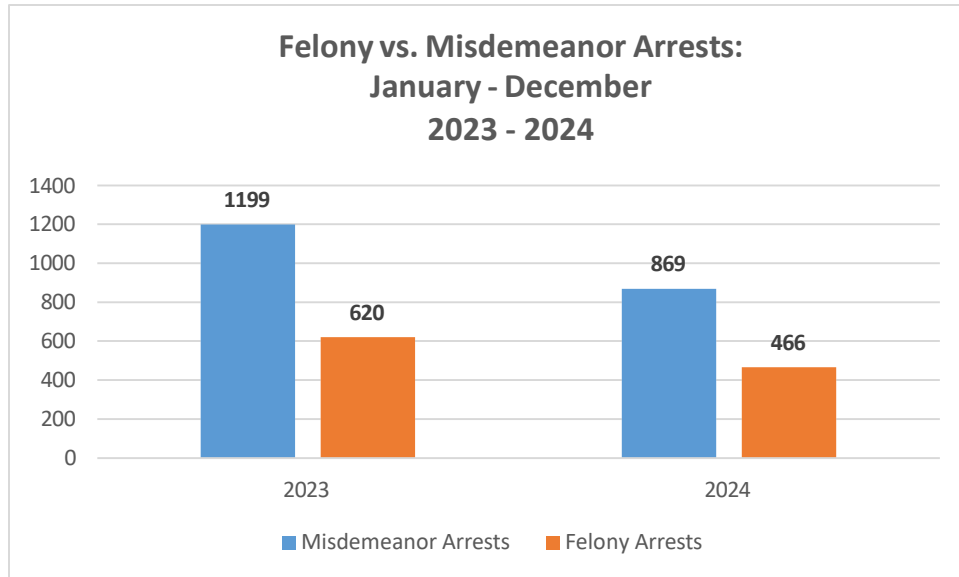
The following chart depicts crimes against persons, broken down by district, for January - December 2024.



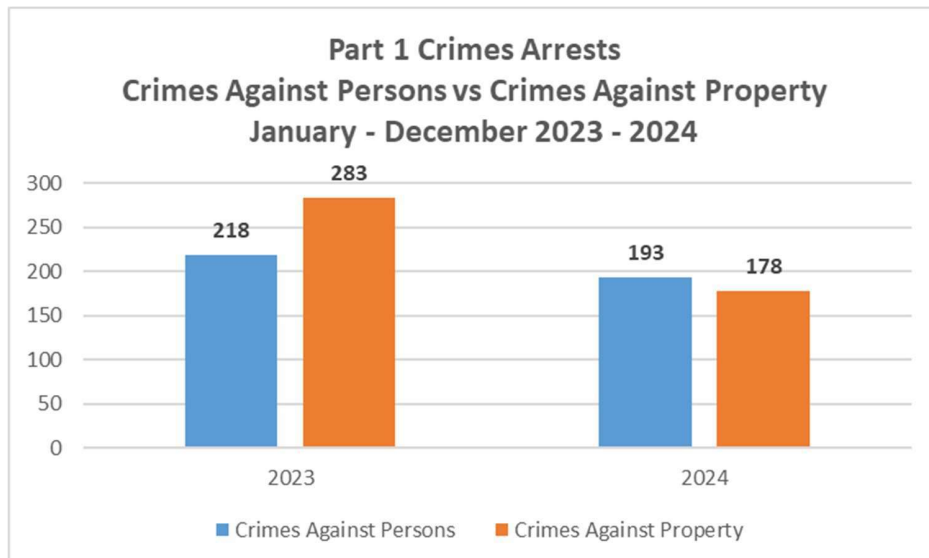
The following chart depicts crimes against property, broken down by district, for January - December 2024.



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

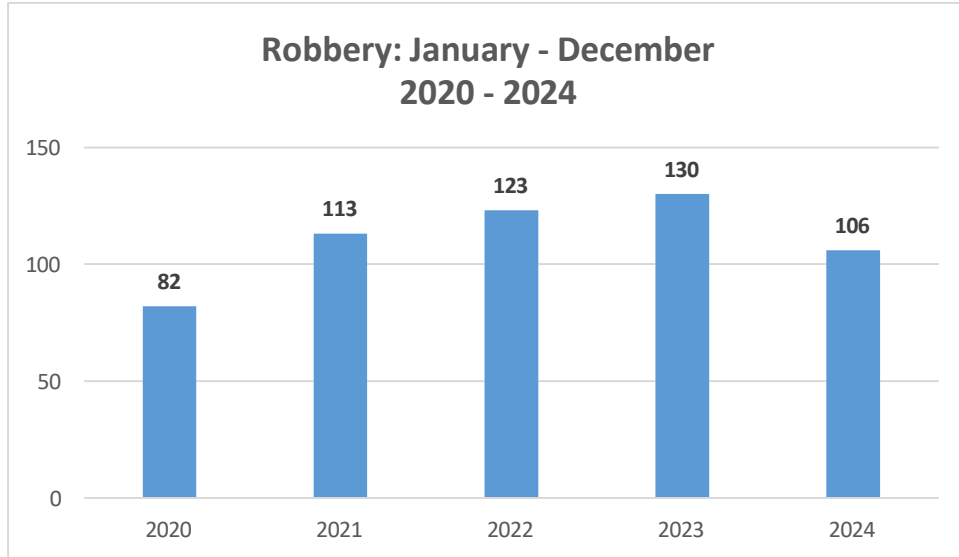


The following chart depicts the number of Part 1 Crime arrests for Crimes against Persons (i.e., Homicide, Rape, and Aggravated Assaults) versus those for Crimes against Property (i.e., Robbery, Burglary, Grand Theft, Petty Theft, Grand Theft Auto and Arson) for January - December of the last two years.

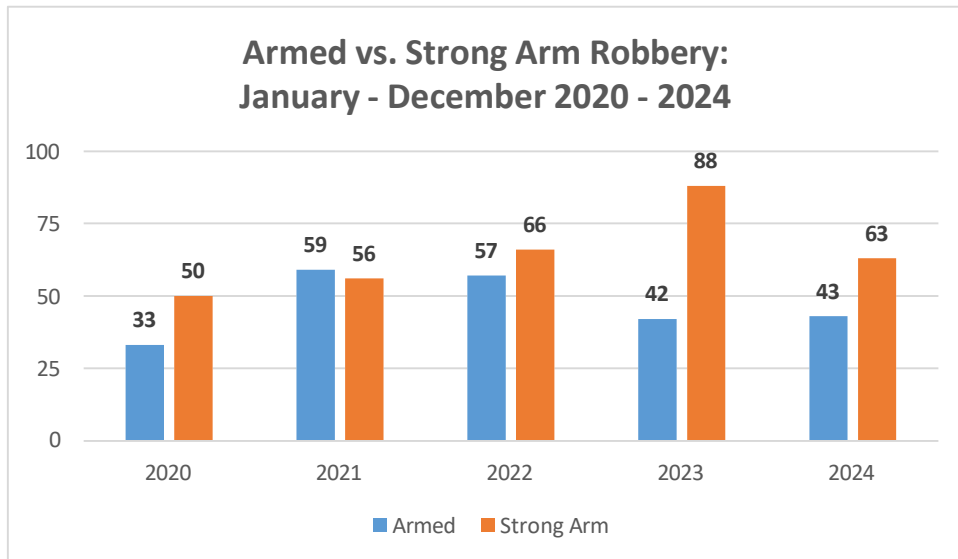


## **Robbery**

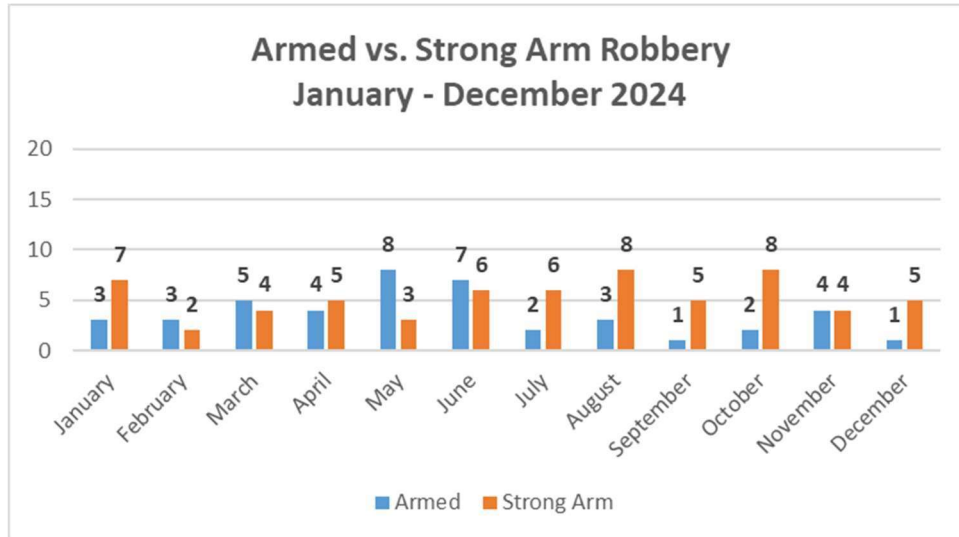
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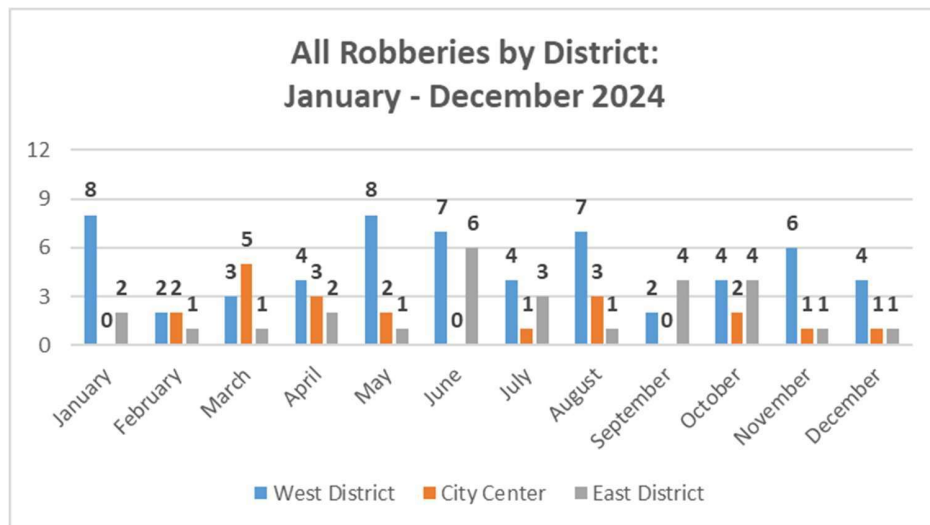
The following chart compares the number of Armed Robberies vs. Strong Arm Robberies during January - December for the last five years.



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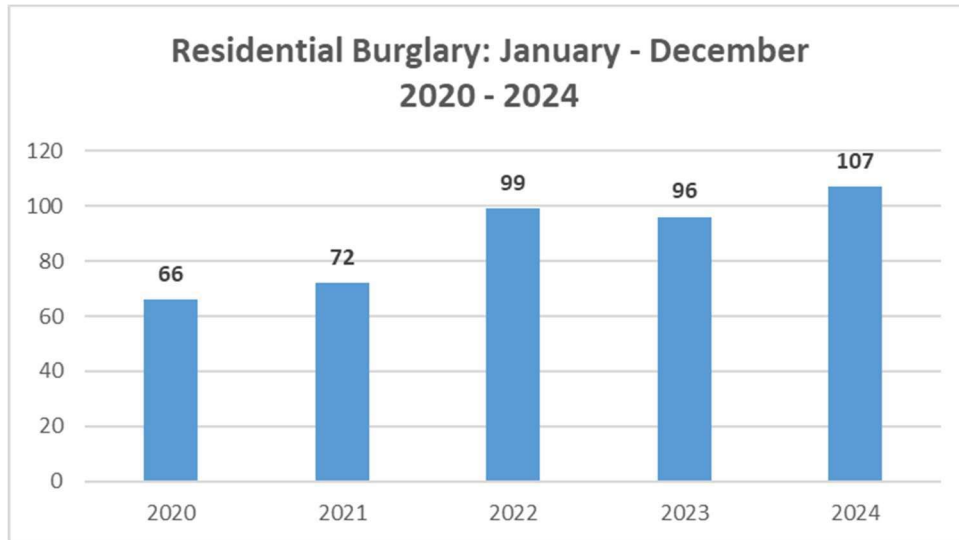


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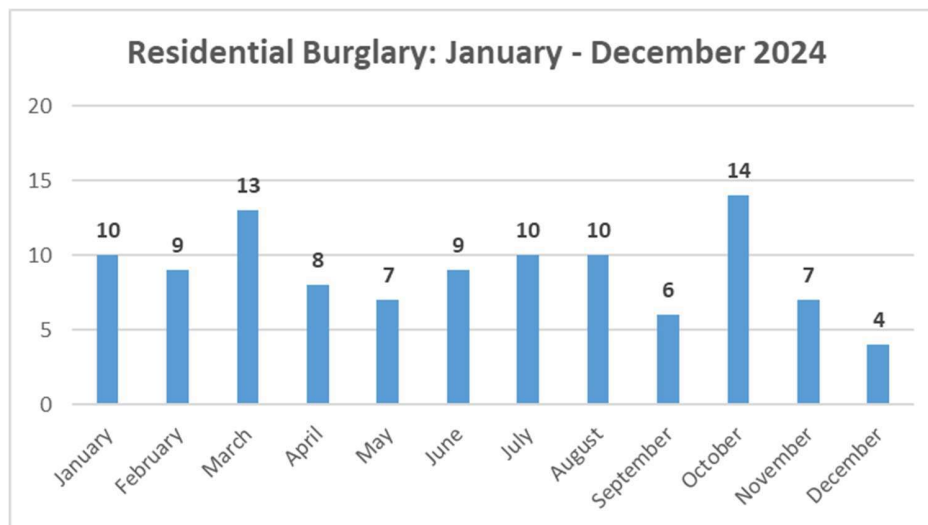


## **Residential Burglary**

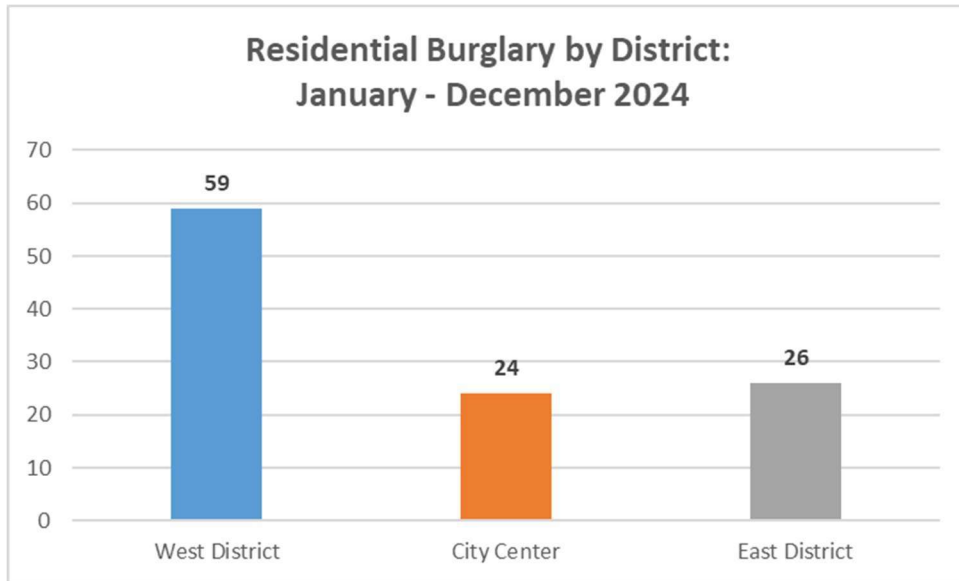
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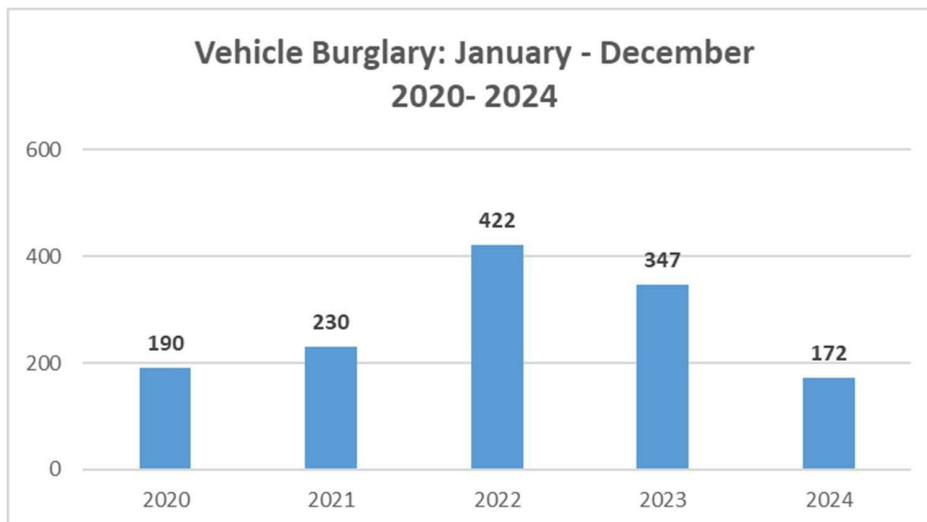


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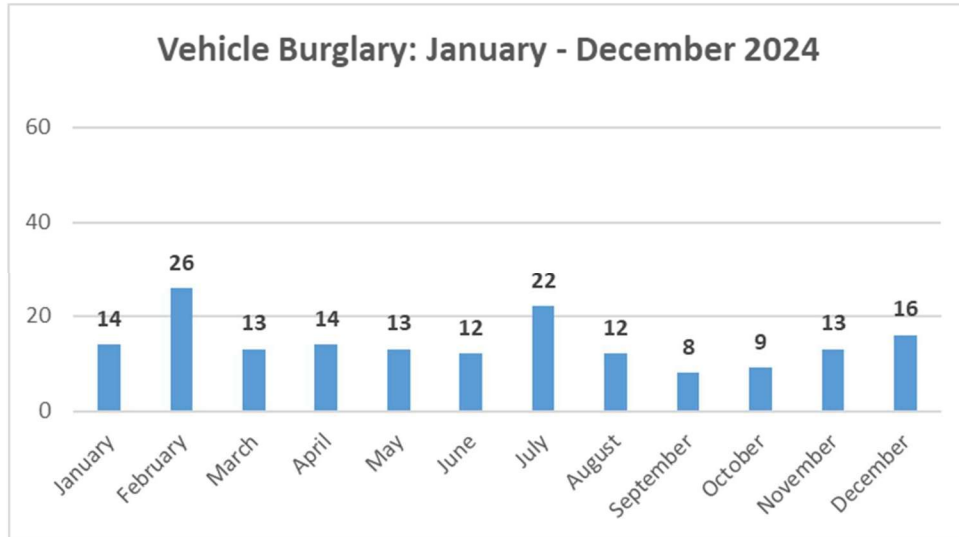


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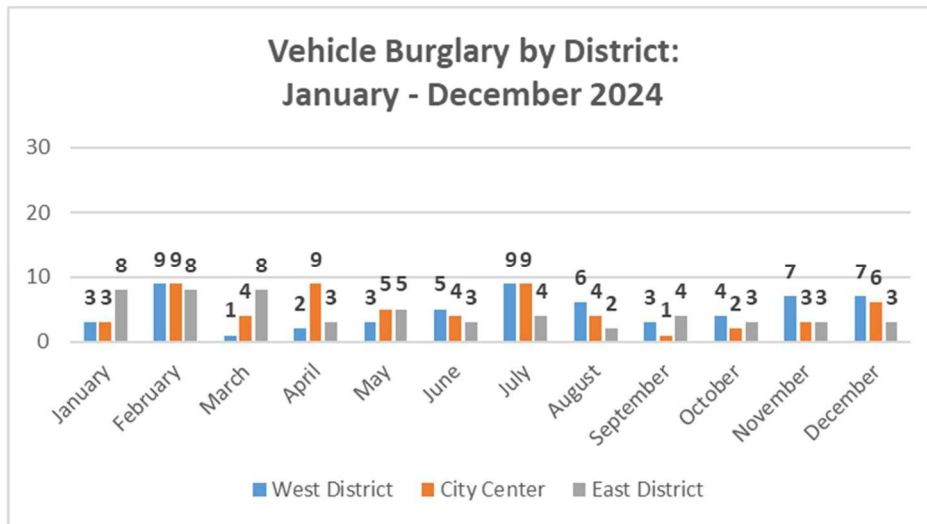
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The following chart shows Vehicle Burglaries by month for January - December 2024.

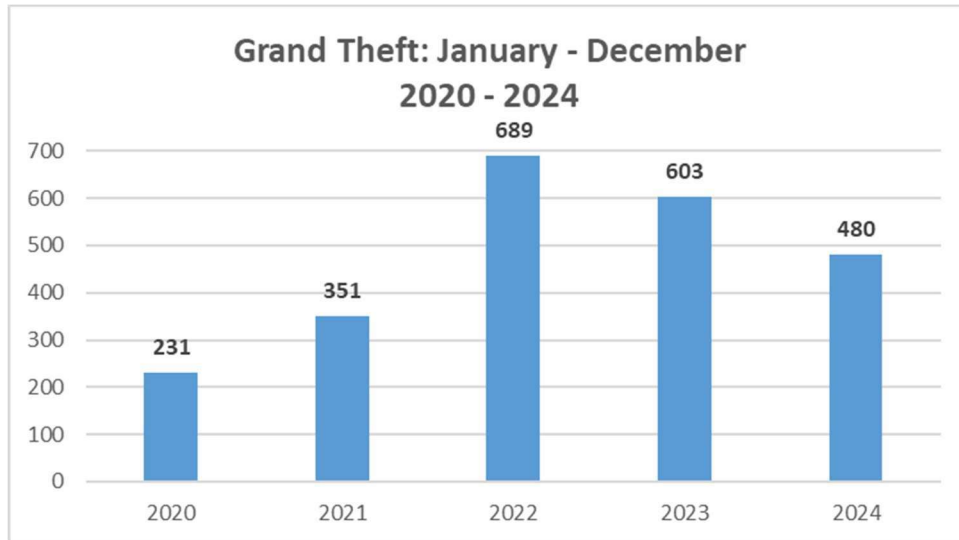


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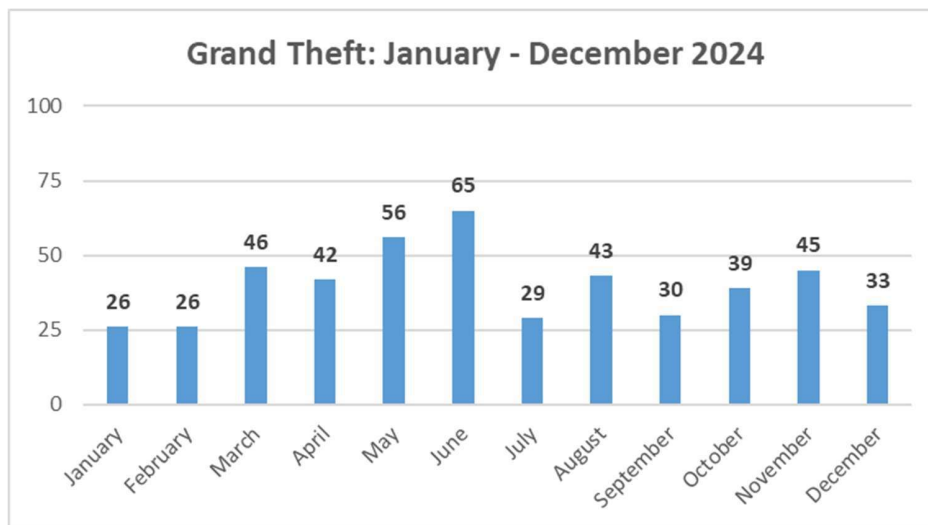


## Grand Theft

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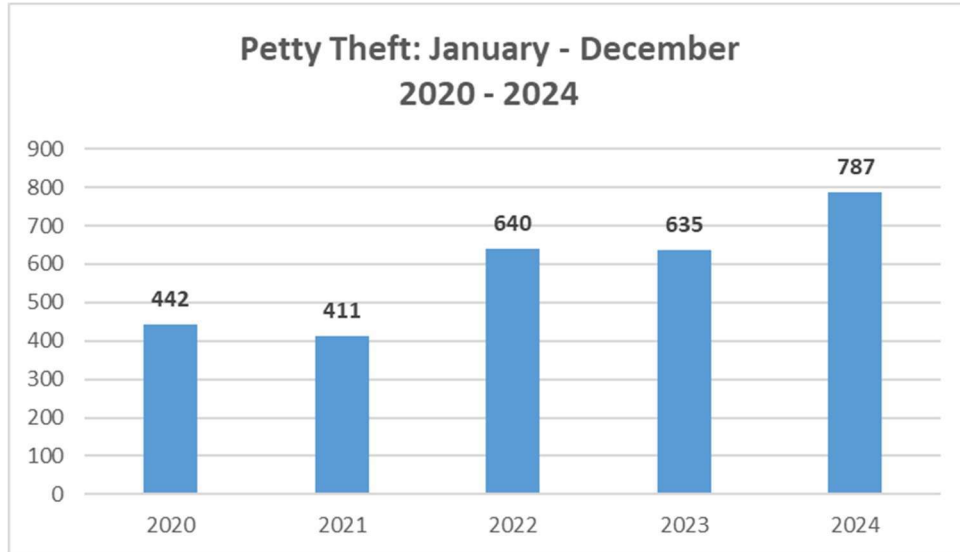


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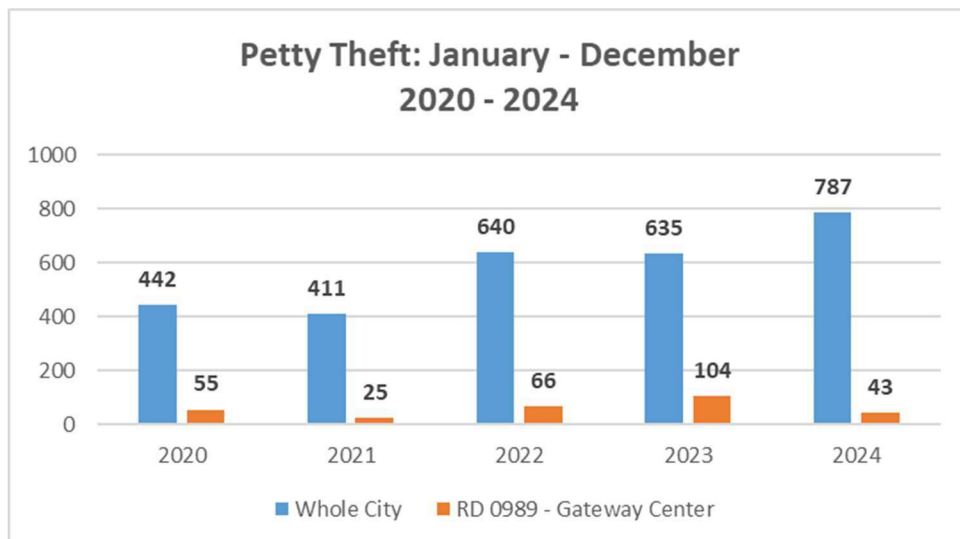


## Petty Theft

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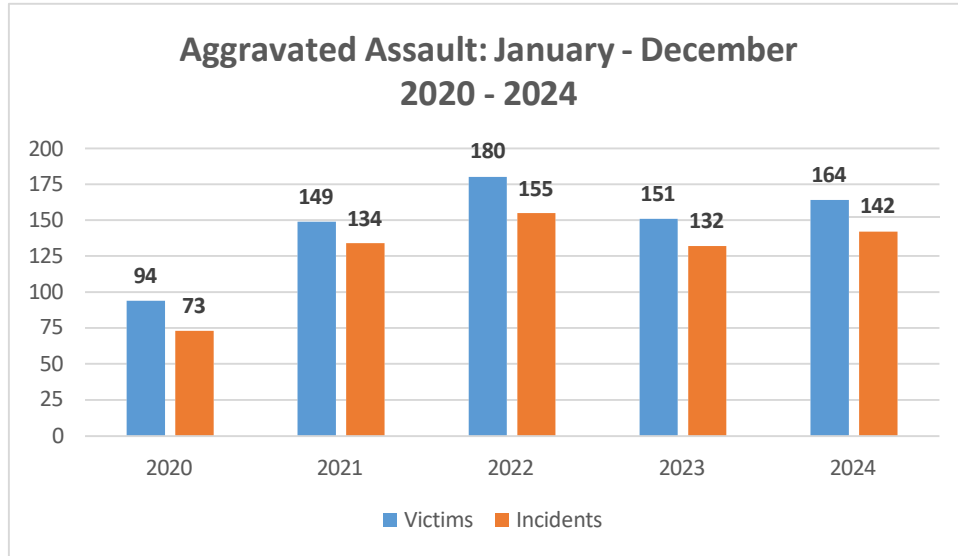


The following chart compares Petty Thefts over the last five years for the entire City vs. Petty Thefts for Reporting District 0989 (Gateway Center) only.



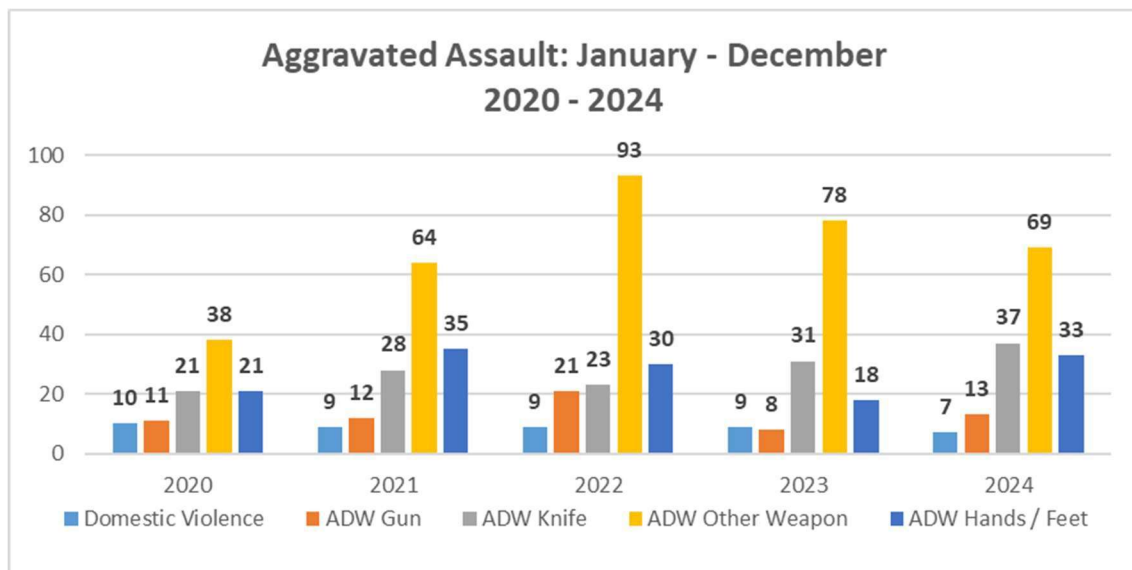
## Aggravated Assaults

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



\* Includes Aggravated Assaults against Police Officers and Child Assaults.

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



\* Aggravated Assaults against Police Officers and Child Assaults are not depicted.

The following chart shows Domestic Violence Incidents broken down by gender for January - December 2024. It should be noted, the Male - Female category does not denote a male suspect and female victim.

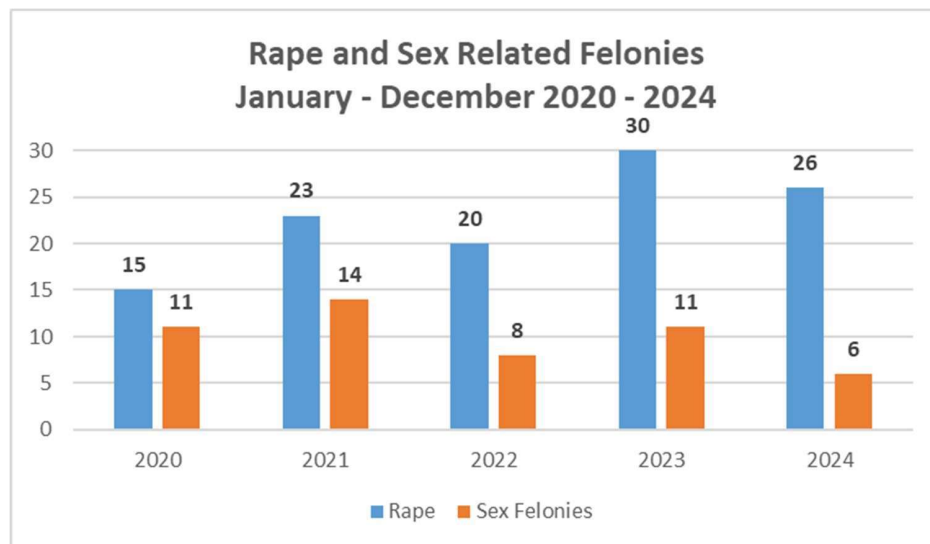
2024 (01/01 - 12/31) DV Incidents	Female - Female	Male - Female	Male - Male	Total	2023 Total	% Change
<b>Criminal DV Incidents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0.72%</b>
Assault, Aggravated	0	5	3	8	11	-27.27%
Assault, Non-Aggravated	3	79	49	131	127	3.15%
<b>Non-Criminal DV Incidents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>93.33%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>9.80%</b>

**Assault - Aggravated:** This category includes assaults by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury (broken bones, internal injuries, or injuries requiring stitches).

**Assault - Non Aggravated:** This category includes all assaults which involve the use of a personal weapon (such as hands, fist, or feet) and in which there were no serious or aggravated injuries to the victim.

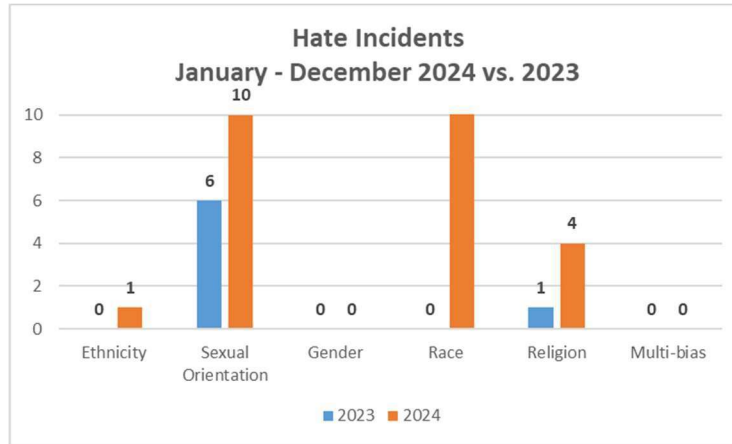
### Rape & Sex Related Felonies

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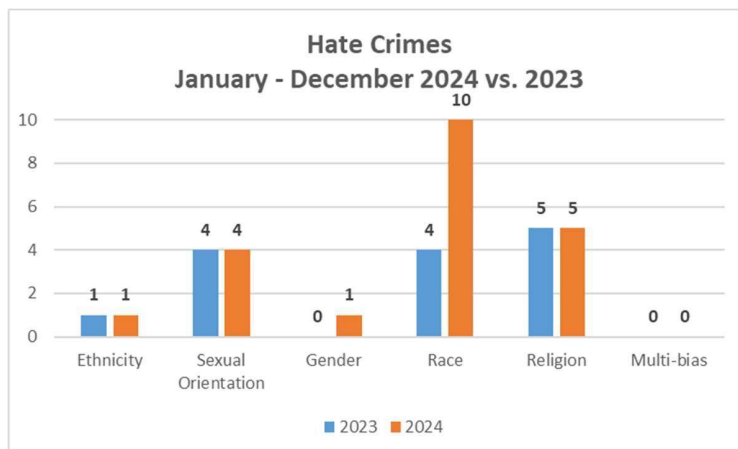


## Hate Incidents & Hate Crimes

The following chart depicts the number of Hate Incidents for January – December of the last two years. A Hate “**Incident**” is any non-criminal act, including words, directed at a person or group, and motivated by a bias against that person or group, based on race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability. Hate incidents include, but are not limited to an utterance of epithets, distribution of hate materials in public places, posting of hate materials without causing property damage, and the display of offensive materials on one’s own property.



The following chart depicts the number of Hate Crimes for January – December of the last two years. A Hate “**Crime**” is any criminal act or attempted act directed toward (1) a person or group, motivated by bias against that person or group’s (actual or perceived) race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender (including trans-gender) or disability (including mental), or a person’s association with any of the aforementioned protected groups or (2) a public agency or private institution, motivated by the fact that the agency or institution is identified or associated with an identifiable protected characteristic (i.e., race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability).



The following is a list of Part II Crimes for January - December 2024.

<b>PART II CRIME (January - December)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
FORGERY	3	24	700.00%
FRAUD	192	141	-26.56%
IDENTITY THEFT	15	44	193.33%
SEX OFFENSES - FELONIES	9	4	-55.56%
SEX OFFENSES - MISDEMEANOR	57	46	-19.30%
ASSAULT, NON-AGGRAVATED	254	277	9.06%
DOMESTIC ASSAULT, NON-AGGRAVATED	125	117	-6.40%
ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER	22	11	-50.00%
WEAPON LAWS	51	42	-17.65%
DEFRAUDING INN KEEPER	13	16	23.08%
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	8	2	-75.00%
FELONY SALE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	12	18	50.00%
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF NARCOTIC	69	40	-42.03%
FELONY POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	9	5	-44.44%
MISDEMEANOR POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	87	89	2.30%
FOUND NARCOTICS	7	11	57.14%
LIQUOR LAWS	0	0	#DIV/0!
DRUNK	63	66	4.76%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	27	18	-33.33%
VAGRANCY	2	1	-50.00%
GAMBLING	0	0	0.00%
DRUNK DRIVING	84	36	-57.14%
VEHICLE LAWS - MISDEMEANOR HIT AND RUN	320	242	-24.38%
VEHICLE LAWS - FELONY HIT AND RUN	22	36	63.64%
VEHICLE / BOATING LAWS FELONY	11	3	-72.73%
VEHICLE / BOATING LAWS MISDEMEANOR	191	133	-30.37%
VANDALISM - MISDEMEANOR	81	95	17.28%
VANDALISM - FELONY	240	227	-5.42%
VANDALISM - GRAFFITI / TAGGING	14	11	-21.43%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	1	1	0.00%
FEDERAL OFFENSES	1	0	-100.00%
FELONIES - MISCELLANEOUS	73	71	-2.74%
MISDEMEANORS, MISCELLANEOUS: TRESPASSING	39	33	-15.38%
MISDEMEANORS, MISCELLANEOUS: ALL OTHERS	111	104	-6.31%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2213</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>-11.25%</b>

## **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 supervisors, Lieutenant Fanny Lapkin and Sergeant Jason Duron. The CIT collectively manages community concerns and promotes crime prevention through a variety of intervention and enforcement techniques. Team members work with Residential and Commercial Code Compliance, Animal Control, Human Services & Rent Stabilization Department, and many other City staff to address the quality of life concerns.

The Entertainment Policing Team continues its work on Sunset Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, and Robertson Boulevard. Entertainment Policing deputies primarily focus on “entertainment” and “alcohol” related law enforcement issues in the city. On a nightly basis, they actively patrol over ninety bars, nightclubs, and hotels.

As part of their regular duties, EPT handles crowd control issues and Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) enforcement. EPT also works closely with the Sunset Strip Business Association (SSBA), their related security detail, SSBA members, and City Code Enforcement Officers through specialized operations. The deputies also enforce the codes concerning loud music/party and other quality of life issues. Another aspect of their duties includes assisting the West Hollywood Detective Bureau by documenting and monitoring crime trends, probationers, and parolees in the City’s limits.

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 Team issues vehicle citations, tows vehicles, and completes many field investigations and arrests. The Teams responsibilities have been to include addressing the criminal transient issues such as drinking in public, public urination, drug usage, littering, trespassing, theft, panhandling, and misuse of public facilities.

The COPPS Team remains committed to collaborating with City officials, residents, and businesses to solve community concerns. Team members also worked with several Neighborhood Watch groups addressing residents’ concerns, including criminal transient issues such as drinking in public, public urination, drug usage, littering, trespassing, theft, panhandling, and misuse of public facilities. Team members not only make arrests for violations of law, but also provide information and assistance regarding shelters, medical attention, jobs, and substance use disorder education. In addition, the COPPS team conducts numerous park patrols and works closely with local businesses to address their concerns and institute a “Letter of Agency” where appropriate. A “Letter of Agency” gives the Sheriff’s Department the authority to enforce trespassing on private property.

The City created a new program to help address the issue of people experiencing homelessness in our Community. The program is called CARE Teams. The CIT Team continues to collaborate with members of the CARE Team in an effort to assist people experiencing homelessness.

The CIT Team continues their partnership with Tarzana Treatment Center to provide substance use disorder treatment. This provides a wonderful opportunity and second chance for people in our Community, suffering with substance use disorder, to receive help.

The following is a list of CIT activities for January – December 2023 vs. January – December 2024.

CIT Activity	January - December 2023	January - December 2024	% Change
CARE Homeless outreach Operations	23	12	-47.83%
CIT Calls for Service	1,079	961	-10.94%
City Quality of Life Requests	563	1010	79.40%
Code Compliance Issues	51	33	-35.29%
Detective Bureau Operations	24	32	33.33%
Felony Arrests	128	61	-52.34%
Homelessness Meetings	6	5	-16.67%
Misc. Vehicle Code Citations	109	85	-22.02%
Misdemeanor Arrests	286	87	-69.58%
NARCO Operation / Search Warrant	11	9	-18.18%
Neighborhood Watch/Community Safety Meetings	37	30	-18.92%
Park Security Meetings	2	4	100.00%
Probation / Parole Compliance Searches	0	0	0.00%
Robbery Suppression Operations	14	12	-14.29%
School Presentations	12	12	0.00%
Senior Safety Meetings	3	4	33.33%
Tobacco Grant	19	15	-21.05%
Vacant Properties Meetings	18	13	-27.78%
Vacant Property Patrol Checks	1,120	788	-29.64%
Vehicle Burglary Suppression	14	13	-7.14%

## **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 (1) Lieutenant, three (2) Sergeants, ten (10) Detectives, one (1) Acting Crime Analyst, and one (1) professional staff. 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. Between January and December 2024, the Detective Bureau received 844 active criminal cases, which is a 4% reduction from 880 active cases during January to December 2023. During that time frame, the Detective Bureau also investigated 20 reports of possible drink spiking occurring at local clubs and private residences within the City.

Through investigations, the Detective Bureau is responsible for the identification and apprehension of criminals, recovery of property, and the identification and preservation of evidence. One detective is assigned to monitor and conduct annual registration of sex crime offenders who are registered within the City of West Hollywood. With several neighboring law enforcement agencies, the Detective Bureau participates in a multi-agency collaboration (both state and federal) in sharing 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 assist in solving cases. The Detective Bureau continues to maintain a close working relationship with community members and Neighborhood Watch groups. They also work closely with the West Hollywood EPT and COPPS Teams.

Below are a few noteworthy cases Detective Bureau investigated between January and December 2024.

Between March 15, 2024 and May 19, 2024 several armed robberies/ kidnapping occurred at "G&M Oil" located at 7960 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood. In all four incidents the suspect approached register counter and spoke with the employee. The suspect lifted his shirt and revealed a black semi-automatic handgun from his waistband. The suspect requested the victim to give him the money from the register and lottery scratchers. Fearing for his safety, the victim complied. The suspect ordered the victim to walk southbound on Edinburgh St with him and count to 60.

Detectives contacted the California Lottery Investigators and obtained a detailed list tracking the stolen scratchers and indicated where the suspect had redeemed them. Detectives obtained surveillance video of the suspect redeeming the stolen lottery scratchers, which showed detailed facial features. During one of the robberies the suspect was seen using a wheelchair as he entered the store. The wheelchair was left behind by the suspect and was eventually processed for touch DNA.

On September 10, 2024, Detectives received a Data Bank Hit Notification. The notification provided information regarding the DNA located on the wheelchair used by the suspect during the commission of the crime. The DNA Hit Notification provided the name of the suspect. The suspect was currently in the LA County Jail for similar crimes. The suspect admitted to committing the crimes being investigated.

On September 14, 2024, a series of violent and unprovoked assaults occurred in the City of West Hollywood. During those assaults, the victims and witnesses identified the suspect who appeared to be transient. The suspect fled the area and was not apprehended. He was described as approximately 5'10" with an athletic build and a short beard. He was shirtless and wore a white backward hat and grey pants. The assaults ranged from simple battery, assault with a deadly weapon, and attempted murder, where the victim sustained significant injuries and was hospitalized for an extended time. Following the attacks, Detectives and assisting Station personnel obtained surveillance footage from several businesses and observed the suspect quickly moving eastbound on Santa Monica Boulevard. Detectives were able to identify distinctive facial and body features and clothing. Detectives created crime bulletins and shared photographs and videos with local media to locate the suspect. On October 18, 2024, personnel from the West Hollywood Station Entertainment Policing Team observed a male Black individual they recognized as the suspect in the above attacks. Detectives conducted follow-up investigations with victims and witnesses who identified the suspect. Detectives filed the case with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, who filed Attempted Murder and additional charges.

### **Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)/ FLOCK**

The City has implemented 39 FLOCK ALPR cameras. These fixed ALPR cameras were installed at various locations throughout the City and are a valuable resource for the Sheriff's Station. ALPR cameras help capture thousands of license plates as vehicles travel through our patrol area. These systems have been 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 to the crime being investigated or additional crimes in other jurisdictions.

ALPR Reads - January - December 2024		
	Station – Direction – Street – Intersection – Lane #	Detections
1	WHD_WB_SntMonicaBl_LBreaAv_Ln1	2,992,579
2	WHD_SB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln2	2,016,774
3	WHD_NB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln2	1,857,588
4	WHD_NB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln1	1,662,724
5	WHD_WB_SntMonicaBl_LBreaAv_Ln1	1,029,738
6	WHD_SB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln3	64,533
7	WHD_NB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln3	51,292
8	WHD_WB_SntMonicaBl_LBreaAv_Ln2	39,254
	<b>Total Detections</b>	<b>9,714,482</b>

## APPENDIX 1D – Traffic Division

The Traffic Division monitors general traffic issues and consists of (1) Sergeant, two (2) Traffic Motor Deputies, eight (8) Traffic Enforcement cars, two (2) Traffic Detectives, and one (1) professional staff. The field units monitor traffic patterns throughout the City and conduct special enforcement operations in problem areas. Traffic personnel are typically the initial on-scene investigators at any collision scene.

The following is a list of activities for the Traffic Division comparing January - December 2023 to January - December of 2024:

Type of Case	January - December 2023	January - December 2024	% Change
Traffic Collision Investigations	848	897	5.78%
Fatal Traffic Collision Investigations	0	2	200.00%
Traffic Collision Investigations Involving Injury	261	254	-2.68%
Traffic Collision Investigations Involving Non-Injury	587	494	-15.84%
DUI Traffic Collision Investigations	54	19	-64.81%
Traffic Collision Investigations - Pedestrians vs. Vehicle	44	47	6.82%
Traffic Collision Investigations - Bicyclists vs. Vehicle	15	15	0.00%
Hit and Run Traffic Collision Investigations	163	184	12.88%
Total Citations Written	3,712	4,109	10.70%
DUI Arrests	89	50	-43.82%
Speeding Citations	46	123	167.39%
Cellular Phone – Talking	51	67	31.37%
Cellular Phone – Texting	175	466	166.29%

The number of DUI traffic collision investigations decreased 64%, and the number of DUI arrests decreased 43%. The Traffic Division has taken a proactive approach to combat 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 Division aims to reduce DUI's even more in the months to follow. The implementation of DUI checkpoints by Traffic Services Division along with their conducting numerous traffic enforcement operations within the City limits has helped in this regard.

Traffic Collisions by Street January - December 2024			
Street	Total Collisions	Injury Collisions	Fatal Collisions
Fountain Avenue	25	14	1
San Vicente Blvd	50	19	1
Santa Monica Blvd	92	24	0
Sunset Blvd	50	19	0

## High Incidence Intersections Report January - December 2024

Rank	Intersection	Total Collisions
1	Santa Monica Blvd / Fairfax Avenue	9
2	San Vicente Blvd / Melrose Avenue	6
2	Sunset Blvd (E) / Cory Ave	6
2	Santa Monica Blvd (N) / La Cienega Blvd	6
3	Santa Monica Blvd / Crescent Heights Blvd	6
4	Santa Monica Blvd / Robertson Blvd (N)	5
5	Beverly Blvd / Wetherly Drive	4
6	San Vicente Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd (N)	3
7	Santa Monica Blvd / Laurel Ave (E)	3
8	Fountain Avenue / Fairfax Avenue	3
9	Sunset Blvd / La Cienega Blvd	3
10	La Cienega Blvd / Melrose Ave	3

## **APPENDIX 1E – Mental Evaluation Team (MET)**

### **Mental Evaluation Team**

West Hollywood Station has a dedicated MET that forged effective partnerships with several of the City's contracted social services providers and the homeless navigators at Cedars Sinai to strengthen the safety net for those West Hollywood community members who are experiencing mental health challenges, homelessness, or who are at risk for homelessness. The specially trained Deputy Sheriff and the DMH-licensed mental health clinician are trained to evaluate, and if necessary, authorized to initiate acute psychiatric holds, in accordance with the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), section 5150 or 5585. The MET unit provides housed and unhoused community members with mental health support, crisis intervention, and appropriate psychiatric placement when needed. In the last two years, the City of West Hollywood has benefitted from this locally serving MET unit, which allowed for rapid response to community members in crisis.

Compared to the regional-serving County-operated MET units' average response time of 23 minutes, the West Hollywood MET unit averaged a response time of 8 minutes. Additionally, when the MET unit arrived on scene and patrol deputies had rendered the situation safe, the MET unit relieved an average of 3 Deputies and 1 Sergeant who could then return to the field and be available to respond to other incidents in West Hollywood. This local availability and rapid response led to measurable, positive impacts for the community. The MET unit helps with the prevention of uses of force, between Sheriff's Deputies and community members. MET's interventions can result in a decrease in civilian and deputy injuries in which each incident could have led to trauma, civil claims, lawsuits, disability leave and loss of administrative time.

## APPENDIX 1F – Volunteers

### Volunteers in Police Service

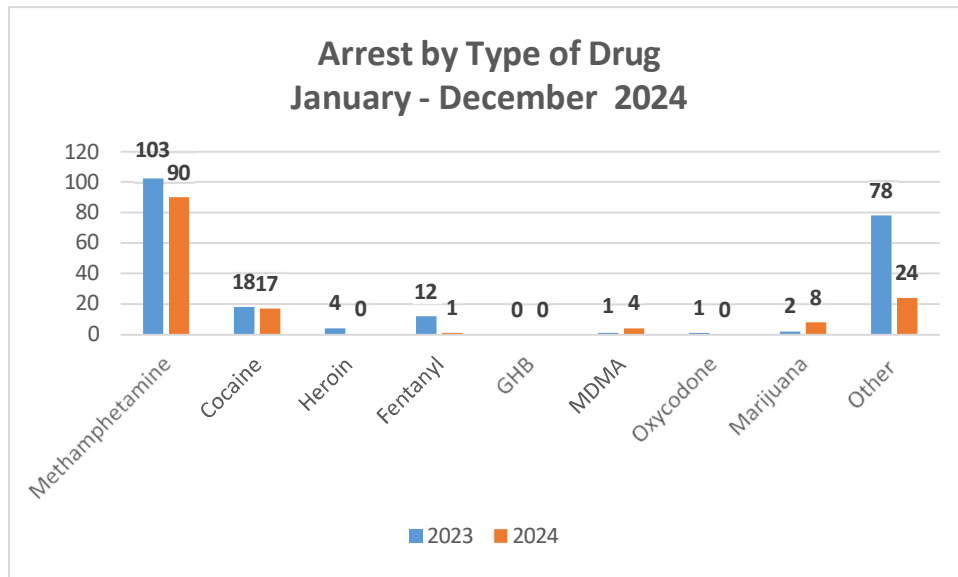
There are 17 volunteers who serve the West Hollywood Station under the direction of Captain Moulder, Lieutenant Lapkin, and Sergeant Duron. Station volunteers assist with Front Desk reception, clerical duties, traffic control, and handicap placard violation citations. Volunteers donate many hours for special events such as WeHo Pride, LA Marathon, and Halloween Carnival. A volunteer assists in maintaining the Stations website, as well as the Stations social media account.

Month	Donated Hours	Value of Hours (\$40.66 per Hour)
JAN	262.5	\$10,673
FEB	292	\$11,872
MAR	362.5	\$14,739
APR	351.5	\$14,291
MAY	297.5	\$12,096
JUN	367	\$14,922
JUL	386	\$15,694
AUG	376.5	\$15,308
SEP	313.5	\$12,746
OCT	267	\$10,856
NOV	242	\$9,839
DEC	212.5	\$8,640
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>\$151,676</b>

## APPENDIX 1G – Narcotics Bureau

The Northwest Region Narcotics Team services the West Hollywood Station, Santa Clarita Station, and Lost Hills Station. During this report time, the team consisted of one (1) Detective and one (1) Sergeant. The Northwest Region Narcotics Team 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.

The following chart shows arrests by type of drug for January – December 2023 vs. 2024.



The “Safe Drug Drop Off” program is still in effect and has monthly drop off opportunities at the station, providing the community with a safe receptacle to discard their hazardous materials (syringes, blood vials, test kits). This program is intended for residents only and is not for commercial use. The West Hollywood Narcotics Bureau detectives remained diligent in pursuing illegal narcotics activity throughout the City of West Hollywood and surrounding areas. Based on information obtained through Crime Stoppers, citizens and confidential informants, there have been arrests of narcotics dealers and users who live in the West Hollywood area.

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## **Introduction**

The prevention of crime is a shared responsibility amongst various stakeholders, including local government (City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department West Hollywood Station), community organizations, businesses, residents, and visitors.

The City of West Hollywood (City) and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) West Hollywood Station is committed in its essential role to make our community a safe place to live, work, and visit. In addition, the City and LASD West Hollywood Station acknowledges that community safety and crime prevention are complex issues with multiple social and environmental drivers impacting on both actual crime rates and perceived crime.

This Crime Prevention Plan (Plan) has been developed by the City, in strong collaboration with the LASD West Hollywood Station, to respond to the top three Part I Crime priority areas identified in our community based on the crime data provided by the LASD West Hollywood Station from calendar year 2024. The top three Part I Crimes are:

1. Petty Theft from Buildings/Other
2. Grand Theft from Buildings/Other
3. Residential Burglary

The Plan details how the City and LASD West Hollywood Station intends to enhance community safety by assisting in the prevention of these crimes. The Plan also outlines the SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment) problem-solving model and Jewish Community Safety Plan as methods used by the LASD West Hollywood Station when threats and/or emerging crime trends are identified.

## **Utilization of the Plan**

The aim of the Plan is to guide crime prevention initiatives in partnership with the community. It is designed to be a document that will be adaptable to cater to the community's emerging safety needs on an annual or semi-annual basis.

## **Guiding Principles**

The following three principles will guide the implementation of the Plan for 2025:

1. *Evidence-Based Decision Making*

The City's safety initiatives are supported by evidence to ensure that the strategies and actions employed make the best use of available resources and are appropriate to community safety needs and priorities.

2. *Monitoring and Evaluation*


The City and LASD West Hollywood Station will monitor and evaluate the Plan to ensure early detection and management of arising community safety issues, and to ensure desired outcomes are achieved.

3. *Priority Areas*

The Plan for 2025 will focus on the delivery of actions to address the three identified Part I Crime priority areas of Petty Theft from Buildings, Grand Theft from Buildings, and Residential Burglary.

## Part I Crime Trends

Analyzing statistical trends is one method to understand the nature and extent of crime occurring in West Hollywood and will be the approach taken in this Plan. In review of crime trends in West Hollywood from 2024, a strategy is needed to addresses the issues of petty and grand theft from buildings and residential burglaries. Notably in 2024, the City also experienced an increase in the number of crimes involving aggravated assaults.



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## Part 1 Crime Report - November 2024

PART 1 CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	% Change
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	#DIV/0!
Rape	0	4	2	3	0	5	1	1	2	1	4	0	14	29	-51.72%
Aggravated Assault	15	7	9	13	11	11	17	13	19	16	21	0	152	141	7.80%
Domestic	-1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	6	0.00%
ADW Gun	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	12	7	71.43%
ADW Knife	1	2	1	4	0	3	4	4	3	4	10	0	36	30	20.00%
ADW Other Weapon	11	2	2	4	5	2	9	6	8	8	7	0	64	73	-12.33%
ADW Hands, Fist, Feet	2	1	3	3	4	4	3	2	5	2	0	0	29	18	61.11%
ADW Peace Officer	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	7	-71.43%
ADW Child	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	#DIV/0!
Robbery	10	5	6	8	8	9	6	9	5	10	6	0	82	93	-11.83%
Armed Street Robbery	1	2	2	3	4	4	1	2	0	2	2	0	23	28	-17.86%
Armed Robbery - All others	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	6	50.00%
Strong Arm Street Robbery	5	1	3	2	2	4	5	7	5	8	2	0	44	47	-6.38%
Strong Arm Robbery - All others	2	1	-1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	12	-50.00%
Burglary	36	20	30	26	21	20	25	28	20	26	19	0	271	330	-17.88%
Residential Burglary	10	9	13	8	7	9	10	9	6	14	7	0	102	89	14.61%
Other Burglary	26	11	17	18	14	11	15	19	14	12	12	0	169	241	-29.88%
Other Burglary - Business	11	3	7	8	6	6	10	12	5	4	4	0	76	108	-29.63%
Other Burglary - Mailrooms	8	4	6	1	5	2	3	4	2	2	5	0	42	67	-37.31%
Other Burglary - Secure Garages	6	4	3	7	3	3	2	3	7	6	3	0	47	48	-2.08%
Other Burglary - All Others	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	-77.78%
Theft from Motor Vehicles	19	29	21	25	33	21	33	21	15	21	22	0	260	508	-48.82%
Vehicle Burglary	14	26	13	14	13	12	22	12	8	9	13	0	156	322	-51.55%
Grand Theft Unlocked Vehicle	3	3	3	5	9	3	2	3	4	6	7	0	48	52	-7.69%
Petty Theft Unlocked Vehicle	2	0	2	3	4	3	3	4	1	4	2	0	28	36	-22.22%
Grand Theft Vehicle Parts	0	0	3	3	5	3	6	1	2	1	0	0	24	94	-74.47%
Petty Theft Vehicle Parts	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	4	0.00%
Shoplifting	14	14	23	12	19	23	10	14	13	9	12	0	163	237	-31.22%
Armed Estes Robbery	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	10	3	233.33%
Strong Arm Estes Robbery	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	8	25	-68.00%
Grand Theft Shoplifting	6	5	14	7	4	8	3	6	2	2	2	0	59	51	15.69%
Petty Theft Shoplifting	8	9	6	4	12	11	5	6	10	7	8	0	86	158	-45.57%
Other Theft	89	54	67	90	90	103	91	97	43	76	64	0	864	754	14.59%
Grand Theft Pickpocket	9	13	7	14	17	35	11	13	6	10	25	0	160	219	-26.94%
Grand Theft Bike	4	0	3	1	3	2	1	2	2	0	2	0	20	18	11.11%
Petty Theft Bike	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	9	20	-55.00%
Grand Theft from Buildings / Other	4	5	16	12	18	14	6	18	14	20	9	0	136	126	7.94%
Petty Theft from Buildings / Other	69	35	41	63	52	51	70	63	22	44	27	0	537	365	47.12%
Locker Burglary	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	2	6	-66.67%
Auto Theft	21	14	15	10	10	5	6	2	12	9	13	0	117	148	-20.95%
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	-1	2	0	3	0	6	16	-62.50%
Monthly Total:	204	147	173	187	193	198	189	185	131	168	164	0	1,930	2,256	-14.45%

Source: Crime statistics provided by the LASD West Hollywood Station.

## Explanation of Priority Offenses

1. Petty Theft from Buildings/Other: involves the act of a person taking property worth \$950 or less without the owner's consent.
2. Grand Theft from Buildings/Other: involves the act of a person taking property worth more than \$950 without the owner's consent.
3. Residential Burglary: involves a person entering an inhabited structure with the intent to commit theft when others are not occupying the structure. An inhabited structure includes a dwelling house/apartment, a vessel designed for habitation, or a trailer coach.

## **Plan Priorities**

Following a review of emerging crime trends in West Hollywood, the City and LASD West Hollywood Station has identified three main priority areas for its Plan for 2025 (in no particular order of priority) as follows:

- *Priority Area 1 – Promote Home/Building Safety Awareness*
- *Priority Area 2 – Reduce Levels of Petty and Grand Theft from Buildings / Other*
- *Priority Area 3 – Reduce Levels of Residential Burglaries*

These priority areas are outlined below in the Implementation section and include respective actions, outcomes, and associated timelines.

## Plan Implementation

### 1. Promote Home/Building Safety Awareness.

Goal: To promote awareness of home/building safety for community members to assist in preventing crimes at these locations.

	Action	Metric	Expected Completion Date
1.1	Implement a home/building safety campaign to educate community members on ways they can prevent crimes from occurring at these locations.	Conduct two community meetings in one year focused on home/building safety.	12/31/2025
1.2	Increase community awareness of home/building safety by sharing relevant content via the City's website, social media platforms, print media, and other appropriate communication channels.	Ensure awareness communication is shared at minimum two times in one year.	12/31/2025
1.3	Identify residential properties where petty/grand theft and burglaries have occurred more than once in the past year and conduct Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) inspections at these properties to provide safety recommendations.	Conduct CPTED inspections on at least 36 residential properties in one year where petty/grand theft and/or burglaries have occurred more than once in the past year.	12/31/2025

**2. Reduce Levels of Petty and Grand Theft from Buildings / Other.**

Goal: To reduce the levels of petty and grand thefts from buildings within the City.

	Action	Metric	Expected Completion Date
2.1	Use the SARA model to implement a focused approach in reducing petty and grand thefts from buildings citywide.	Reduction of petty and grand theft crimes from buildings.	6/30/2025

**3. Reduce Levels of Residential burglaries.**

Goal: To reduce the levels of residential burglaries within the City.

	Action	Metric	Expected Completion Date
3.1	Use the SARA model to implement a focused approach in reducing residential burglaries citywide.	Reduction of residential burglary crimes.	6/30/2025

## **Plan Review**

The Implementation section of the Plan for 2025 should be read as a guide only. The Implementation section will be subject to a semi-annual review to stay in tune with current and emerging community safety needs. The associated timeframes will be adjusted accordingly. All actions will be measured using a range of tools and/or methods (e.g. quantitative and/or qualitative data).

## **Resources**

Any financial requirements for implementing the Plan will be sought through the City's annual operating budget process, with any external funding and partnerships also being pursued.

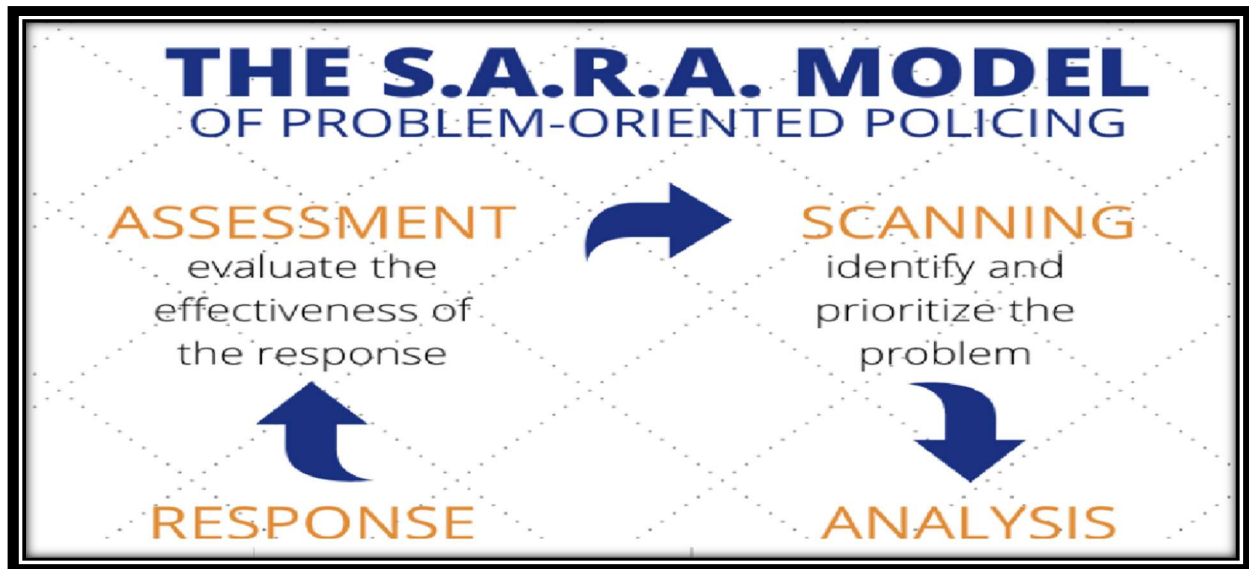
## **SARA Problem-Solving Model**

The LASD West Hollywood Station employs the Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment (S.A.R.A.) Problem-Solving Model to address crimes where increases are experienced in the community. The S.A.R.A. Model is a LASD approach used to combat different emerging community safety issues throughout the County of Los Angeles and is commonly used in law enforcement. Exhibit A to this Plan provides an overview of the S.A.R.A. Problem-Solving Model.

## **Jewish Community Safety Plan**

The Jewish Community Safety Plan (refer to Exhibit B) was developed and is maintained by the LASD West Hollywood Station to provide emergency and safety personnel with information about each Jewish faith organization located in the City. The information is used to respond to security matters and to enhance the safety and well-being of congregants and staff during holiday periods, violent incidents, and/or disasters.

## EXHIBIT A



A commonly used problem-solving method in policing is the S.A.R.A. Model (Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment). The S.A.R.A. model contains the following elements:

### SCANNING:

- Identifying recurring problems of concern to the public and the police.
- Identifying the consequences of the problem for the community and the police.
- Prioritizing those problems.
- Developing broad goals.
- Confirming that the problems exist.
- Determining how frequently the problem occurs and how long it has been taking place.
- Selecting problems for closer examination.

### ANALYSIS:

- Identifying and understanding the events and conditions that precede and accompany the problem.
- Identifying relevant data to be collected.
- Researching what is known about the problem type.
- Taking inventory of how the problem is currently addressed and the strengths and limitations of the current response.
- Narrowing the scope of the problem as specifically as possible.
- Identifying a variety of resources that may be of assistance in developing a deeper understanding of the problem.
- Developing a working hypothesis about why the problem is occurring.

**RESPONSE:**

- Brainstorming for new interventions.
- Searching for what other communities with similar problems have done.
- Choosing among the alternative interventions.
- Outlining a response plan and identifying responsible parties.
- Stating the specific objectives for the response plan.
- Carrying out the planned activities.

**ASSESSMENT:**

- Determining whether the plan was implemented (a process evaluation).
- Collecting pre and post response qualitative and quantitative data.
- Determining whether broad goals and specific objectives were attained.
- Identifying any new strategies needed to augment the original plan.
- Conducting ongoing assessment to ensure continued effectiveness.

EXHIBIT B

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## **MISSION STATEMENT - I**

In accordance with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Core Values and our mission, this Jewish Community Safety Plan will be maintained to provide emergency and safety personnel with information from each Jewish faith organization located in the City of West Hollywood ("City"). This information shall be used to respond effectively to significant security matters, as well as providing for the safety and well-being of congregants and staff during holiday periods, violent incidents, or disasters.

This plan shall contain facility notifications, rosters, maps of the facilities, potential tactical issues, evacuation routes, and any other pertinent information which could impact the response of emergency personnel. This plan is to be updated annually by conferring with each organization's chosen contact and updating the information provided.

Additionally, this plan will include information and guidance for LASD members regarding Jewish customs, dress, holidays, and observances to better assist West Hollywood Station personnel in implementing supplemental patrols and ensuring safety and security within the Jewish community during periods of increased community activity and exposure.

Primary goals for LASD West Hollywood station personnel to achieve this shall include but are not be limited to:

- Patrol checks by vehicle and foot during holiday periods.
- Periodic "check in" visits with Rabbis, administrators, and other community leadership to determine community issues and needs.
- Planned and spontaneous community engagement.
- Meetings with facility security personnel.
- Coordination with community emergency response organizations (Magen Am, Hatzolah, Jewish Federation etc.,)
- Collection and dissemination of intelligence information. The LASD West Hollywood Station should develop their own ability to monitor social media, international events, current trends etc., for potential threats to the Jewish community, as well as accept intelligence input from institutions like the Jewish Federation's Community Security Initiative. Realistic community advisory messages should be disseminated from the LASD West Hollywood Station based on the intelligence gathered.
- Increased visibility and engagement around holidays and during periods of domestic or international turmoil that cause or correlate with a rise in antisemitism.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The worldwide and American Jewish communities have numerous organizations designed to respond to the security needs of the Jewish population. The greater Los Angeles area is no different. Organizations such as the Jewish Hatzolah and Magen Am and the Jewish Federation are instrumental in providing emergency response and preparation services to the Jewish community at large and should be targeted for cooperation and coordination at the preparation and response level. A liaison with both organizations will enhance LASD West Hollywood Station's ability to serve the Jewish community's needs.

### MAGEN AM

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General Phone: (310) 515-5310

Hotline: 844-Magen Am or 844-624-3626

"Magen Am USA, Inc (Hebrew for "Nations Shield") is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization assisting in securing our community by providing prudent and responsible security measures, training, and sustainable solutions.

We understand that to create a secure community, more is required than simply inputting 'outside hired guards' as a Band-Aid, or by training citizens in defense strategies. Magen Am dedicates its efforts in engagement of the following three arms of services: Community Team Members Program, Veterans Team Program, and community advocacy and education. This multi-operational approach gives us a holistic and sustainable security solution."

LASD West Hollywood Station area does not currently cover facilities that have security contracts with Magen Am. However, Magen Am provides security services for various locations just outside the West Hollywood area, including the Pico-Robertson, Fairfax/La Brea, and Melrose areas. Close relationships with Magen Am provide an opportunity for information sharing and security assistance.

## HATZOLAH

PO Box 360559  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Non-Emergency Office Phone: (310) 247-0584

“Hatzolah of Los Angeles was formed to enhance pre-hospital care and develop a higher level of emergency preparedness and support in the Los Angeles community by augmenting the existing services provided by municipalities. In medical situations where every second counts, community members deserve to have access to the best possible care.

Hatzolah's goal is to provide medical response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within defined geographical boundaries in Fairfax/La Brea, Pico-Robertson, and North Hollywood. Hatzolah members are trained in both emergency medicine and Jewish law, and with an understanding of the unique needs of the community, are sensitive to cultural considerations, and can direct patients to go to the hospital when they may not have otherwise.”

## THE JEWISH FEDERATION

6505 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90048  
General Phone: (323) 202-5465

The Jewish Federation’s Community Security Initiative (CSI) is a team of former military, law enforcement and corporate security professionals that assist Jewish institutions with security related issues. The CSI provides vulnerability assessments to local institutions, provides stop the bleed and active shooter survival courses, threat assessments, intelligence gathering and sharing, and emergency communications.

## LASD WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION LIAISON

LASD West Hollywood Station Volunteer: Dimitri Kermani  
Phone: (917) 909-9204

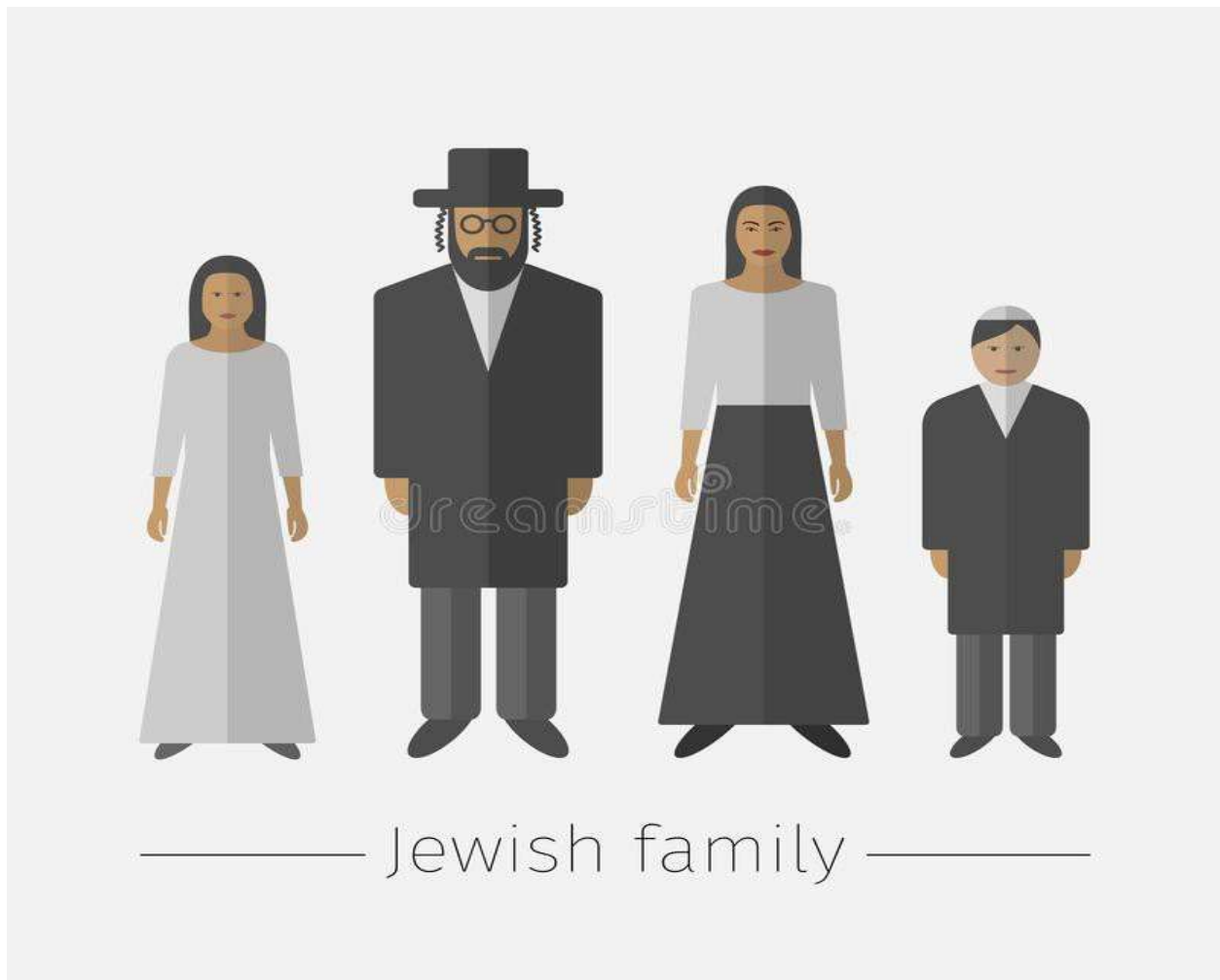
Dimitri is directly connected to West Hollywood Jewish community members and institutions. He will be able to provide additional resources if needed.

## RECOGNIZING JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS

While non-religious as well as “Reform” (less strict observance of Jewish law), Jewish community members will dress in ways unrecognizable from the general population, Orthodox (strictly observant of Jewish law) sects of Judaism require specific clothing for men, women, and children. Dress standards can range from a small skullcap (“kippah” or “yarmulke”) to a uniform black overcoat and pants and large hat. Visible from the waistline of Orthodox Jewish men, will be the knotted lengths of four cornered garments (“tzitzit”) worn underneath the clothing. Orthodox Jewish men often grow beards, and men and boys will wear their sideburns in long curls (“payot”).

When traveling to and from worship, Jewish men will often wear a prayer shawl (“tallis”) over their shoulders and sometimes head. During religious observances men will pray with a long leather strap wrapped around one hand and arm (“tefillin”) that ends in a small black box worn on the forehead.

Orthodox women and girls wear long sleeve and long length dresses, usually to the ankle, with high necklines, often covering exposed legs with stockings. Married women are expected to cover their hair with headscarves (“Mitpahat” or “tichel”), or with wigs (“sheitel”), except in the private company of male relatives. Unmarried Orthodox women and girls have no requirement to cover their hair.





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## JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS REFERENCE - II

### Major Jewish Holidays Guide 2024-25

(Note: All Jewish holidays begin and end at sundown of the listed dates)



## Second Passover

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

**i** Work permitted

[Second Passover Site](#)

Thirty days ago we cleaned our homes and souls of leaven, and matzahed our way through the week-long festival of Passover. And now, Pesach Sheni—a second Passover experience!



## Lag B'Omer

Sunday, May 26, 2024

**i** Work permitted

[Visit LagBaOmer.org](#)

- Sefirat HaOmer - April 23 - June 11, 2024

Lag BaOmer is a festive day on the Jewish calendar, celebrating the anniversary of the passing of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar. It also commemorates the end of a plague that raged amongst the disciples of the great sage Rabbi Akiva. On Lag BaOmer the dying ceased.



## Shavuot

Begins sunset of **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

Ends nightfall of **Thursday, June 13, 2024**

**i** No work is permitted.

**🕯** Yizkor is recited on Shavuot, Thursday, June 13

[Visit VirtualShavuot.org](#)

*Dates listed are for outside Israel.*

Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. The Ten Commandments are read in synagogues, just as they were in the desert on Mt. Sinai over 3,300 years ago.



Visit [3weeks.org](https://www.3weeks.org)

## The Three Weeks

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024** through **Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

**i** Work permitted, except Shabbat

- Fast of the 17th of Tammuz - July 23, 2024
- Fast of Tish'a B'Av - August 12 - 13, 2024

The "Three Weeks" and Tisha B'Av are designated as a time of mourning over the destruction of the Holy Temple and the *galut* (exile).



The 15th of Av Site

## The 15th of Av

**Monday, August 19, 2024**

**i** Work permitted

Our sages proclaimed the 15th of Av as one of the happiest days of the year, when Jewish maidens would go out to dance, hoping to attract fitting suitors.



Visit [JewishNewYear.org](https://www.JewishNewYear.org)

## Rosh Hashanah

Begins sunset of **Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

Ends nightfall of **Friday, October 4, 2024**

**i** No work is permitted.

- The Month of Elul - September 4 - October 2, 2024
- Fast of Gedaliah - October 6, 2024

Rosh Hashanah, first of the High Holidays, is the Jewish New Year. It is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, and a day of judgment and coronation of G-d as king.



Yom Kippur Site

## Yom Kippur

Begins sunset of **Friday, October 11, 2024**

Ends nightfall of **Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**i** No work is permitted.

**🕒** Yizkor is recited on Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 12

Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) is the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, when we fast, pray, seek forgiveness from G-d and our fellows, and come closer to G-d. It is the peak of the High Holidays.



Sukkot Site

## Sukkot

Begins sunset of **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

Ends nightfall of **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

**i** No work permitted on October 17 - 18. Work is permitted on October 20 - 23 with certain restrictions.

= Hoshanah Rabbah - October 23, 2024

*Dates listed are for outside Israel.*

The seven days of Sukkot—celebrated by dwelling in the sukkah, taking the Four Kinds, and rejoicing—is the holiday when we expose ourselves to the elements in covered huts, commemorating G-d's sheltering our ancestors as they traveled from Egypt to the Promised Land. The Four Kinds express our unity and our belief in G-d's omnipresence. Coming after the solemn High Holidays, it is a time of joy and happiness



Visit Site

## Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Begins sunset of **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

Ends nightfall of **Friday, October 25, 2024**

**i** No work is permitted.

**🕒** Yizkor is recited on Shemini Atzeret, Thursday, October 24

*Dates listed are for outside Israel.*

Following the seven joyous days of Sukkot, comes the happy holiday known as Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah.



Visit Chanukah.org

## Chanukah

Begins sunset of **Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

Ends nightfall of **Thursday, January 2, 2025**

**i** Work permitted, except Shabbat

Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after a group of Jewish warriors defeated the occupying mighty Greek armies.

## Jewish Holiday 2024 - 2026

	2024	2025	2026
<b>Purim</b>	March 23 - 24	March 13 - 14	March 3 - 4
<b>Passover</b>	April 22 - 30	April 12 - 20	April 1 - 9
<b>Shavuot</b>	June 11 - 13	June 1 - 3	May 21 - 23
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	Oct. 2 - 4	Sept. 22 - 24	Sept. 11 - 13
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Oct. 11 - 12	Oct. 1 - 2	Sept. 20 - 21
<b>Sukkot (First Days)</b>	Oct. 16 - 18	Oct. 6 - 8	Sept. 25 - 27
<b>Simchat Torah</b>	Oct. 23 - 25	Oct. 13 - 15	Oct. 2 - 4
<b>Chanukah</b>	Dec. 25 - Jan. 2	Dec. 14 - 22	Dec. 4 - 12

**Major Holidays** (Religious observance, where no work is permitted - writing, driving etc.):

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, First Days of Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Passover and Shavuot

**Non major holidays** (Work is permitted but due to the holiday, people may have events and services):

Chanukah, Purim

NOTE: The Jewish calendar date begins at sundown of the night beforehand. Thus all holiday observances begin the night before, as listed.

### **USER'S GUIDE - III**

This plan is divided into seven sections, one for each Jewish Organization in the jurisdiction of West Hollywood. Each section contains emergency contacts, hours, and schedules (where applicable), maps, locations of utility shut-offs, evacuation plans, emergency supplies, possible evacuation and command post locations, potential location hazards, and any other relevant material provided by the organization (if available and applicable).

The distribution of the plan shall be as follows:

- Master copy – LASD West Hollywood Station COPPS Team Office
- One copy each in the LASD West Hollywood Watch Sergeant's Office, Watch Commander's Office, and in the Field Sergeant's radio car.

#### **Trauma Hospital:**

Cedars Sinai Medical Center  
8700 Beverly Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
(310) 423-3277

#### **Local Emergency Response Resources:**

Law Enforcement:

- Beverly Hills Police Department may be called upon if needed at (310) 550-4951.
- Los Angeles Police Department - Hollywood may be called upon if needed at (213) 972-2971.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department may be called upon if needed at (310) 281-2700.
- Los Angeles City Fire Department - 41 may be called upon if needed at (213) 485-6241.

SECTION 1 (Example)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(INSERT PHOTO OF LOCATION)*

*Indicate the cross streets.*

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name:

Email:

Business Phone #:

Cell phone #:

Emergency Contact Information (Security Company):

Name:

Hotline Dispatch (24 Hours) #:

Cell Phone #:

Other Phone #:

Gate Code #

*Do they have a security company on site? If so ...*

Guard Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date.

Permit for Exposed Firearm Carry issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number #

\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date

RECOMMENDED EVACUATION SITE:

*Indicate what direction (one block east or west from current location)*

ALTERNATE EVACUATION SITE:

POSSIBLE COMMAND POST SITE:

HAZARDS:

*Provide Map of Location (Include Aerial View)*

**ABOUT** *(brief description of what services are held at location)*

Sample:

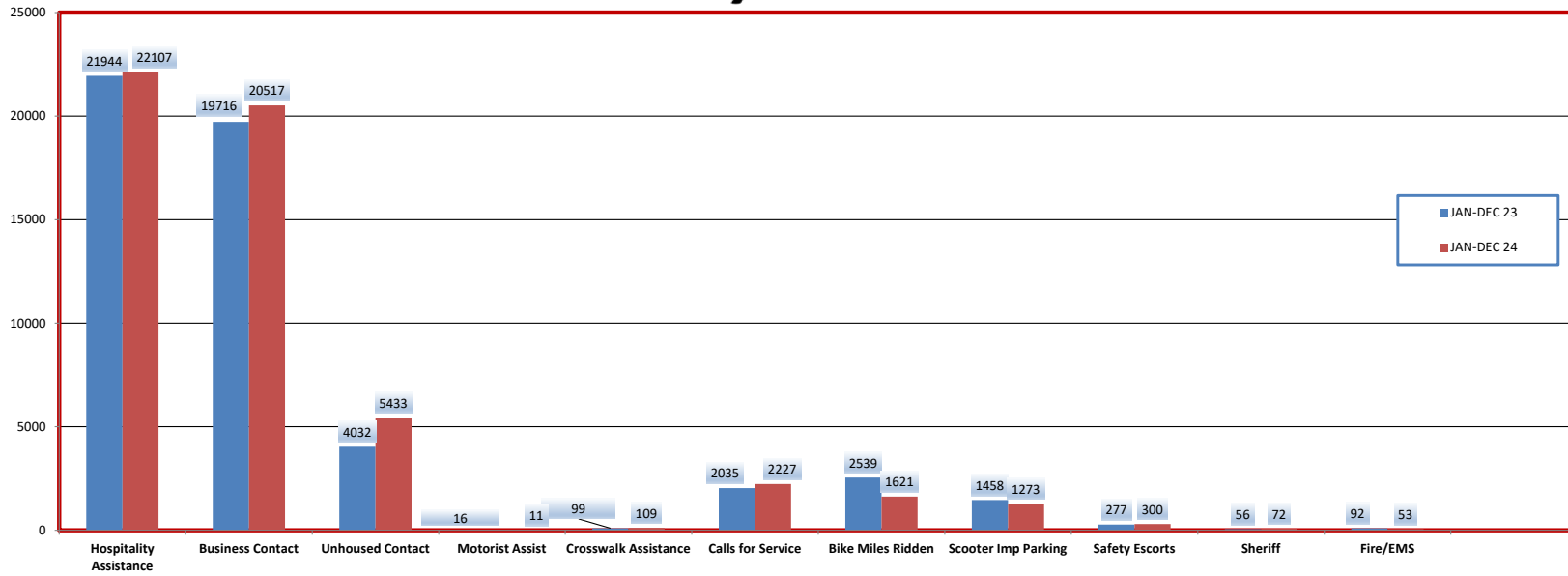
While the experience you will get here is unique, we couple it with some of the more traditional synagogue services – spiritual guidance and education for the young and young at heart. Our goal is to inspire all Jews to discover their common bond of Jewish faith and observance.

Friday Night services is an intimate and creative experience filled with spirited singing in a warm environment. Services are followed by a discussion on the weekly Parsha and a spirited Kiddush & L'chaim, or what some may call the “Jewish Happy Hour.” Friday Service runs for approximately 1 hour closer to night fall (5 p.m. - 6 p.m.).

Shabbat morning, we get started with insightful Torah study for a half hour, followed by our lively services at 10:00 a.m. which conclude with A spirited Kiddush lunch. Saturday Service runs for approximately 3 1/2 hours closer (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.).

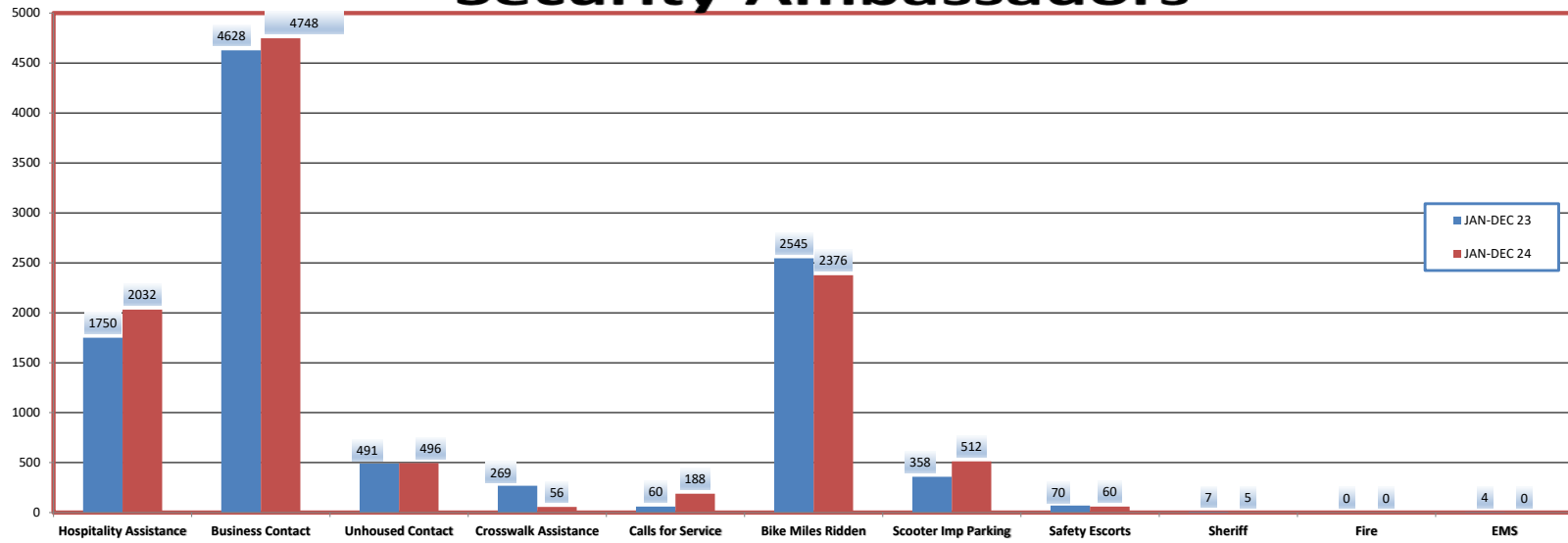
When available, the location has armed security during Jewish holidays to protect their property and community members.

# City of West Hollywood Security Ambassadors



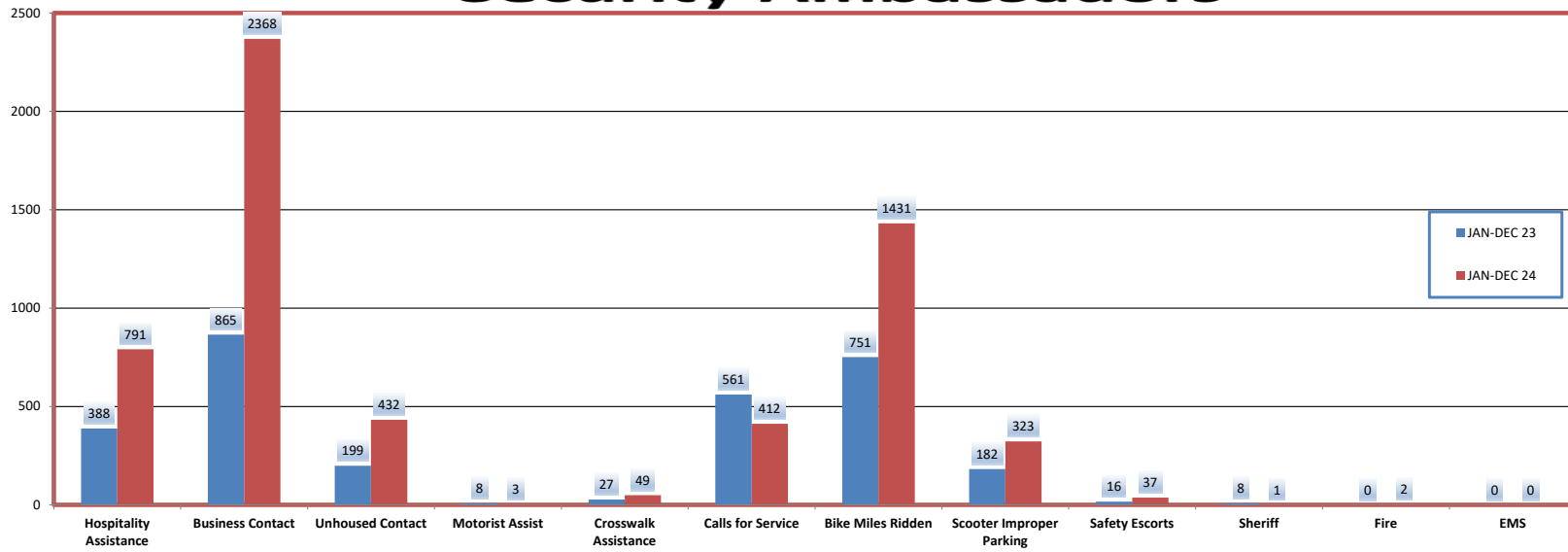
Santa Monica Blvd. - JAN-DEC '23 vs. JAN-DEC '24

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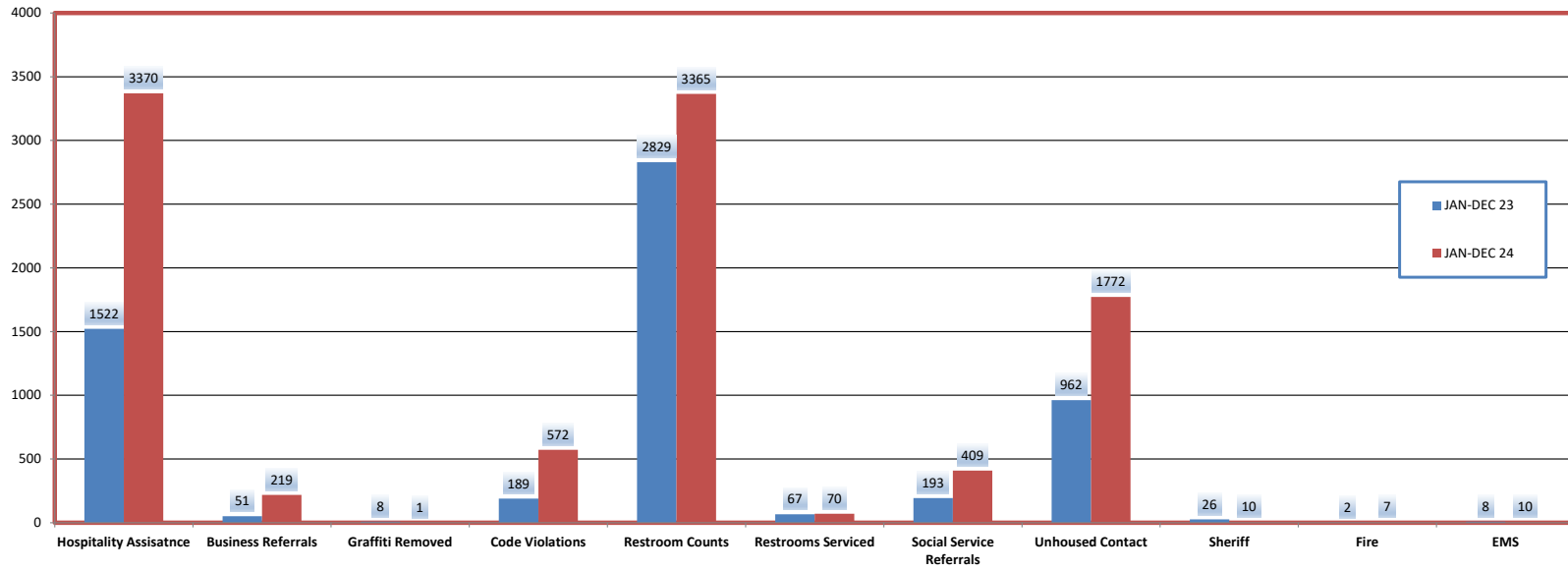
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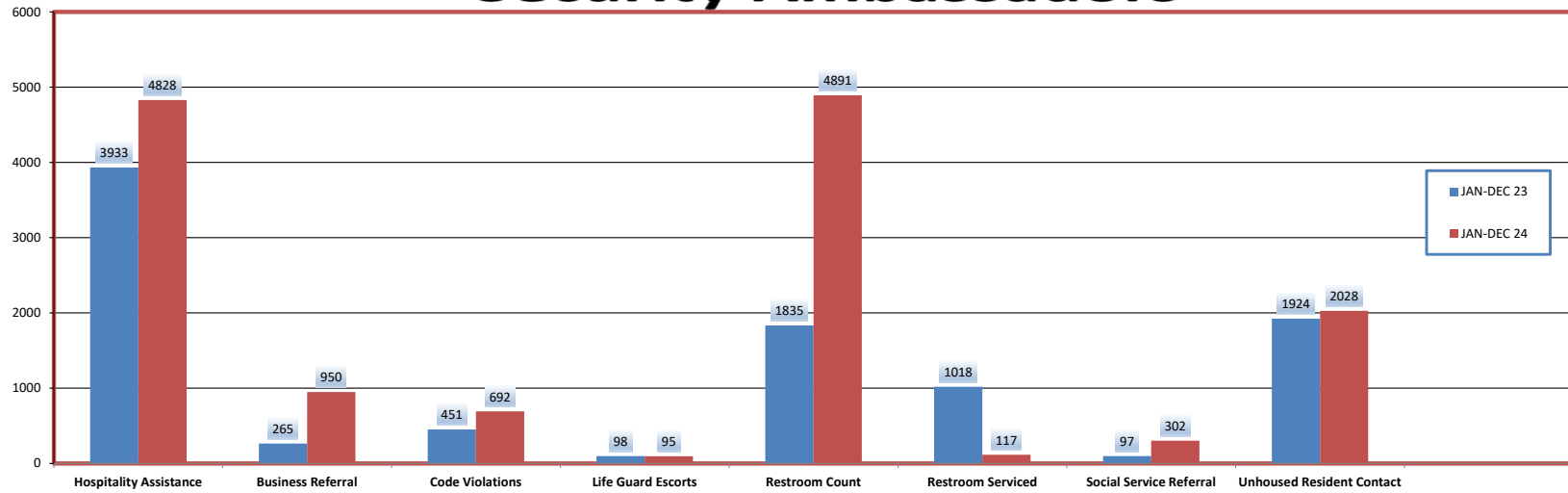
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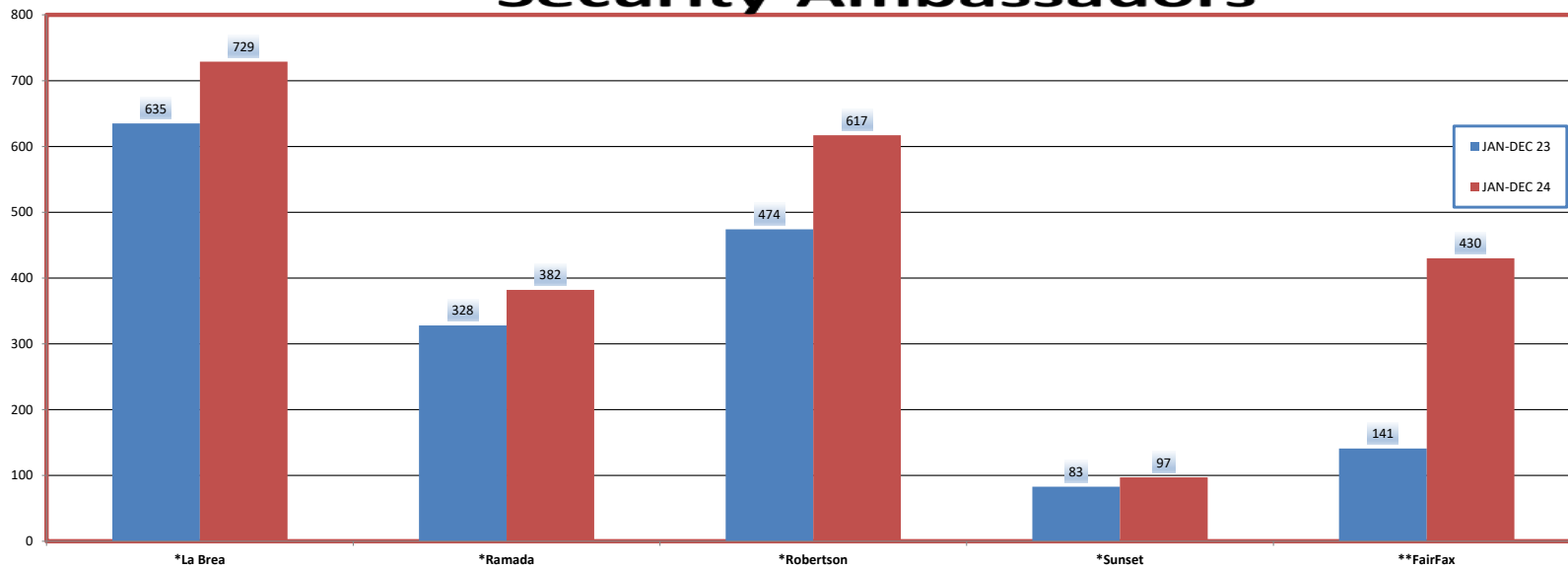
Plummer Park - JAN- DEC '23 vs. JAN- DEC '24

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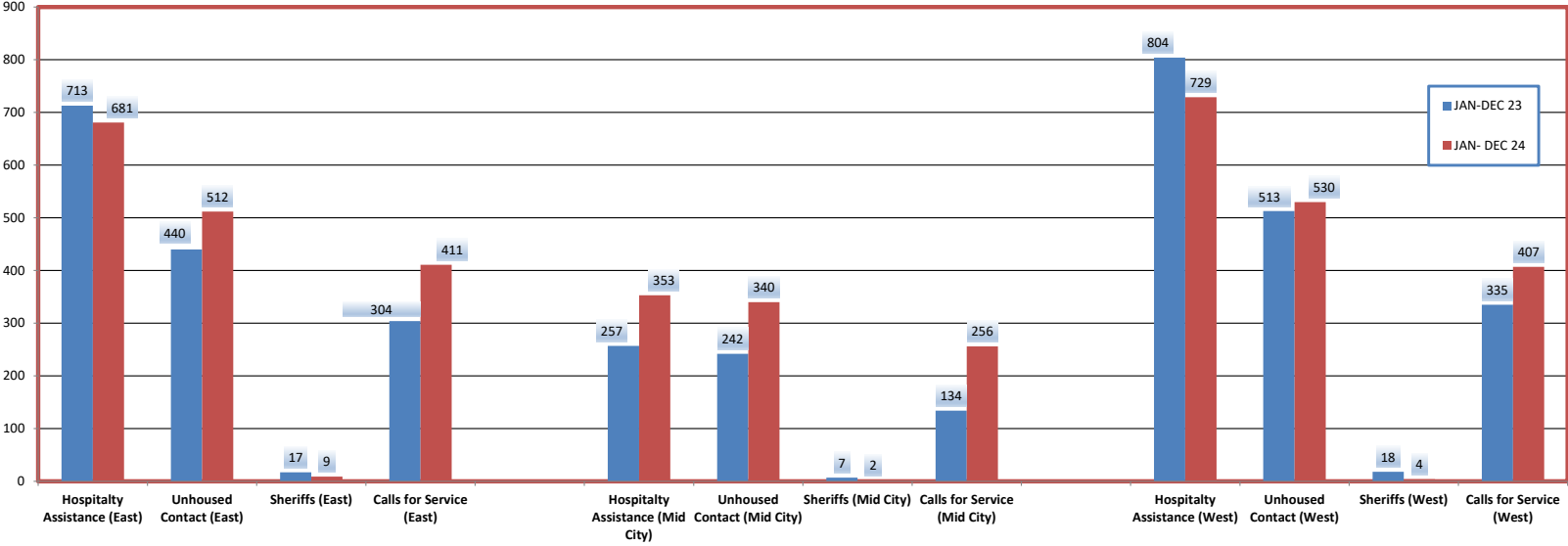
West Hollywood Park - JAN-DEC '23 vs. JAN-DEC '24

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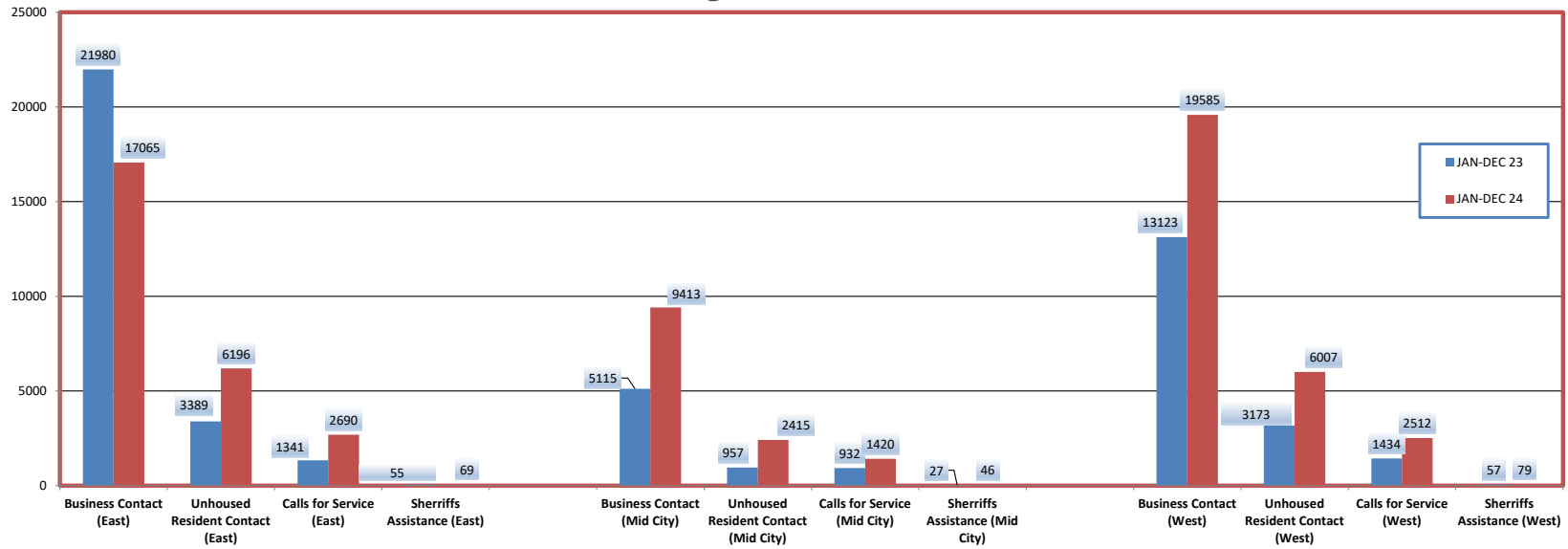
Kiosk Contacts- JAN-DEC '23 vs. JAN- DEC '24

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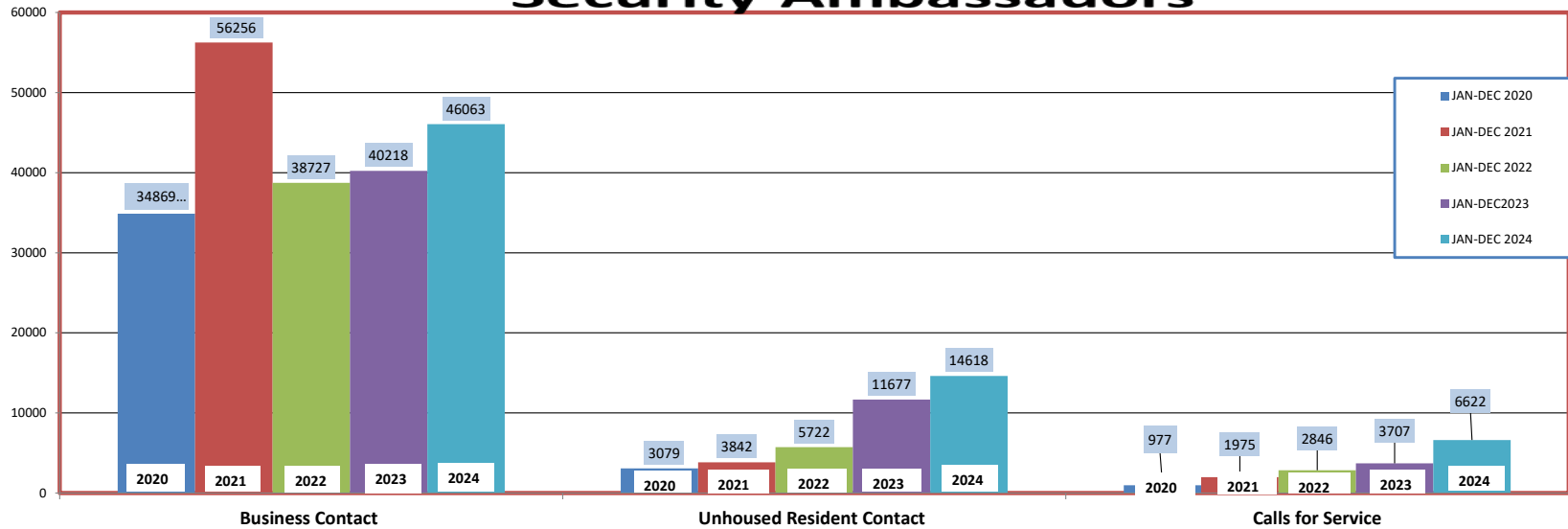
**Residential Patrols - JAN-DEC '23 vs. JAN-DEC '24**

# City of West Hollywood Security Ambassadors



All City- JAN-DEC '23 vs. JAN-DEC '24

# City of West Hollywood Security Ambassadors



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\*MELROSE REPORTING BEGAN SEPT 2022  
 \*KIOSK/RESIDENTIAL EXPANSION BEGAN OCT 2022

## 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 Drew Smith manages the resources within Division VII, of which West Hollywood is a part.

From January through December 2024, fire personnel responded to 7,134 total calls. Of these, 5,132 were for emergency medical calls (72% of all calls). In addition, there were 116 total fires, 13 of which were vehicle fires, and 14 were building fires. The remaining 89 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 period was \$620,000 in property damage and \$89,700 in contents damage.

Other responses included hazardous materials incidents, public assistance calls, and elevator rescues. In addition, station and fire prevention personnel routinely conduct inspections and plan checks, and these averaged approximately 25 and 35 monthly.

	Jan – Jun 2024	Jul – Dec 2024
Total Calls	3,591 (avg. 599/month)	3,543 (avg. 591/month)
Emergency Medical Calls	2,620	2,512
Total Fires	58	58
Vehicle Fires	8	5
Building Fires	9	5
Miscellaneous Fires	41	48
Total Property Damage	\$343,500	\$276,500
Total Contents Damage	\$56,700	\$33,000
Inspections	210	210
Plans Checked	150	150

Noteworthy incidents during this time frame include:

- **October 10, 2024** – Structure Fire at 1146 HACIENDA PI;

Small fire caused by a sparking electrical outlet caused the dresser next to the outlet to catch on fire. The fire caused a one sprinkler head activation. Flooding the apartment involved on the third floor and subsequently flooding the apartments below it. The major water damage was estimated to have a monetary loss of ~\$100,000 in structural damage and ~\$30,000 in contents damaged by either fire or water.

- Property losses: \$100,000

- Content losses: \$30,000

- **November 3, 2024** – Vehicle Fire at DE LONGPRE & FOUNTAIN;

On arrival E8 found a fully involved vehicle fire in front of building. FD personnel extinguished the vehicle and checked for any possible extension into the building due to ember cast.

- Property losses: \$80,000
- Content losses: \$0

- **November 12, 2024** – Structure Fire at 8282 SUNSET;

Engine 8 gave the size-up, performed a 360, confirmed that there was no life priority. Primary and secondary search were completed. Possible arson fire, LASD responding for arson investigation. On scene there were signs of possible fire start from a homeless encampment.

- Property losses: \$70,000
- Content losses: \$0

# Neighborhood & Business Safety Division

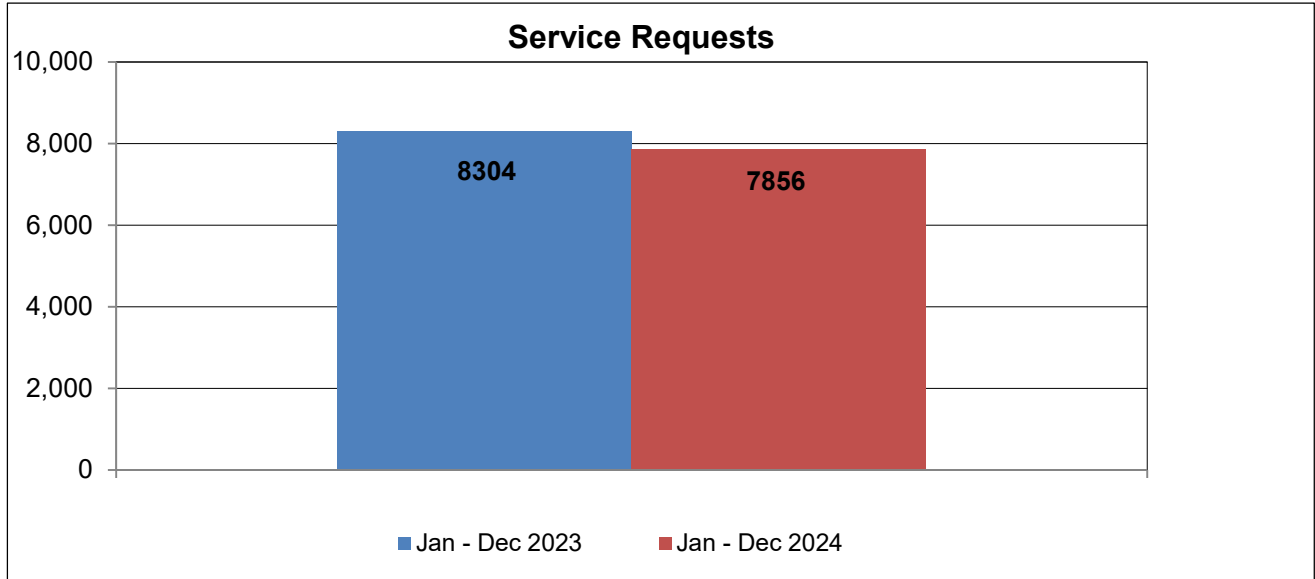
## Yearly Report - 2024

### Summary

- Code Enforcement staff continued to provide field hours of operation seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 7 a.m. to 4 a.m. Thursday through Sunday, to provide high levels of responsiveness to the community.
- Facilitated eight (8) Business License Commission Meetings.
- Conducted outreach on a total of eighteen (18) businesses to inform them about the new state law (AB 1013), requiring bars and nightclubs to offer drink-spiking test strips.
- Facilitated eight (8) Bystander Intervention Trainings for businesses in partnership with the UCLA Rape Treatment Center.
- Processed 34 Home Sharing Business License applications, 247 Public Records Act requests, and 25 Administrative Citation appeals.
- Provided Code Enforcement field support during West Hollywood Pride and Halloween events to monitor unpermitted vendors and special event activities.
- Participated in 10 community meetings.
- Performed 1,137 multi-family residential building common area and 229 individual residential unit inspections as part of the Proactive Multi-family Inspection Program.

## Service Requests

From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were 7,856 requests for service, a 5% decrease in comparison with the 8,304 requests during the same in 2023.

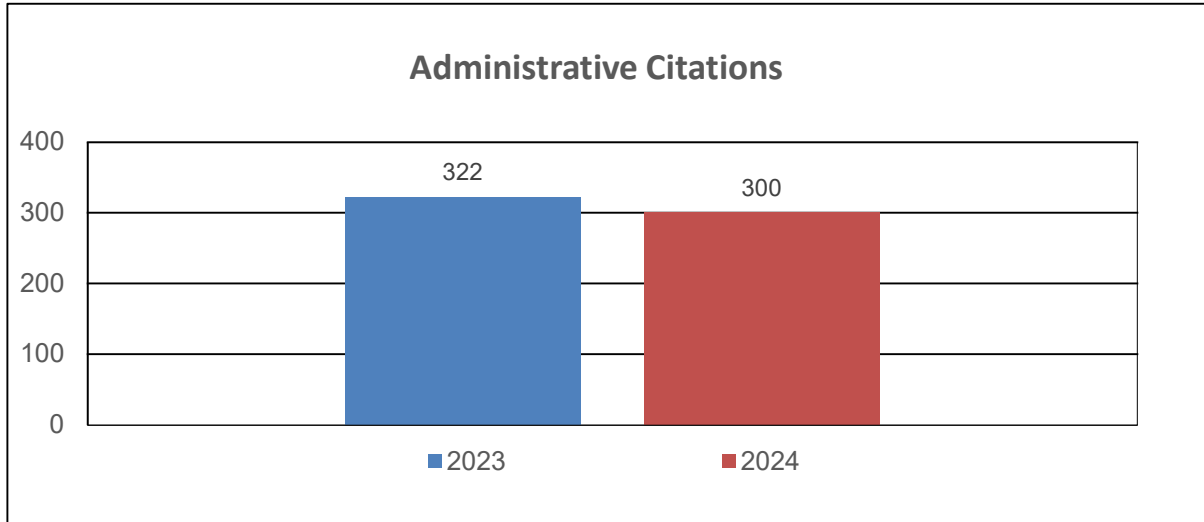


## Request Trends

- General Construction Concerns: There were 487 general construction concern requests, a 12% decrease in request volume when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (555).
- Construction Noise: There were 350 construction noise requests, a 27% decrease when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (477).
- General Noise Concerns: There were 589 general noise requests, a 14% decrease when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (682).
- General Concerns with Businesses: There were 417 general business concern requests, a 34% decrease when compared to 2023 (630).
- Short-Term Rentals: There were 139 short-term rental requests submitted by residents. This represents a 22% decrease in request volume when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (179).
- Vacant Properties: There were 344 vacant property requests submitted by residents. This represents a 169% increase in request volume when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (128).

## **Administrative Citations**

From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were 300 administrative citations issued. This represents a 7% decrease in the number of administrative citations issued, when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (322).



## **Business Licensing**

### **New Business Licenses**

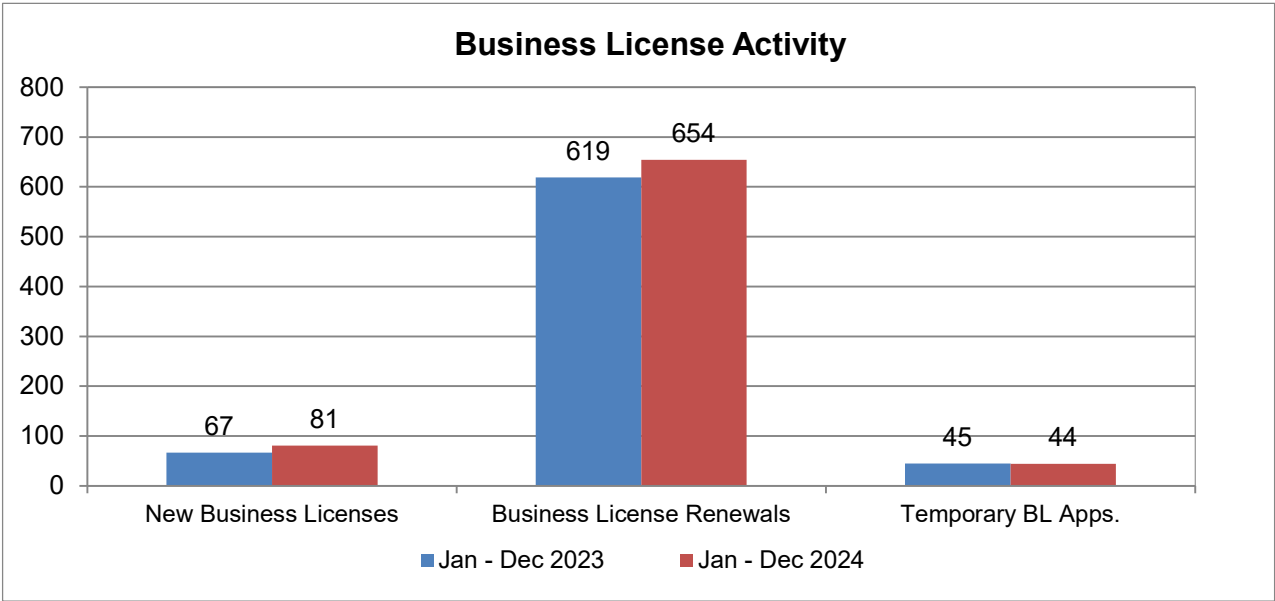
From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were 81 new regulatory business licenses processed. This represents a 21% increase in the amount of business licenses processed, when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (67).

### **Business License Renewals**

From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were 654 business license renewals processed. This represents a 6% increase in the amount of renewal business licenses processed, when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (619).

### **Temporary Business Licenses**

From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were 44 temporary business licenses processed. This represents a 2% decrease in the amount of temporary business licenses processed, when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (45).



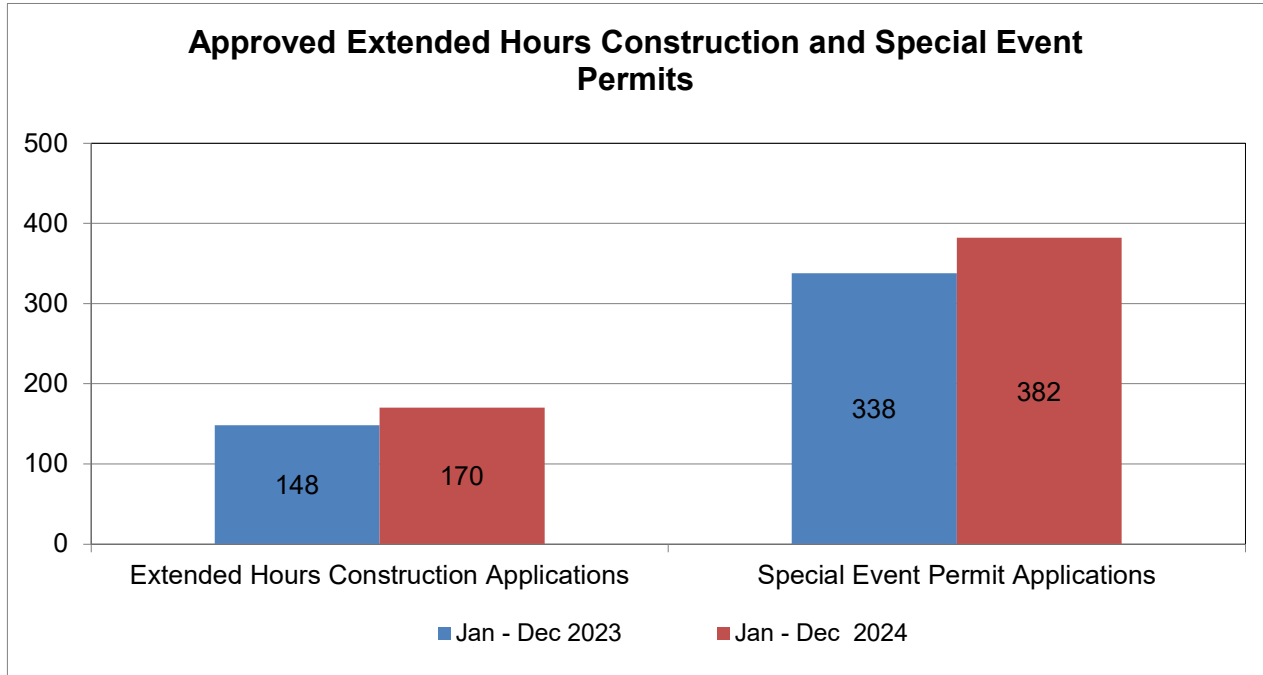
### Permitting

#### Extended Hours Construction Permits

From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were 192 extended hours construction permit applications received and 170 were issued. This represents a 15% increase in the number of extended hours construction permits approved when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (148).

#### Special Event Permits

From January 1 to December 31, 2024, there were 446 special event permit applications received and 382 were issued. This represents a 13% increase in Special Event Permits issued, when compared to the same timeframe in 2023 (338).



## Five-Year Service Request Report

From 2020 to 2024, the NBS Division has experienced a fluctuation in the number of service requests; averaging 7,233 each year. In addition, data from major service request categories such as Business Concerns, Noise, Construction Concerns, and Property Maintenance are reflected.

