

CITY COUNCIL
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OCTOBER 1, 2018

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on and provide additional direction to staff regarding public safety priorities such as crime prevention, resources to address homelessness and neighborhood livability, and public education.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Crime Statistics: January – June 2018

The City continues to be a very safe place to live, visit, and work. While West Hollywood's population is approximately 35,000, its daily population typically more than doubles with the number of people who work and play here. For a city that is only 1.9 square miles, West Hollywood is home to a large number of entertainment oriented businesses such as restaurants, lounges, bars and nightclubs; there are over 200. Additionally, West Hollywood is home to a number of large scale special events that bring hundreds of thousands of visitors at a time into the city, such as LA Pride and Halloween Carnival.

The Sheriff's Station remains committed to collaborating with City officials, residents, and businesses to resolve community concerns. Sheriff's personnel have continued to focus their efforts on neighborhood patrols and maintaining the quality of life for the

community. Sheriff's personnel, Public Safety staff, and the Public Safety Commission regularly examine crime statistics in order to identify problem areas and adjust resource deployment as appropriate. Captain Sergio Aloma works with the Station's Crime Analyst and Station staff, City Council, and City staff to adjust resources as necessary. The Captain has continued to increase both Bicycle and Foot Patrols, and an Alcohol Liaison Officer and a Mental Evaluation Team Deputy and Clinician were added to the 2018-2019 budget. In addition, the Innovation Division has begun the safety camera pilot program, and cameras are now installed at five test locations. The City also purchased trauma kits for the Deputies, and City and County staff are working to purchase non-lethal weapons for the Station. The County's estimate for installing lockers is approximately \$275,000 which includes a concrete slab and canopies. City staff will continue to work with the Captain on the feasibility of this project. Finally, staff and Captain Aloma are exploring options for an eastside Sheriff's presence. Shorter term options include leasing space from existing buildings. Long term possibilities include utilizing the City owned building across from Plummer Park after renovation or incorporating it into a future construction project.

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Efforts to Address Homelessness

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our homeless population who suffer from a variety of mental illnesses. To effectively address these issues, station personnel, including deputies that speak a variety of languages (Spanish, Armenian, Farsi, and German among many others), and the Community Impact Team continues to work together with various City Departments. Additionally, the new Mental Evaluation Team Deputy and Clinician have positively impacted these efforts.

The West Hollywood Sheriff's Station has committed to education and training for all deputies and supervisors through a comprehensive Crisis Intervention Training that gives them additional tools and training to deal with a population that is impacted by mental health and substance abuse issues. The Station has also leveraged County and City resources for its homeless outreach operations. These operations – bringing together the Sheriff's Community Partnership Bureau and the HOST teams, L.A. County Department of Mental Health Services, the MET (Mental Evaluation Team), LAHSA outreach teams, and the City's contracted providers – have made more than 200 contacts in various operations in a focused effort to connect people to services.

Collaboration Between Social Services and Law Enforcement

"Mental Health Support for Homeless Individuals" now referred to as the "Homeless Initiative," was one of the key City Council initiatives that informed the City's 2016-2019 Social Services funding process. The following contracts were brought on-line in October 2016 have been approved for renewal in the subsequent two contract years to address mental and physical health support for people who are homeless:

- Step Up On Second – the City funds a dedicated West Hollywood Mobile Interdisciplinary Team (MIT) to provide street-based services to chronically homeless, mentally ill community members. The MIT includes a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), a substance abuse counselor, a peer advocate and a psychiatrist.
- The Los Angeles LGBT Center – the City funds the mental health clinician outreach position to assist both Sheriff's personnel and street outreach teams with critical outreach activities, including participation in ride-alongs and the Sheriff's homeless outreach operations. The primary objective is to connect homeless community members who have mental health challenges with needed services.
- Ascencia – City funding provides an additional dedicated street outreach team and access to up to ten shelter beds.

In addition to the contracts listed above, in February 2018, the City of West Hollywood amended its contract with AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) to include a full-time HIV Specialist Outreach Position. This contract amendment was in response to data collected through the 2017 Homeless Demographic Survey demonstrating that 18.2% of the City's homeless community members are living with HIV. The Specialist

accompanies the City's contracted outreach teams in engaging homeless community members living with or at-risk for HIV. In addition, the Specialist participates in the Homeless Initiative Outreach program at the West Hollywood Library. The services provided through this program address a variety of challenges that have created barriers for homeless community members seeking permanent supportive housing. In the spring of 2018, responding to a request from Library staff, Jewish Family Services (JFS) made available a social work/case manager to participate in the Library program. Staff had noticed an increase in older adult patrons who appeared to be homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The JFS social work/case manager brings expertise in housing and other needed programming available to seniors to the Library program.

In January 2018, the City of West Hollywood participated in the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, coordinated by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Sheriff's deputies took the lead in guiding teams of volunteers, including a City Councilmember, Human Services Commissioners and residents, in the point-in-time count. The teams counted the number of homeless people in the census tracts that comprise the City of West Hollywood and the West Hollywood Sheriff's station served as the deployment site for the effort.

In April 2018 the City, once again, through its contracted outreach teams, participated in the 2018 Homeless Demographic Survey. Significant findings included a decrease in the number of community members living on the streets with HIV and a continuation of the trend demonstrating that West Hollywood has a greater percentage of homeless community members living with mental health and substance abuse addiction issues than the overall continuum of care.

Sheriff's station personnel actively participate in the quarterly Homeless Collaborative meetings with City staff and social services providers. One benefit of these meetings is a partnership between Community Impact Team members and the City's contracted social services providers. For example, the Los Angeles LGBT Center's Transgender Economic Empowerment Project collaborates with the Sheriff's Department to provide resources to transgender homeless individuals in the community. Additionally, homeless individuals can obtain TAP cards and emergency outreach supplies at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

Community Safety Initiatives for Eastside of West Hollywood

A December 5, 2016 City Council item directed the City Manager to work with appropriate staff to implement strategies to enhance the quality of life on the Eastside. To achieve this direction, staff continues to increase public safety on the Eastside of West Hollywood. Chapter 9 – Public Safety and Appendix B – Public Safety Addendum of the Eastside Community Priorities Plan – adopted in October 2017 by the City

Council – includes specific public safety recommendations for the Eastside. The following are updates to safety initiatives for the Eastside of West Hollywood:

Possible traffic light at Fountain Avenue and Formosa Avenue – The Fountain Avenue Traffic Safety priority test recommendations include the following Fountain/Formosa intersection treatments that are scheduled to be installed in October 2018:

- An enhanced marked crosswalk across Fountain Avenue with a refuge island to reduce the exposure of pedestrians crossing and increase the motorists' awareness of pedestrians crossing.
- A marked crosswalk across the Formosa Avenue north approach.
- Medians on the Formosa approaches that only permit right turn vehicle movements from Formosa onto Fountain to reduce the intersection conflict points and accident rates.
- Bulb-outs at the intersection corners to enhance pedestrian safety and comfort by reducing crossing distances and encourage slower vehicle turning speeds.

Enhanced Cleaning Services in the City's Commercial Areas – The City Council approved an enhanced cleaning program which started on August 1, 2018. This program expands current services of sidewalk pressure washing, litter pick up, graffiti cleaning, and shopping cart retrieval to all the major commercial areas of the City. Staff will continue to refine the program and make adjustments to services levels as warranted.

Neighborhood Livability

Public Safety personnel continue to promote neighborhood livability and address the various quality of life issues that regularly impact the West Hollywood community, including impacts from noise (loud music, motorcycles), speeding, and night club operations as well as anti-scavenging, dogs off leash, illegal pet waste disposal, illegal hot dog cart vendors, and bandit taxi cab enforcement. Staff continues to assist the Public Safety Commission with the "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" public safety education campaign, including utilizing social media, "Coffee with the Cops", PSAs, and Public Safety Commissioner "street outreach."

Specifically, the Community Impact Team (CIT) Deputies and Code Compliance staff are proactive in addressing the impacts from entertainment establishments and special events. CIT Deputies and the new Alcohol Liaison Officer work with staff at nighttime establishments to prevent alcohol related incidents and have increased criminal enforcement of various neighborhood concerns, including drinking in public, criminal transient issues, and various nuisance issues. The Sheriff's Department and Code Compliance personnel also work with the Alcoholic Beverage Control to educate businesses and work collaboratively on alcohol related issues. On a nightly basis, they actively patrol over sixty bars, nightclubs, and hotels.

Emergency Management and Major Special Events

An interdisciplinary team headed by Event and Film Services and Public Safety staff regularly meets to plan, manage, and evaluate all major special events in West Hollywood. Participating agencies include the following:

- Fire Operations
- Fire Prevention
- Fire EMS
- Fire Command and Control Division
- Fire Training Services Section
- Fire Joint Hazard Assessment Team
- Sheriff's Emergency Operations Bureau and Joint Regional Information Center
- Sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau
- Sheriff's Arson and Explosives Unit
- County Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Services Agency and Medical Alert Center
- County Department of Public Health
- Area hospital personnel, including Cedars Sinai

Threat assessments are conducted by Sheriff's intelligence experts on each event, and recommendations to increase security are implemented. Event Action Plans are written by Sheriff and Fire personnel in coordination with City staff, and the Incident Command System is followed. The multidisciplinary team also coordinates the use of medical care centers, which allows medical professionals to treat patients on site when possible and avoids transporting patients to area hospitals when unnecessary.

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-6: Maintain adequate levels of law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services.
- SN-7: Utilize law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services in a proactive and preventative way.
- SN-8: Provide public safety services in a manner that reflects and is sensitive to the characteristics and needs of the West Hollywood community.

EVALUATION PROCESSES:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH:

City staff will work with the County of Los Angeles and relevant vendors 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:

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC SAFETY - ADMINISTRATION

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A – APPENDIX

APPENDIX 1A – Sheriff’s Station Overview

APPENDIX 1B – Community Impact Team (CIT)

APPENDIX 1C – Detective Bureau

APPENDIX 1D – Traffic Division

APPENDIX 1E – Youth Programs

APPENDIX 1F – Narcotics Bureau

APPENDIX 1G – Volunteers

APPENDIX 2 – Los Angeles County Fire Department

APPENDIX 3 – Public Safety Department and Public Safety Commission

APPENDIX 4 – Code Compliance Division

APPENDIX 5 – Block By Block Security Ambassadors

APPENDIX 1A - Sheriff's Station Overview

West Hollywood Sheriff's Station

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In the West District, there was a 14% increase in Part 1 Crimes. This increase was fueled by a 96% increase in Petty Thefts. Thefts of cell phones and wallets from nightclubs were a problem and to a lesser extent, theft of unsecured packages from mailrooms and the front doors of residences. The West District, with 501 Part 1 Crimes, accounted for 44% of all Part 1 Crime in the City.

The City Center saw a 23% increase in Part 1 Crimes. Like other areas of the City, Larceny / Theft jumped 34% and was the primary factor in the Part 1 Crime increase in this area. With 244 Part 1 Crimes, the City Center accounted for 21% of all Part 1 Crime in the City.

In the East District, Part 1 Crime increased 43% when compared to the same time period in 2017. This area saw a serious increase in Petty Thefts (+69%) and Other Burglaries (+122%). The increase in the Other Burglary category was caused primarily by burglaries to apartment complex sub parking garages targeting bicycles and storage units. Available surveillance video and persons arrested point to these incidents being committed primarily by homeless persons. In terms of overall citywide crime, the East District accounts for 35% of all Part 1 Crime.

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Due to the recent increase in vehicle burglaries, members from the Operations staff and Detective Bureau met with Los Angeles Police Department detectives in an effort to collaborate and coordinate their efforts in combating the crimes of burglaries from vehicles.

Additionally, several vehicle burglary saturation operations were conducted throughout the months of July and August.

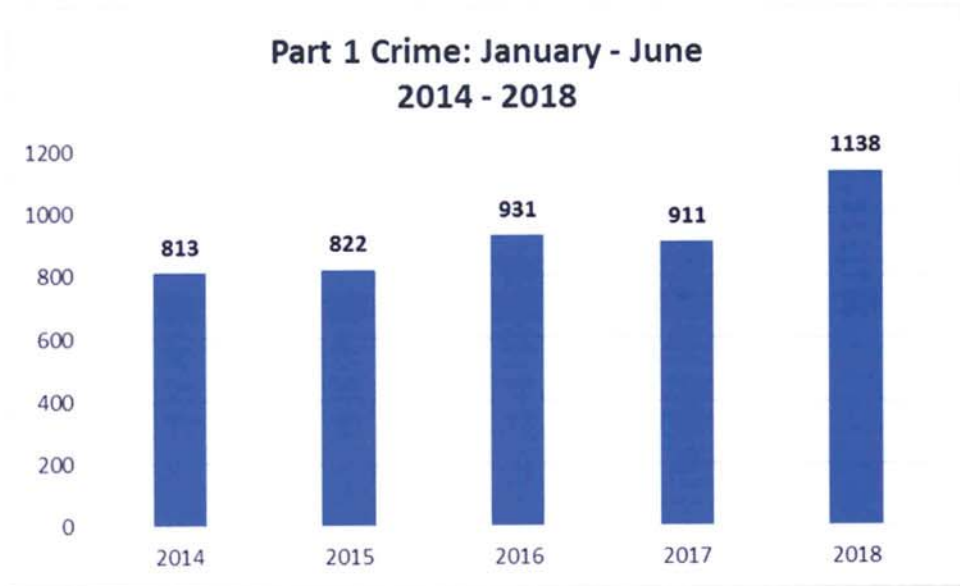
On July 01, 2018, a station Mental Evaluation Team was formed with one deputy and a clinician from the Department of Mental Health. They have been a valuable resource to the station and the community.

In addition, personnel have formed relationships with members of private organizations that are focused on providing necessary resources for our growing homeless population. On a day to day basis, the Station's ability to quickly respond to and handle the myriad of quality of life issues is greatly enhanced through the efforts of this partnership.

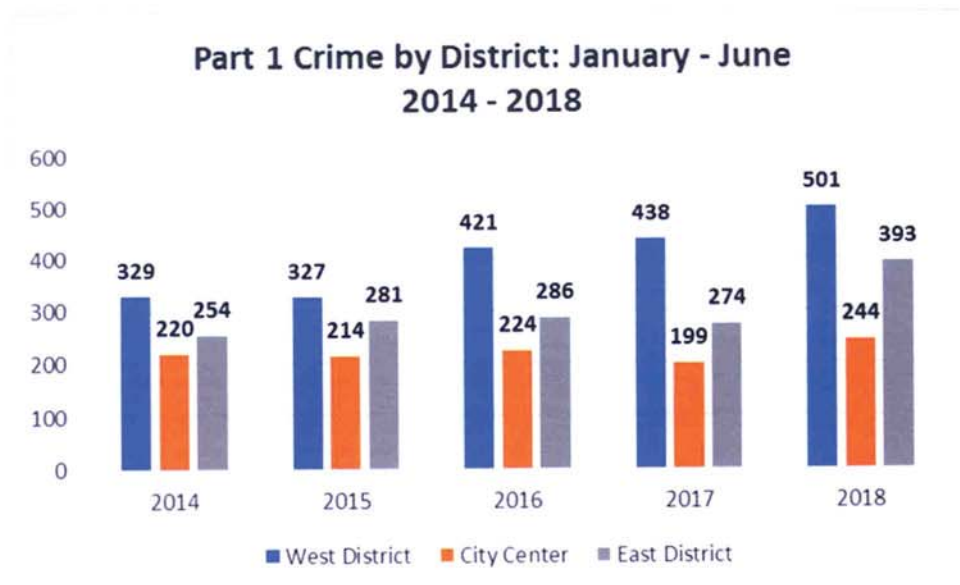
The following pages summarize crime statistics and station activity primarily for January through June of 2018.

Part 1 Crime

The following chart depicts Part 1 Crime for the months of January - June 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 - July 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 increased 25% when compared to the same time period last year. This increase in overall Part 1 Crime can be attributed to substantial increases in Petty Thefts throughout the city.

Part I Crime - Whole City	January - June 2017	January - June 2018	% Change
Homicide	1	2	100.00%
Rape	14	20	42.86%
Assault, Aggravated	60	62	3.33%
Robbery Total	53	60	13.21%
-Robbery, Armed	23	25	8.70%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	30	35	16.67%
Burglary Total	118	123	4.24%
-Burglary, Residence	57	64	12.28%
-Burglary, Other	61	59	-3.28%
Theft Total	611	802	31.26%
-Grand Theft	126	164	30.16%
-Vehicle Burglary	227	220	-3.08%
-Locker Burglary	11	1	-90.91%
-Petty Theft	247	417	68.83%
Grand Theft Auto	52	58	11.54%
Arson	2	11	450.00%
Total	911	1138	24.92%

Looking at the three areas of the City separately, Part 1 Crime in the West District increased 14% when comparing January – June 2017 to January – June 2018. Petty Thefts, which increased 97%, was the driving factor in the 14% crime increase and helped to off-set solid reductions in Other Burglaries.

Part I Crime - West District	January - June 2017	January - June 2018	% Change
Homicide	1	1	0.00%
Rape	8	13	62.50%
Assault, Aggravated	27	29	7.41%
Robbery Total	25	23	-8.00%
-Robbery, Armed	10	12	20.00%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	15	11	-26.67%
Burglary Total	59	44	-25.42%
-Burglary, Residence	25	25	0.00%
-Burglary, Other	34	19	-44.12%
Theft Total	294	371	26.19%
-Grand Theft	88	101	14.77%
-Vehicle Burglary	108	96	-11.11%
-Locker Burglary	10	1	-90.00%
-Petty Theft	88	173	96.59%
Grand Theft Auto	22	18	-18.18%
Arson	2	2	0.00%
Total	438	501	14.38%

The City Center had a 23% increase in Part 1 Crime when compared to the same time period last year. Grand Theft (+123%) and Vehicle Burglary (+27%) both saw significant increases.

Part I Crime - City Center	January - June 2017	January - June 2018	% Change
Homicide	0	0	N/C
Rape	6	3	-50.00%
Assault, Aggravated	17	12	-29.41%
Robbery Total	12	12	0.00%
-Robbery, Armed	7	3	-57.14%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	5	9	80.00%
Burglary Total	34	39	14.71%
-Burglary, Residence	16	19	18.75%
-Burglary, Other	18	20	11.11%
Theft Total	117	157	34.19%
-Grand Theft	13	29	123.08%
-Vehicle Burglary	51	65	27.45%
-Locker Burglary	1	0	-100.00%
-Petty Theft	52	63	21.15%
Grand Theft Auto	13	17	30.77%
Arson	0	4	N/C
Total	199	244	22.61%

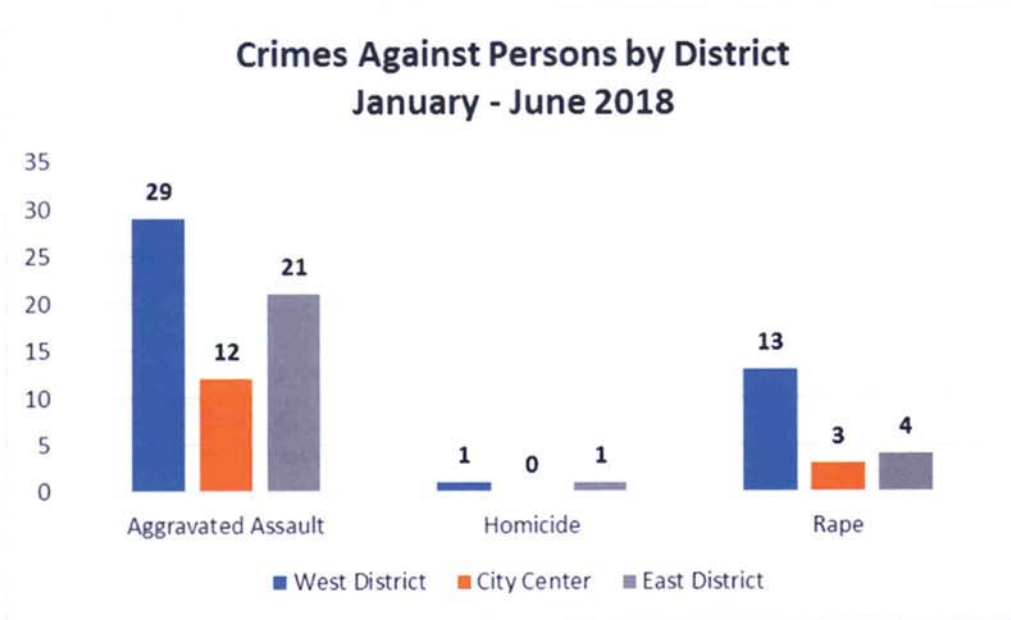
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The East District had a 43% increase in Part 1 Crime when compared to the same time period last year. A serious increase in Petty Theft (+69%), which includes 155 Shoplifting incidents from the Gateway area, was the primary factor.

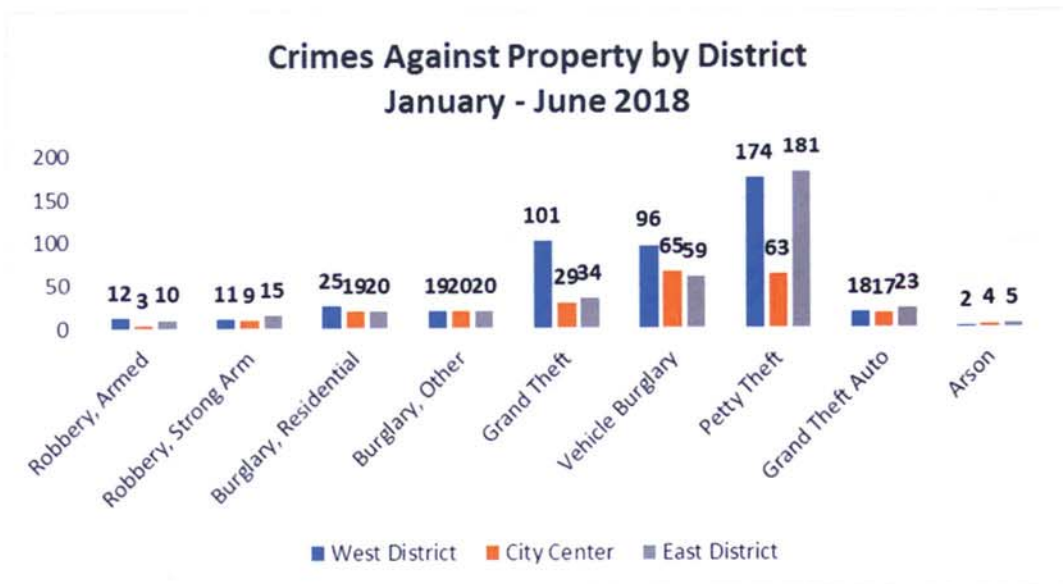
Part I Crime - East District	January - June 2017	January - June 2018	% Change
Homicide	0	1	N/C
Rape	0	4	N/C
Assault, Aggravated	16	21	31.25%
Robbery Total	16	25	56.25%
-Robbery, Armed	6	10	66.67%
-Robbery, Strong Arm	10	15	50.00%
Burglary Total	25	40	60.00%
-Burglary, Residence	16	20	25.00%
-Burglary, Other	9	20	122.22%
Theft Total	200	274	37.00%
-Grand Theft	25	34	36.00%
-Vehicle Burglary	68	59	-13.24%
-Locker Burglary	0	0	N/C
-Petty Theft	107	181	69.16%
Grand Theft Auto	17	23	35.29%
Arson	0	5	N/C
Total	274	393	43.43%

*N/C = not calculable

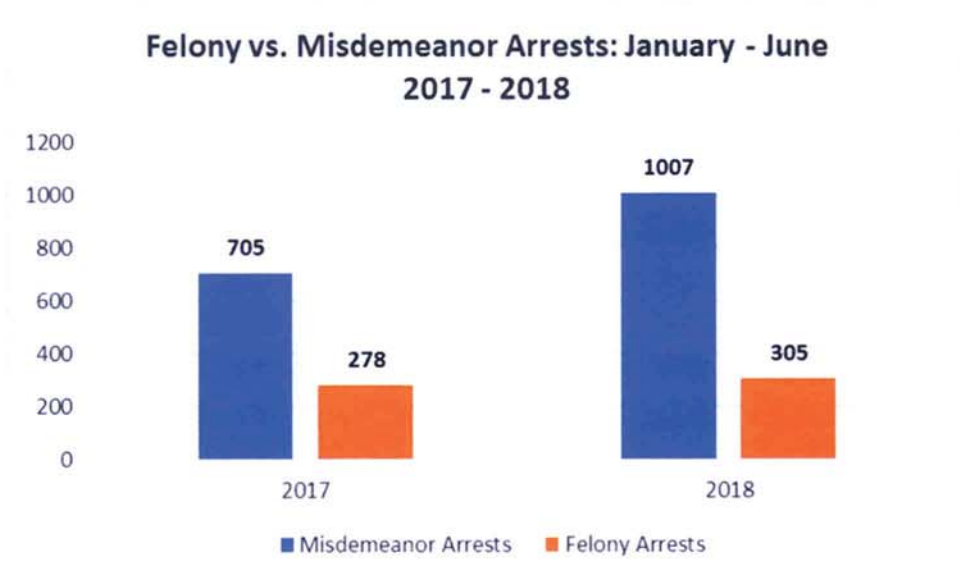
The following chart depicts crimes against persons, broken down by district, for January - June 2018.



The following chart depicts crimes against property, broken down by district, for January - June 2018.



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

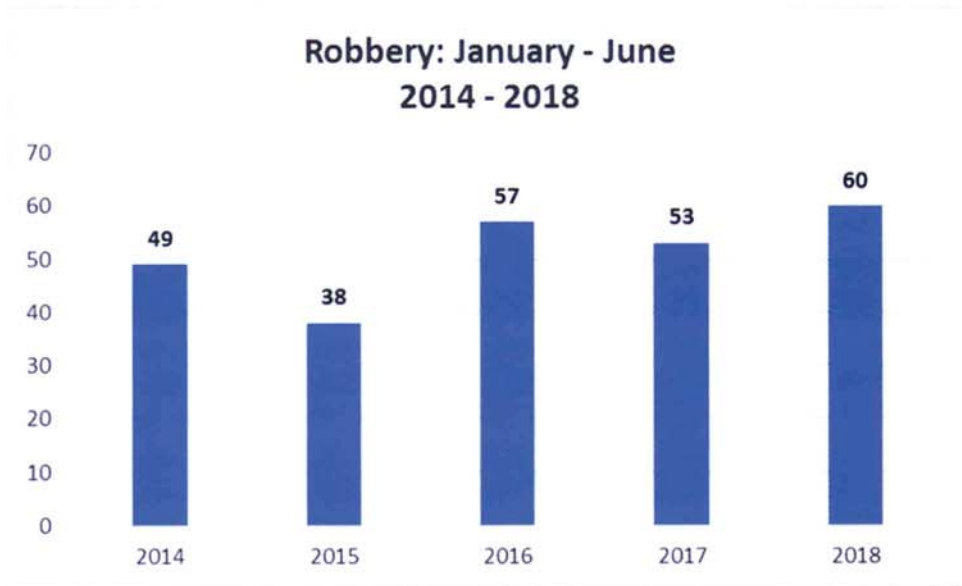


The following chart depicts the number of Part 1 Crime arrests for Crimes Against Persons (i.e., Homicide, Rape, and Aggravated Assaults) versus those for Crimes Against Property (i.e., Robbery, Burglary, Grand Theft, Petty Theft, Grand Theft Auto and Arson) for January - June of the last two years.

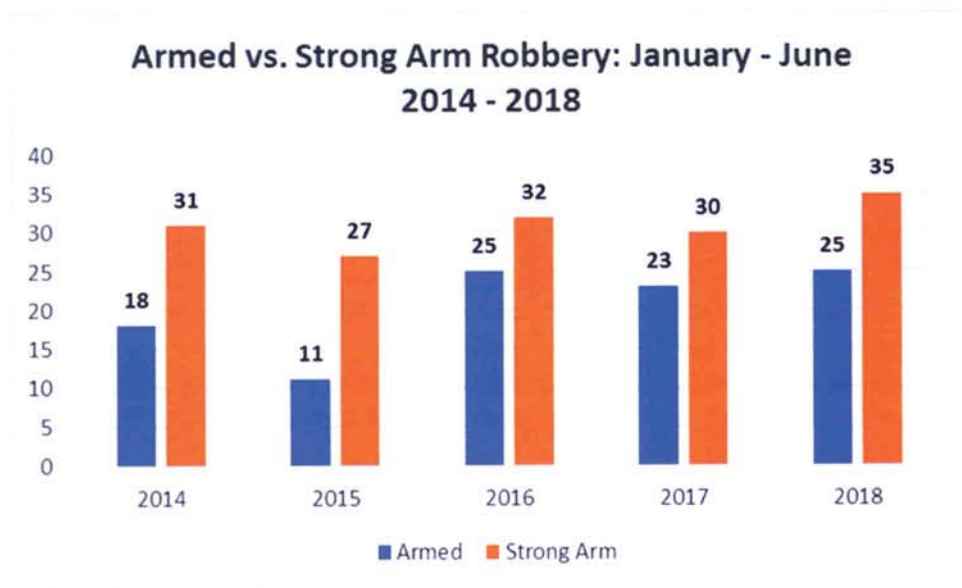


Robbery

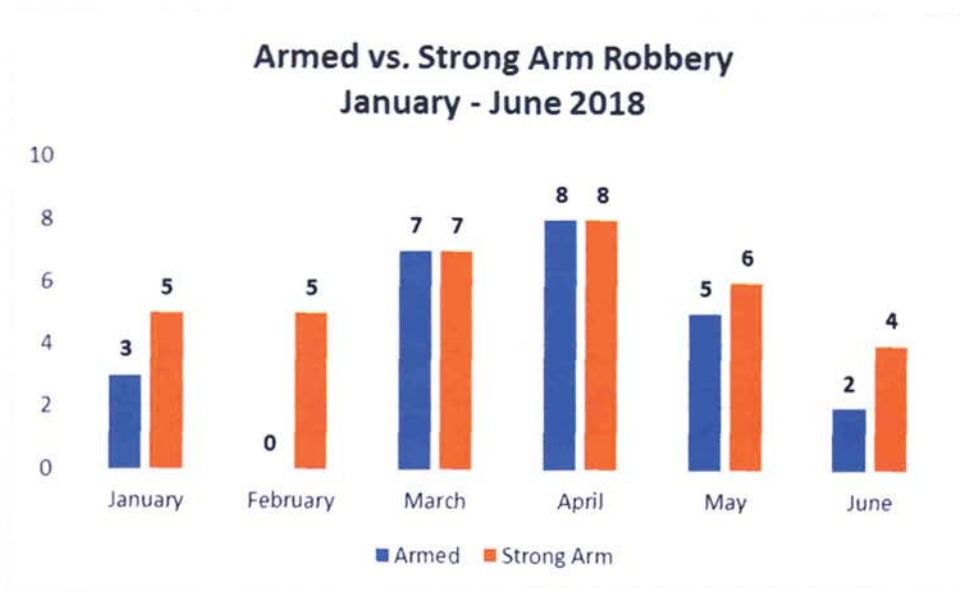
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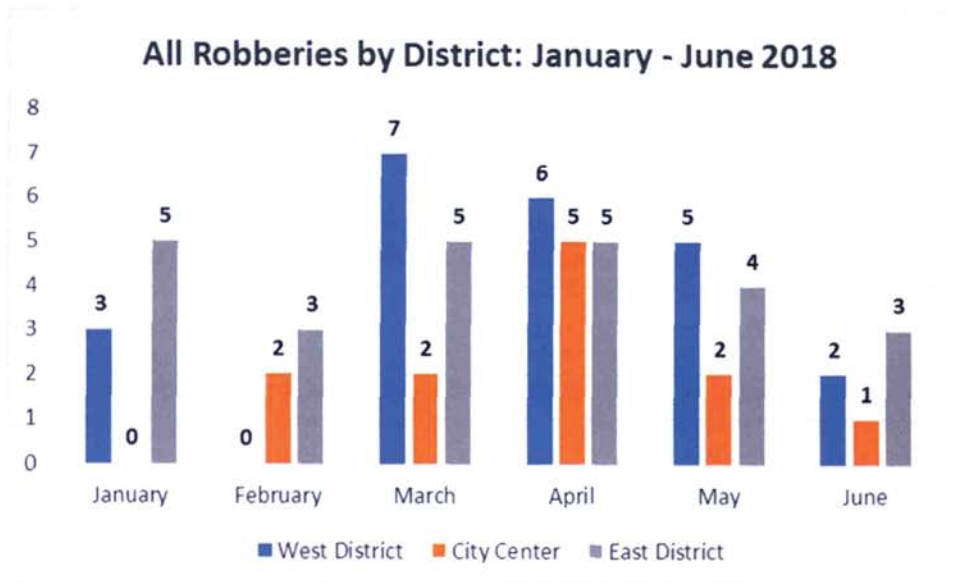
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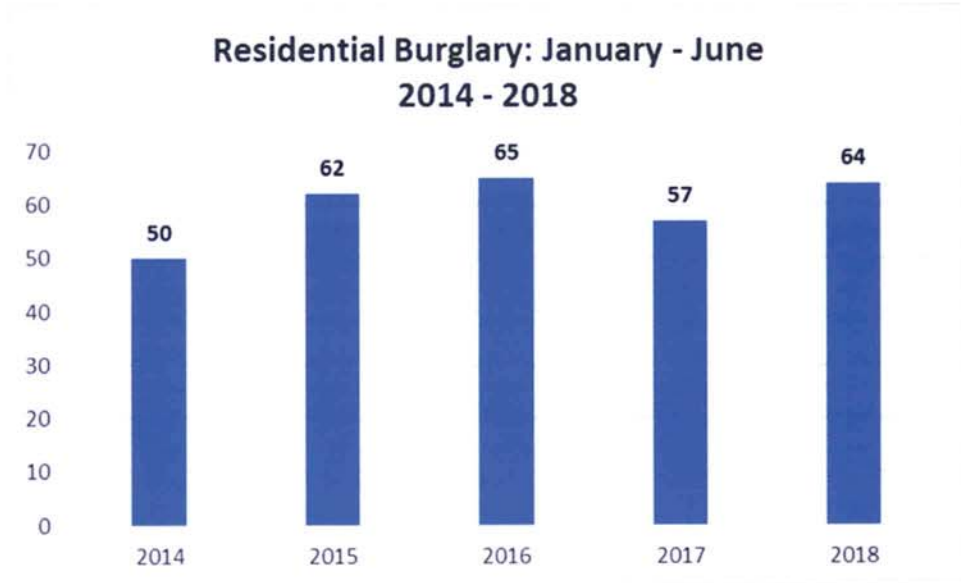


The following chart compares the number of Robberies by district for the months of January - June 2018.

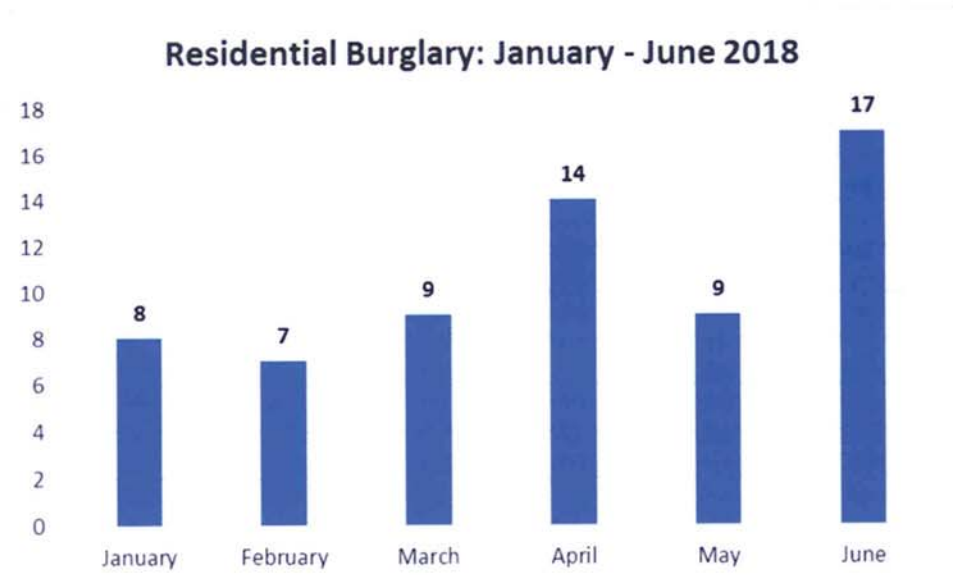


Residential Burglary

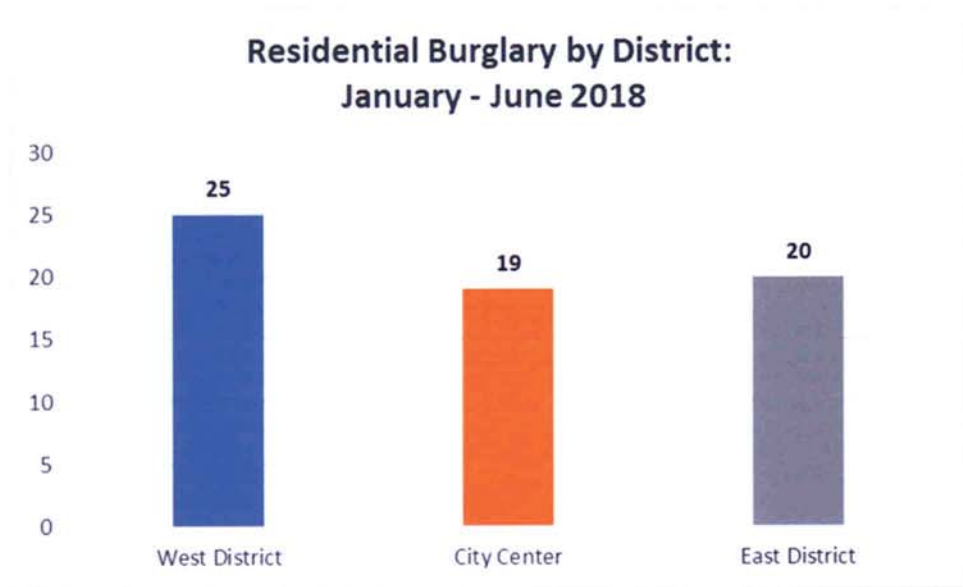
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The following chart shows Residential Burglaries by month for January - June 2018.

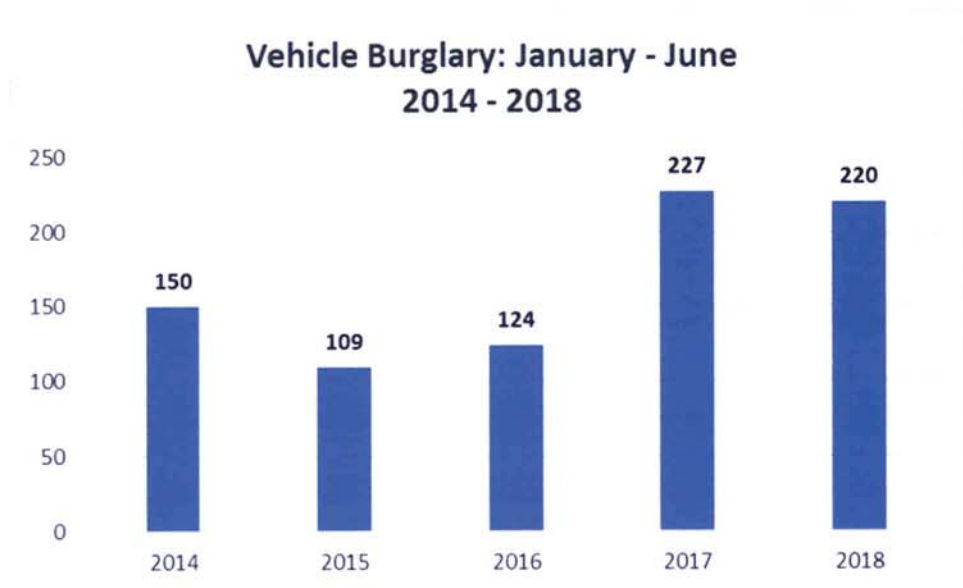


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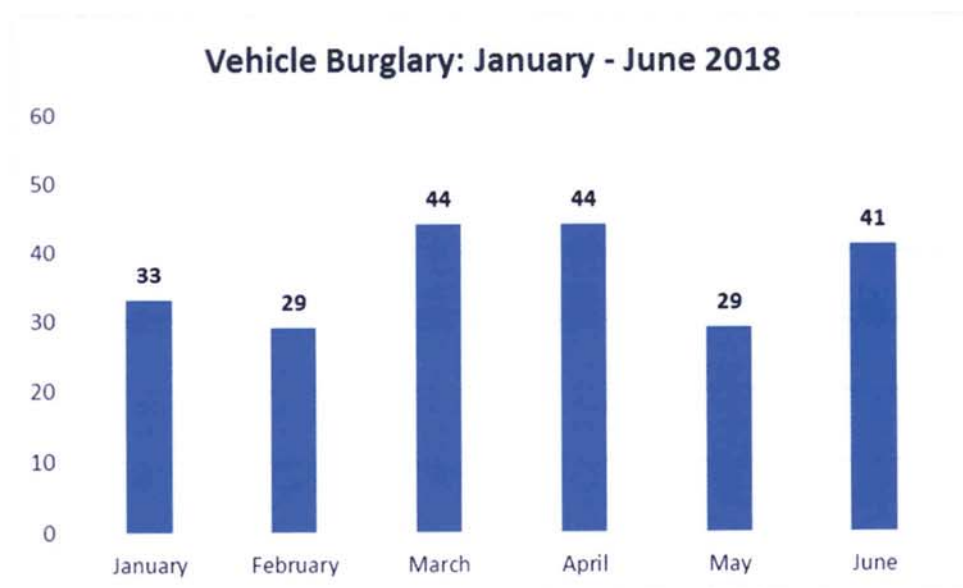


Vehicle Burglary

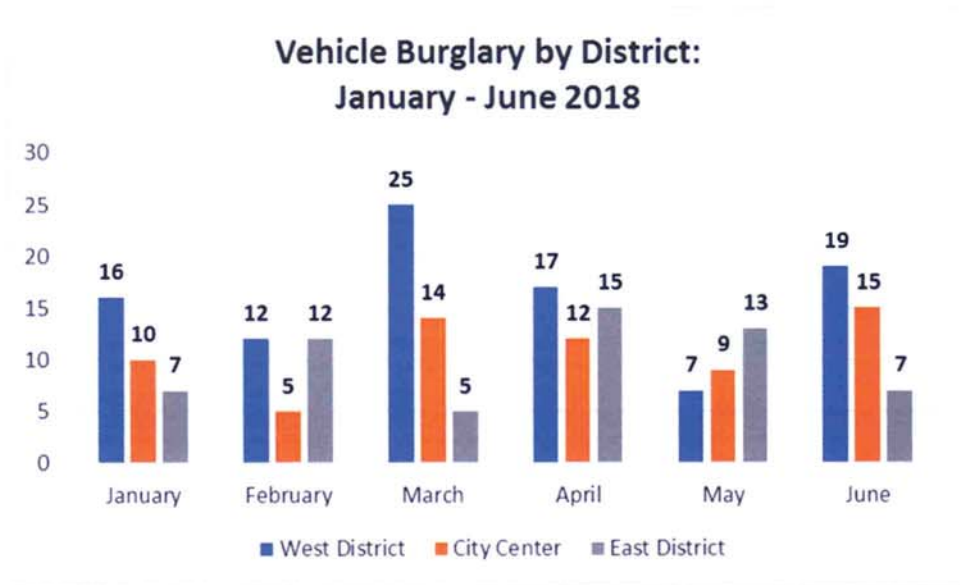
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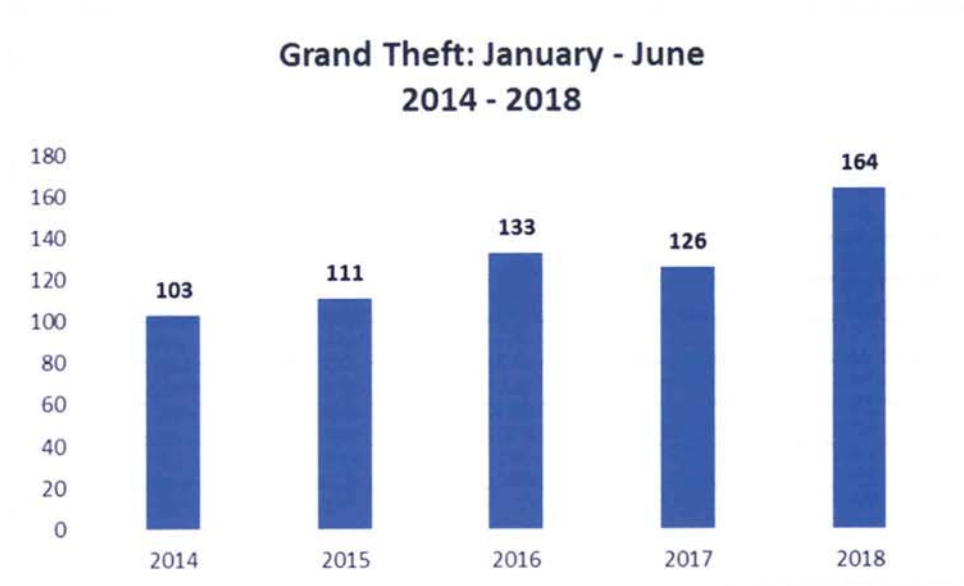


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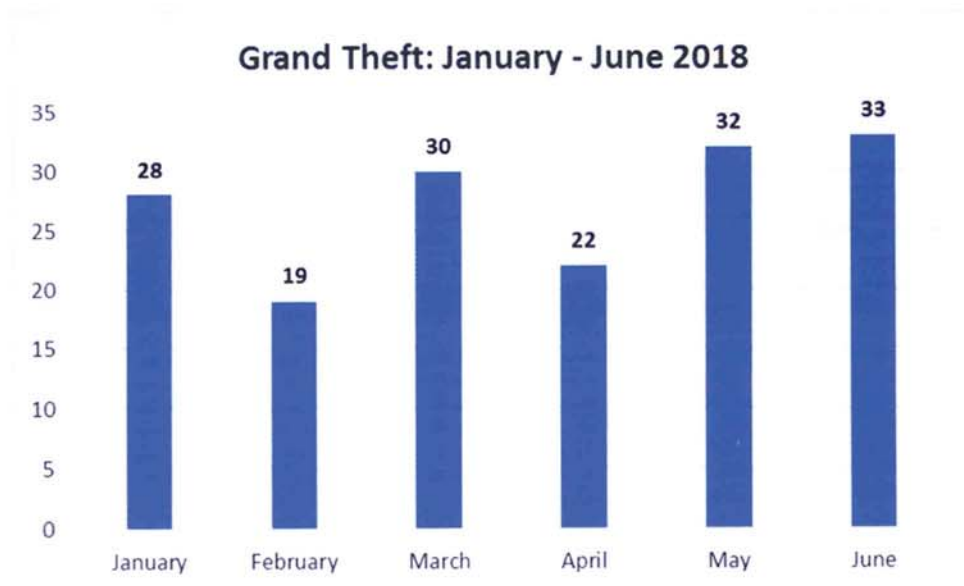


Grand Theft

The following chart compares Grand Thefts for January - June for the past five years.

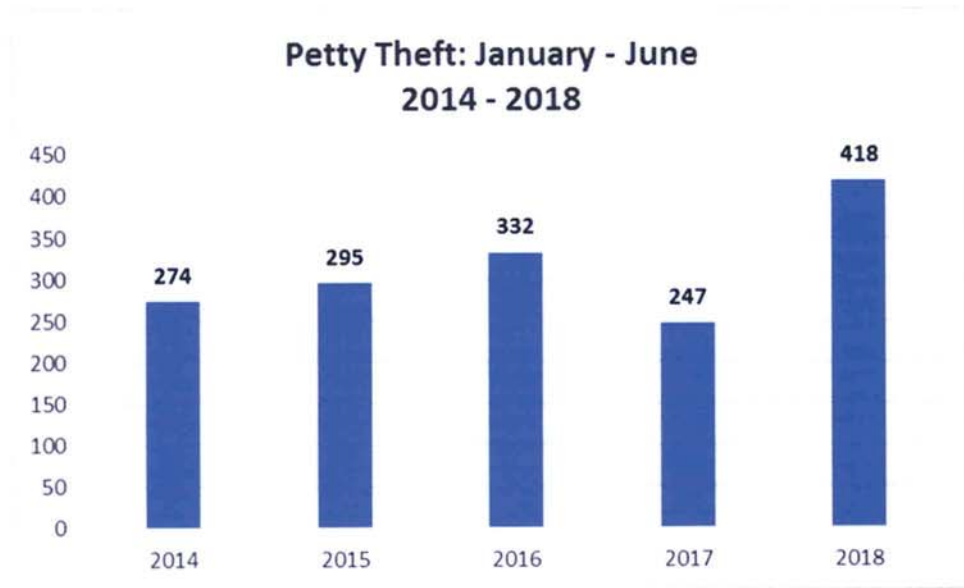


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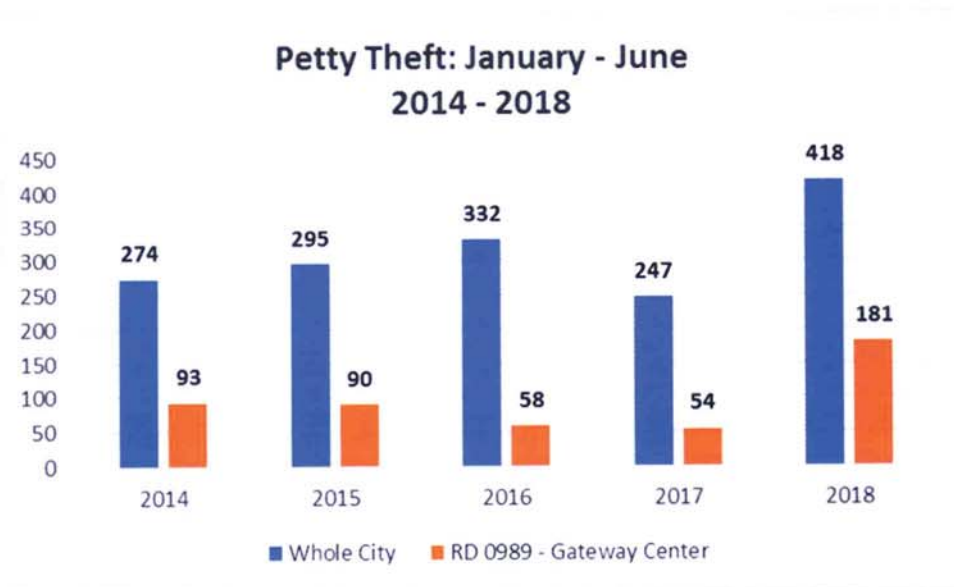


Petty Theft

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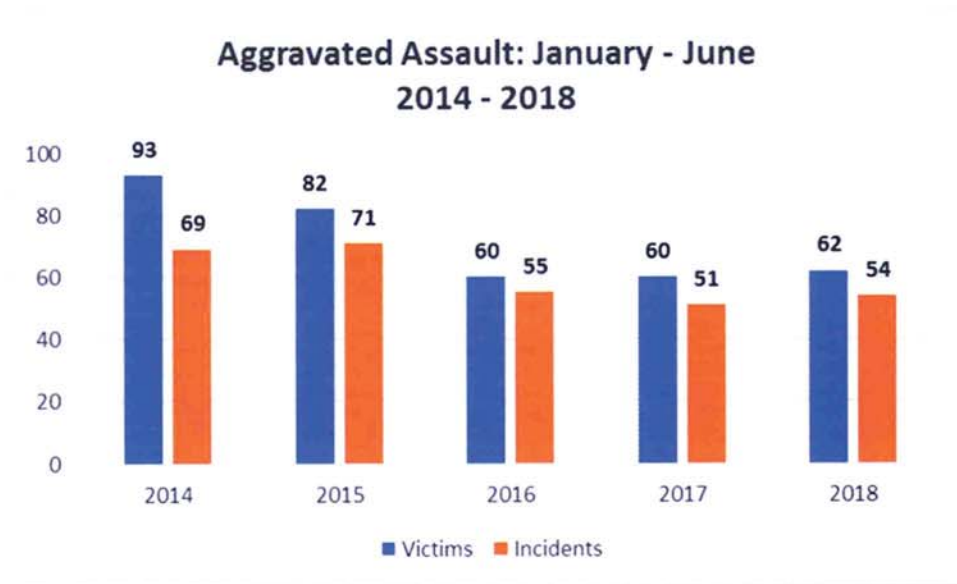


The following chart compares Petty Thefts over the last five years for the entire City vs. Petty Thefts for Reporting District 0989 (Gateway Center) only.



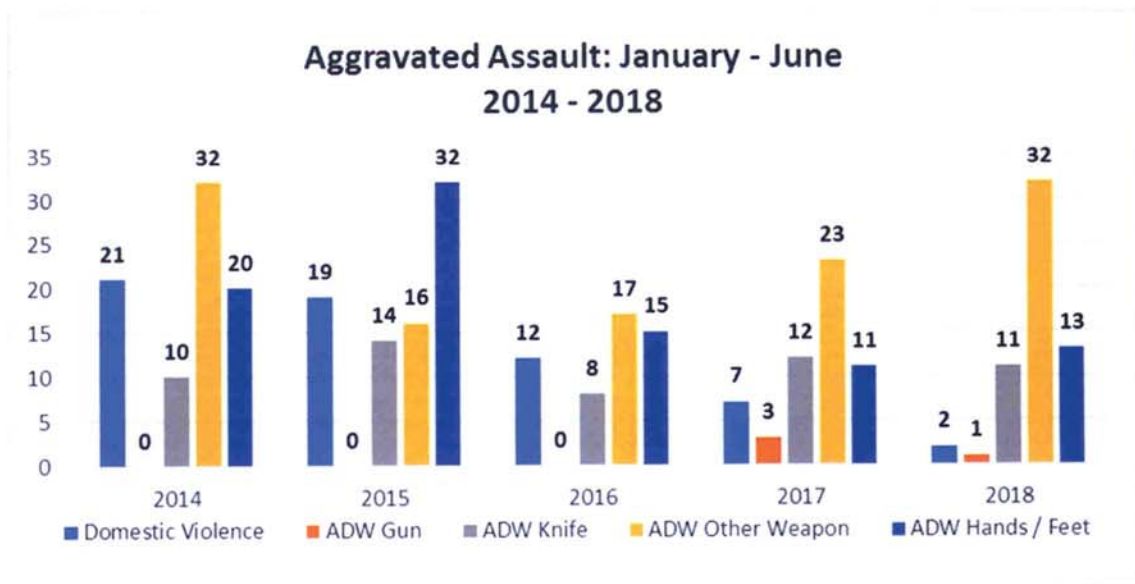
Aggravated Assaults

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



* Includes Aggravated Assaults against Police Officers.

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



* Aggravated Assaults against Police Officers are not depicted.

The following chart shows Domestic Violence Incidents broken down by gender for January - June 2018. It should be noted, the Male - Female category does not denote a male suspect and female victim.

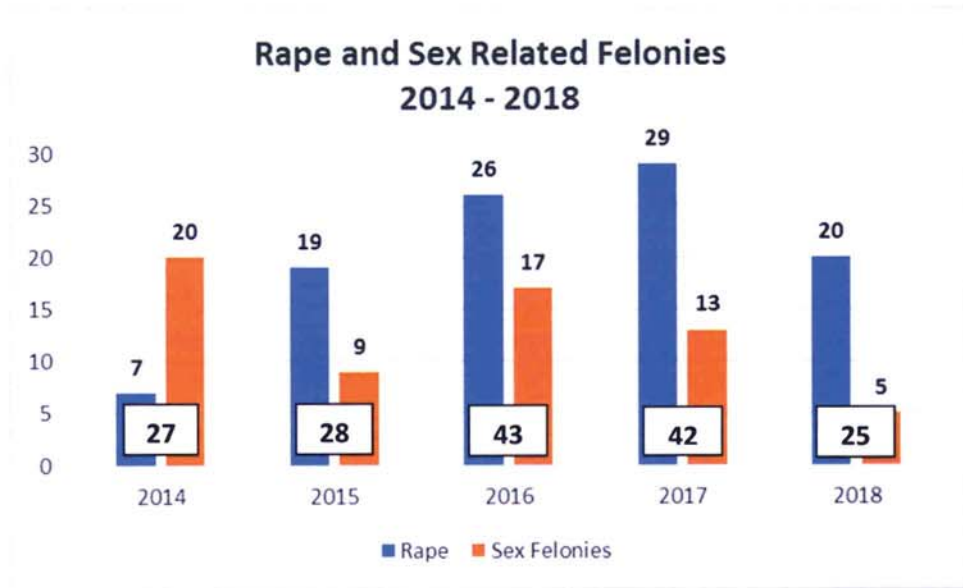
2018 (01/01 - 06/30) DV Incidents	Female - Female	Male - Female	Male - Male	Total	2017 Total	% Change
Criminal DV Incidents	5	61	18	84	71	18.31%
Assault, Aggravated	0	0	2	2	7	-71.43%
Assault, Non-Aggravated	5	61	16	82	64	28.13%
Non-Criminal DV Incidents	0	8	3	11	4	175.00%
Total	5	69	21	95	92	3.26%

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.

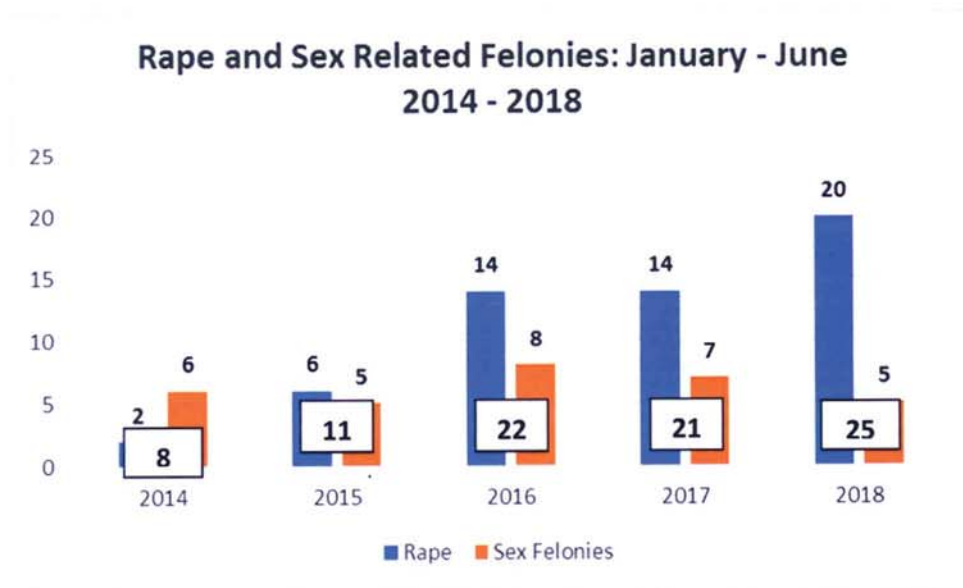
Rape & Sex Related Felonies

The following chart compares Rape and Sex Related Felonies for the last five years. The numbers in each box represent the total number of Rape and Sex Related Felonies for each year.



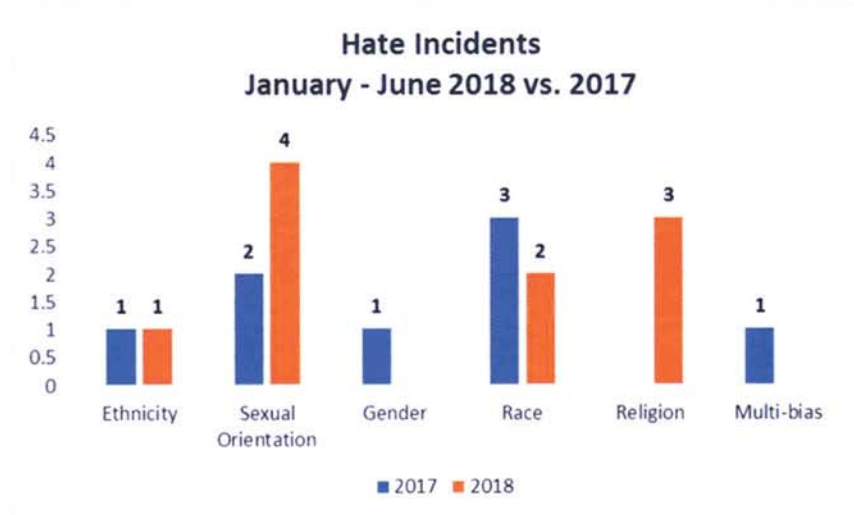
*2018 is January – June

The following chart compares Rape and Sex Related Felonies January - June for the last five years. The numbers in each box represent the total number of Rape and Sex Related Felonies for the period of January - June each year.

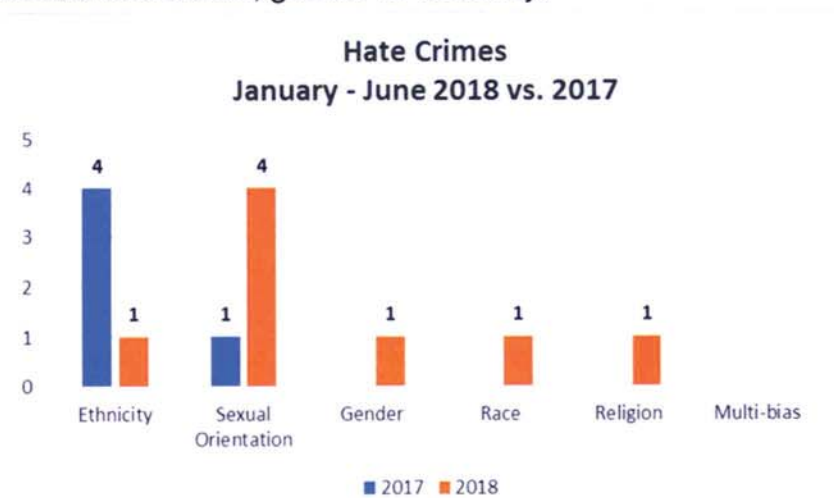


Hate Incidents & Hate Crimes

The following chart depicts the number of Hate Incidents for January – June 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 – June 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 - June 2018.

PART II CRIME (January - June 2018)	2017	2018	% CHANGE
FORGERY	28	32	14.29%
FRAUD	63	85	34.92%
SEX OFFENSES - FELONIES	7	5	-28.57%
SEX OFFENSES - MISDEMEANOR	9	14	55.56%
ASSAULT, NON-AGGRAVATED	134	164	22.39%
DOMESTIC ASSAULT, NON-AGGRAVATED	64	77	20.31%
ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER	9	7	-22.22%
WEAPON LAWS	20	22	10.00%
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	5	3	-40.00%
NARCOTICS	107	155	44.86%
LIQUOR LAWS	2	4	100.00%
DRUNK	75	83	10.67%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	11	17	54.55%
VAGRANCY	0	0	N/C
GAMBLING	0	0	N/C
DEFRAUDING INN KEEPER	8	7	-12.50%
DRUNK DRIVING	29	70	141.38%
VEHICLE / BOATING LAWS	324	378	16.67%
VANDALISM	146	121	-17.12%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	4	5	25.00%
FEDERAL OFFENSES	15	8	-46.67%
FELONIES - MISCELLANEOUS	26	33	26.92%
MISDEMEANORS, MISCELLANEOUS	53	112	111.32%
TOTAL	1139	1402	23.09%

APPENDIX 1B – Community Impact Team (CIT)

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

The COPPS Team remains committed to collaborating with City officials, residents, and businesses to resolve community concerns. Team members also worked with several Neighborhood Watch groups. They addressed residents' concerns, including criminal transient issues such as drinking in public, urinating in public, drug usage, littering, trespassing, theft, panhandling, and misuse of public facilities. Personnel not only make arrests for violations of law, but also provide information and assistance regarding shelters, medical attention, jobs, and substance abuse education. In addition, the COPPS team conducts numerous park patrols, works closely with local businesses to address their concerns, and helps institute a "Letter of Agency" where appropriate.

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

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

Another aspect of their duties includes assisting the West Hollywood Station's Detective Bureau by documenting and monitoring gang members, probationers, and parolees in the City's limits.

A "Letter of Agency" gives the Sheriff's Department the authority to enforce trespassing on private property. Lastly, the COPPS team continues to receive numerous commendations from both the station Captain and the City.

The following is a list of CIT activities for January – June 2017 vs. January – June 2018.

CIT Activity	January - June 2017	January - June 2018	% Change
Felony Arrests	9	13	44.44%
Misdemeanor Arrests	301	338	12.29%
Misc. Vehicle Code Citations	170	204	20.00%
Noise Violations (27007 CVC)	8	7	-12.50%
Modified Exhaust Violations (27151 CVC)	4	0	-100.00%
Impounded Vehicles	0	12	N/C
CIT Calls for Service	980	1021	4.18%
Taxi Operations	2	0	-100.00%
Senior Safety Meetings	4	6	50.00%
School Presentations	3	5	66.67%
Crosswalk Operations	1	0	-100.00%
Robbery Suppression Operations	5	2	-60.00%
Neighborhood Watch/Community Safety Meetings	7	10	42.86%
Homelessness Meetings	8	5	-37.50%
Park Security Meetings	7	4	-42.86%
Code Compliance Issues	170	217	27.65%
City Quality of Life Requests	193	436	125.91%
Vacant Properties Meetings	4	5	25.00%
Probation / Parole Compliance Searches	24	4	-83.33%

The Team continued its enhanced enforcement in and around bars, nightclubs, and entertainment venues, and its proactive stance in overall enforcement and made the following noteworthy incidents:

- Gave school safety presentations to elementary schools;
- Conducted directed patrol of several unoccupied properties resulting in the arrest of numerous trespassers;
- Arrested eighteen suspects for possession of narcotics and or narcotics paraphernalia;
- Made thirteen warrant arrests;
- Arrested fourteen suspects for trespassing;
- Two Burglary arrests;
- Two Spousal assault arrests;
- Two Forgery arrests; and
- One felony vandalism arrest.

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 two (2) Sergeants, ten (10) Detectives, one (1) Crime Analyst, one (1) professional staff member, and three (3) Reserve Detectives. 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 June 2018, the Detective Bureau received 565 active criminal cases, which is up 17% from 482 active cases during January to June 2017.

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 attend Neighborhood Watch meetings. They also work closely with the West Hollywood EPT and COPPS Team.

A few specific cases of interest during this period include the arrest of two men for armed robbery and kidnapping in which the two suspects would drive around the nightclub areas of the city, posing as rideshare drivers and targeting intoxicated men as their victims. Once inside the vehicle, the victims were taken to local ATM's and forced to withdraw money. In addition to the money withdrawn from the ATM's, the victims had their wallets, cell phones, and any jewelry on their persons taken. After identifying and arresting the primary suspect, a search warrant was served at the home of the second suspect and several firearms were recovered. It is believed the firearms were used by the suspects during the commission of their crimes. A total of eight cases were linked to the suspects and a confession was obtained from one of the suspects.

In another case, a man was identified and arrested for a series of vehicle burglaries that took place over several months beginning in late 2017 and ending with his arrest in February of 2018. In this case, a departmental program that tracks parolees wearing GPS ankle bracelets played a crucial role and allowed detectives to place the suspect at the scene of several West Hollywood vehicle burglaries. The suspect targeted fitness gym parking lots in the morning hours and smashed the vehicle windows to gain access to the vehicle. The suspect would steal wallets and purses from the cars and then go immediately to local

businesses and charge thousands of dollars to the victim's credit cards. A search warrant was served and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was very prolific and his arrest cleared several West Hollywood cases and many more throughout Los Angeles County.

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)

The Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system continues to be a valuable resource for the Sheriff's station. This system is installed in a number of patrol vehicles and captures thousands of license plates as deputy personnel drive their patrol area. Deputies can also park in the middle of a busy street and capture vehicle license plates traveling in both directions. This system has and will continue to be an invaluable resource for Detectives and field personnel. This technology is also used by the Crime Analyst to document suspect vehicle movement, and also assist Detectives by tethering the vehicle into the crime being investigated or additional crimes in other jurisdictions.

Station – Direction – Street – Intersection – Lane #	Detections
WHD_WB_SntMonicaBl_LBreaAv_Ln1	1,761,387
WHD_EB_SntMonicaBl_LBreaAv_Ln1	1,722,665
WHD_SB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln2	1,407,234
WHD_SB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln1	1,213,628
WHD_NB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln1	1,109,391
WHD_NB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln2	1,102,224
WHD_EB_SntMonicaBl_LBreaAv_Ln2	884,390
WHD_WB_SntMonicaBl_LBreaAv_Ln2	820,635
WHD_NB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln3	114,010
WHD_SB_LBreaAv_SntMonicaBl_Ln3	49,338
Total Detections	10,184,902

APPENDIX 1D – Traffic Division

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

The following is a list of activities for the Traffic Division comparing January - June 2017 to January - June of 2018:

Type of Case	January - June 2017	January - June 2018	% Change
Traffic Collision Investigations	291	442	51.89%
Fatal Traffic Collision Investigations	0	1	N/C
Traffic Collision Investigations Involving Injury	78	115	47.44%
Traffic Collision Investigations Involving Non-Injury	213	326	53.05%
DUI Traffic Collision Investigations	11	30	172.73%
Traffic Collision Investigations - Pedestrians vs. Vehicle	17	32	88.24%
Traffic Collision Investigations - Bicyclists vs. Vehicle	7	14	100.00%
Hit and Run Traffic Collision Investigations	61	78	27.87%
Total Citations Written	2,370	2,326	-1.86%
Photo Enforcement Citations Processed	195	0	N/C
DUI Arrests	29	70	141.38%
Speeding Citations	227	489	115.42%
Cellular Phone – Talking	231	153	-33.77%
Cellular Phone – Texting	670	379	-43.43%

For January through June of 2018, the number of reported traffic collisions in the City of West Hollywood increased 52%, as compared to January – June 2017.

The number of DUI traffic collision investigations increased 173%, and the number of DUI arrests increased 141%. 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 - June 2018			
Street	Total Collisions	Injury Collisions	Fatal Collisions
Fountain Avenue	52	23	0
San Vicente Blvd	21	6	0
Santa Monica Blvd	100	35	1
Sunset Blvd	37	15	0

High Incidence Intersections Report		
Rank	Intersection	Total Collisions
1	Santa Monica Blvd / Robertson Blvd	8
2	Crescent Heights Blvd / Fountain Avenue	7
3	San Vicente Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd	7
4	Santa Monica Blvd / Crescent Heights Blvd	7
5	Robertson Blvd / Melrose Avenue	6
6	Santa Monica Blvd / Fairfax Avenue	6
7	La Brea Avenue / Santa Monica Blvd	5
8	Sunset Blvd / Alta Loma Road	5
9	Cynthia Street / Doheny Drive	4
10	Fountain Avenue / Fairfax Avenue	4

APPENDIX 1E – Youth Programs

Youth Athletic League (YAL)

The Station's Youth Athletic League (YAL) was formed in 2007 in a joint partnership between the Sheriff's Youth Foundation and the City of West Hollywood. The YAL's purpose is to provide youngsters (7 to 17 years old) with safe opportunities to grow and develop the tools they need to succeed in life. Currently, the West Hollywood YAL has over 83 members registered.

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

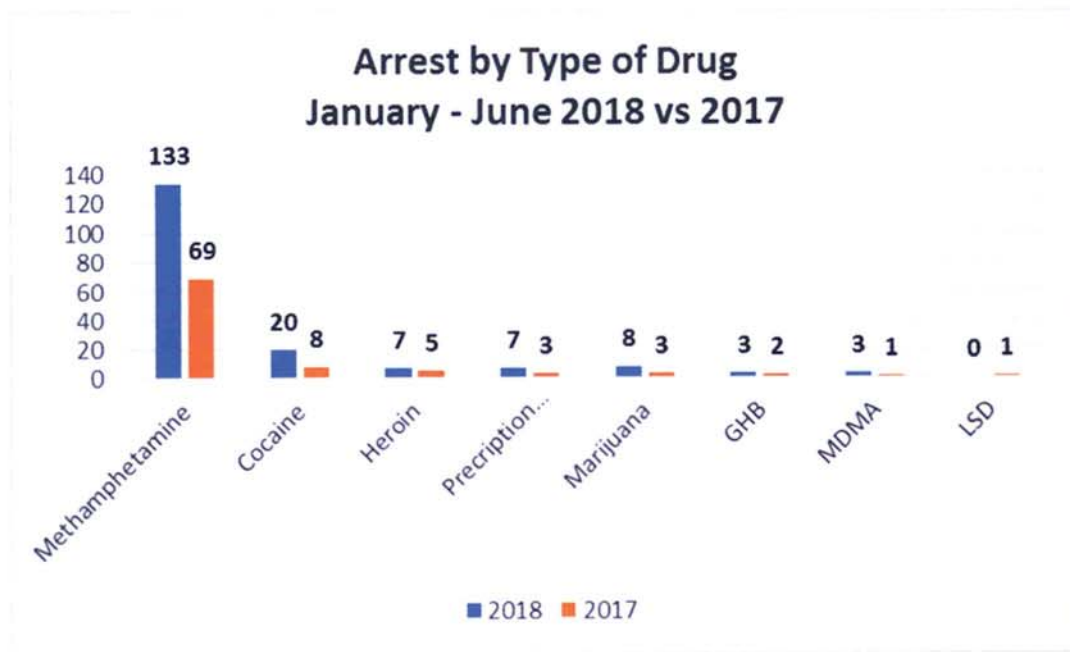
YAL Activities January - June 2018						
Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Number of Students	160	161	165	167	170	176
Weekly Onsite Activities	Tutoring, Sheriff's Youth Leadership Council (SYLC), Art, Teen Chef culinary classes, Guitar, Photography, Dance, Sports Games (Football / Rugby / Basketball / Dodge ball / Running/ Frisbee/ Tennis/ Bike / Hiking) / SAS Project					
Monthly Community Service Activities	Senior Dance Event	Heal the Bay	Children's Roundtable	Senior and Teen Project Kids Fair	Volunteer Awards prep	Movies in the park
Monthly Field Trip Activities and Special Events	Knott's Berry Farms Griffith Park Hike WeStroll (The Grove) AMC Theaters	Valentine Dance Mt. Baldy Snow Trip WeStroll (Weho Park)	Cal-Pal Youth Leadership Academy St. Patricks Party Annual Teen Summit Hiking (Fanklin Canyon)	Lakers Basketball Hiking (Hollywood Sign) WeStroll (West Hollywood)	Fallen Officers Memorial Run Cinco de Mayo Party Hiking (Bronson Cave) WeStroll (Melrose)	Santa Monica Beach Camp Courage (Girls) State Parks Outdoor Youth Connection Training Hiking Franklin Canyon Magic Moutain

APPENDIX 1F – Narcotics Bureau

During this reporting period, the Narcotics Bureau was reconfigured into regional teams. The Northwest Region Narcotics Team services 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.

In an effort to provide a more comprehensive analysis of narcotic related arrests, the Narcotics Bureau has started tracking each individual drug that was found when the arrest took place. The old method relied on statistical codes used by the Sheriff's Department that grouped many types of drugs together and made it difficult to determine what drugs are problematic in West Hollywood. The Narcotics Bureau is not able to provide a comparison for 2017 vs. 2016 because the new tracking system was not in place in 2016; the comparison by year will begin in 2018.

The following chart shows arrests by type of drug for January – June 2018 vs. 2017.



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), as well as

expired prescription medications. 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.

During this reporting period, information obtained during investigations and through interviews of arrestees suggests that the individuals arrested for narcotics possession violations typically purchased their narcotics within West Hollywood, Hollywood, Los Angeles City, and the San Fernando Valley areas. Information obtained on narcotics dealers within the City of West Hollywood suggest the individuals are selling within clubs, from their residence, to the transients and by delivery. The narcotics are being delivered from outside of West Hollywood and into the city for distribution.

APPENDIX 1G – Volunteers

There are 25 volunteers who serve the West Hollywood Station under the direction of Captain Sergio Aloma, Lieutenant Ed Ramirez, and Sergeant Jon Klaus. Station volunteers assist with Front Desk reception, clerical duties, traffic control and handicap placard violation citations. A volunteer maintains the station's website, and assists with Twitter, Facebook and Nixle messaging services.

In addition, more advanced volunteers serve as members of the West Hollywood Station Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) Program. VOP consists of 6 - 11 volunteers who are specially trained to perform foot patrols throughout the City, including patrols on Sunset Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, Melrose Avenue, Robertson Boulevard and the City's parks. This team supports all special events in the city.

The following summarizes the contributions made by station volunteers from January - June 2018:

Number of Volunteer hours donated	Value of hours at \$23.42 per hour	Handicap Placard Violations	Total Estimated Value of Volunteers' Time
2,971	\$79,815	\$9,772	\$89,587

Participation:

- One volunteer has over 30,000 hours of service.
- Four volunteers have between 5,000 and 10,000 hours of service.
- Twelve volunteers have between 1,000 and 5,000 hours of service.
- One volunteer has over 25 years of service.
- Nine volunteers have between 10 and 20 years of service.
- Six volunteers have between 5 and 10 years of service.

Highlights during this reporting period:

- 226 hours – Program Administration
- 1986 hours – Front Desk Customer Service
- 372 hours – Volunteers on Patrol
- 87 hours – Pride activities
- 72 hours – LA Marathon working traffic posts

APPENDIX 2 – Los Angeles County Fire Department

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

From January through June 2018, fire personnel responded to 3,600 total calls. Of these, 2,862 were for emergency medical calls (79% of all calls). In addition, there were 48 total fires, of which 4 were vehicle fires, and 5 were building fires. The remaining 39 fires were a combination of outside rubbish fires, tree fires, dumpster fires, dryer fires, or cooking fires, all of which caused no financial damage or injuries. The total fire loss during this time period was \$236,000 in property damage and \$47,500 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 35 and 25 monthly, respectively.

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

	July – December 2017	January – June 2018
Total Calls	3,495	3,600
Emergency Medical Calls	2,690	2,862
Total Fires	37	48
Vehicle Fires	2	4
Building Fires	6	5
Miscellaneous Fires	29	39
Total Property Damage	\$651,600	\$236,000
Total Contents Damage	\$243,050	\$47,500
Inspections	210	210
Plans Checked	150	150

Noteworthy incidents during this time frame include:

- January 18, 2018 - 4 Story Commercial – Structure Fire at 9220 Sunset Boulevard; Accidental – Torch: Fire started by construction workers using a torch to seal roofing material. Area involved 20 ft. x 8 ft. Property damage: \$25,000; Contents damage: \$0; Value saved: \$30,000,000

- March 1, 2018 – Building fire at 1222 Fairfax Avenue #603; Kitchen fire with damage to cabinets, countertops and stove caused by unattended cooking utensil. Property damage: \$20,000; Contents damage: \$10,000; Value saved: \$12,900,000
- April 10, 2018 – Building fire at 1004 Spaulding Avenue #7; Cause: Cigarette butt left on couch on balcony. Property damages: \$30,000; Contents damages: \$10,000; Value saved: \$1.4 million
- April 24, 2018 – Building fire at 1234 Crescent Heights – Apartment fire in kitchen area. A patient was extricated by personnel, after maneuvering through densely packed conditions. Property damage: \$45,000; Contents damage: \$5,000; Value saved: \$1.65 million
- April 25, 2018 – Building fire at 915 Ogden Drive #18: Light smoke showing from the roof of a two story apartment house. Fire held to the involved unit. Salvage completed below unit 8 to prevent water damage. Property damage: \$40,000; Contents damage: \$20,000; Value saved: \$1.2 million

In addition, Fire Department personnel provided event management and community outreach at the following events:

- LA Pride Festival
- LA Marathon
- Sidewalk CPR at Healthy Seniors Fair
- West Hollywood Kids Fair
- Senior Safety Seminars

Station personnel regularly conduct blood pressure checks with constituents who visit the local stations, and routinely provide Fire Station tours for the public. They also participate in Neighborhood Watch meetings organized by the City and Sheriff's Department when requested.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lacountyfire7

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

YouTube: www.youtube.com/lacofddiv7

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

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

APPENDIX 3 – Public Safety Department and Public Safety Commission

Multidisciplinary Projects, Special Events, and Public Safety Education

The Public Safety Department actively participates in several multidisciplinary projects including emergency preparedness, park security, quality of life and nuisance abatement, vacant properties, and monitoring the impacts from marijuana dispensaries; as well as managing competing residential and commercial issues. Staff manages the Public Safety Commission, the Russian Advisory Board, and the Transgender Advisory Board. Staff also had a significant role in various events during the first half of 2018 including the Los Angeles Marathon, Russian Cultural Month and Festival, the Public Safety Awards, Denim Day, LA Pride, and a self-defense class.

Public Safety Commissioners work closely with Public Safety staff, Sheriff's and Fire personnel. Commissioners continue to participate in the monthly "Coffee with the Cops" program which provides residents and business owners with the opportunity to meet Sheriff's personnel, Public Safety staff, and Public Safety Commissioners. These monthly events are held at various locations throughout the City. Additionally, Public Safety Commissioners continue to collaborate with staff on public education regarding crimes of opportunity and earthquake preparedness. The Public Safety Commission and Transportation Commission ad hoc subcommittee continue to meet to discuss Fountain Avenue improvements, and the Public Safety Commission and Women's Advisory Board collaborated on community outreach to promote the "Only Yes Means Yes" campaign. Finally, Public Safety staff and Public Safety Commissioners attended various Neighborhood Watch meetings as well as other Commission and Advisory Board meetings when relevant.

Anti-Violence Project

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

Emergency Management

Emergency management is a key component to the Public Safety Department, and staff is responsible for ensuring that the City is prepared to respond to and

recover from a disaster. This includes working closely with both internal staff and external agencies.

During the first half of 2018, Public Safety staff worked with the Innovation Division staff regarding the Smart City Initiative's Public Safety Pilot Project.

During the past six months, staff participated in various preparedness efforts including organizing safety presentations by the Sheriff's Department to all City staff and safety seminars for residents. Staff presented to the Disabilities Advisory Board regarding emergency preparedness for those with Access and Functional Needs.

In addition, all new city staff received basic National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training. The annual NIMS refresher trainings were held in January for City staff, in the form of an interactive electronic game that was well-received by staff. This year, staff held a separate NIMS refresher training for Recreation Services staff. Staff also brought the American Red Cross to conduct shelter training for Recreation Services staff. Lastly, city staff had the opportunity to purchase emergency supplies at City Hall in January.

Staff continued training staff who are assigned to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Staff coordinated with the Information Technology Division and a consultant to edit a customized GIS mapping software for the City to utilize during special events and emergency to track various aspects of a disaster. Staff continued collaborating with the other Area A cities (Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and Culver City) to prepare for an Action Planning training. The Public Safety Department entered into a contract with the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services (TEEX) to conduct the next EOC drill in September. Finally, staff served as an evaluator for Culver City's Emergency Operations Exercise in January 2018.

With respect to special events, staff maintained the recent upgrade to the Emergency Medical Services response to major events through the use of a Medical Care Center at LA Pride Festival and Parade. This allowed medical professionals to treat as many patients on site as possible and avoided transporting patients to area hospitals when unnecessary.

The City continues its relationship with the Maple Counseling Center for counseling services for victims of crime or disaster. Moreover, staff continues to hold regular tests on all emergency equipment and ensures that EOC staff practice utilizing the County's online communication system (OARRS). Finally, staff maintains "Alert First", an emergency notification system, by registering additional residents in the network's database and conducting quarterly tests on the notification system.

Russian Community Outreach

The City's Russian Community Outreach Coordinator dedicates the majority of her time addressing ongoing issues for the Russian speaking community. This includes safety, homelessness, domestic violence, neighbor disputes, elder abuse, human trafficking, housing, and translation issues.

In collaboration with the Russian Advisory Board, staff coordinates educational seminars for the Russian speaking businesses and residents to address various issues. Staff coordinated and assisted with many events during the first six months of 2018, including the Kids Fair, Russian Cultural Month, Victory in Europe Day and Immortal Regiment March, International Women's Day and Women's History Month, National Night Out, and other Russian speaking cultural events for the community.

The City's Russian Community Outreach Coordinator collaborates with staff in other departments to further assist the City's interaction with the Russian speaking community. First, staff is working with the Communications Department on expanding and developing a Russian speaking community Internet portal on the City's website. Staff also continues to work with Dispute Resolution Services to provide the Russian speaking community effective and accessible conflict resolution services in its native language. Staff is working with the Cultural Affairs Administrator and Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission on various cultural programs. Lastly, staff continues assistance to various community groups with cultural grant applications and events.

As part of the City's Aging in Place initiative, staff provides senior safety and emergency preparedness presentations for elderly people living with access and functional needs. As seniors continue to use computers and the Internet, staff collaborates with the FBI's community outreach office on Cyber Security presentation for seniors.

Staff is also working with various businesses and non-profit organizations on providing services to senior citizens in the comfort of their homes or at the locations convenient to the residents. Services provided in Russian language include preparation of a Power of Attorney and other forms, certified translation of documents, etc. Volunteers from the Russian language library assist seniors with delivering books. For the first time this year, staff coordinated a Mature Driver Course by the Sheriff's Department in the Russian language. Lastly, staff is working with the Russian Advisory Board and Community on creation of a virtual archive of the Russian speaking community.

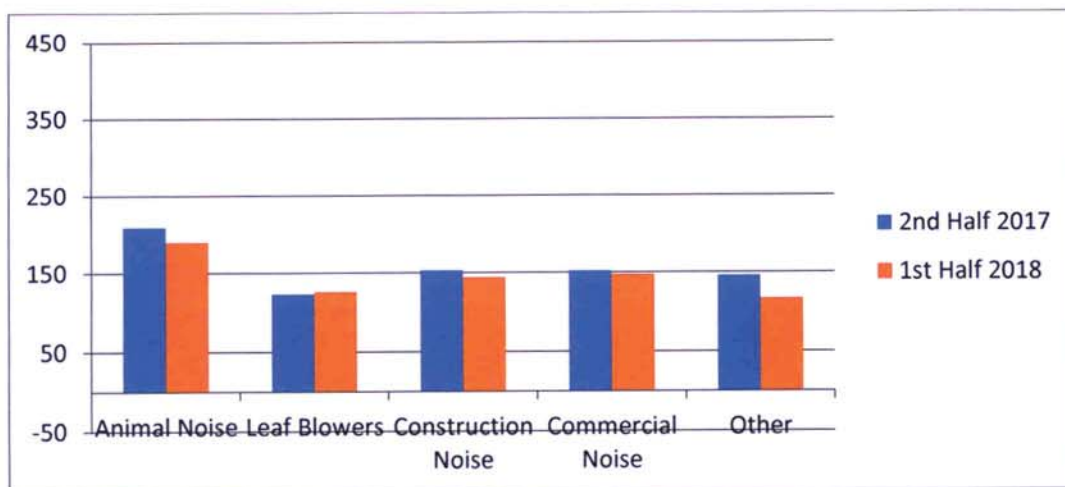
APPENDIX 4 – Code Compliance Division

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

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

Noise

Code Compliance experienced a slight decrease in the total number of noise complaints compared to the second half of 2017. Leaf blowers noise and animal noise continue to comprise a significant percentage of the calls for assistance. Code Compliance responded to 190 calls regarding animal noise and another 126 for commercial noise during the period covered by this report. 42 citations were issued for leaf blowers during this time period, as opposed to 35 during the previous reporting period. Code Compliance received calls from residents who were appreciative of the efforts to reduce their use in the City. The City also responded to 144 calls regarding after-hours construction, 147 concerns of noise from commercial businesses (bars, nightclubs, and restaurants), and 117 other noise violations that fall under other specific code sections.



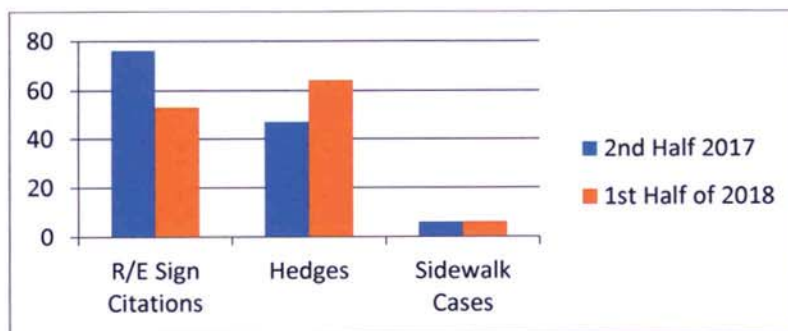
Sidewalks/Public Right-of-Way (PROW)

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

Obstructions placed on City sidewalks continue to be a focus of Code Compliance. These types of violations are not only a trip-and-fall hazard, but reduce the aesthetic appeal that our City is known for. Code Compliance experienced a substantial decrease in the number of real estate sign violations during this reporting period as compared with the previous six months. 53 citations were issued for signs placed on the PROW during the time period covering this report, compared to 76 for the last reporting period.

Sidewalks being improperly maintained and tables and chairs being placed on the PROW also represent potential neighborhood livability concerns to the community-at-large. Raised/uneven sidewalks, improper ground cover in the parkways, and the lack of maintenance of sidewalks all continued to receive a lot of attention from Code staff. In recent years, there has been a noticeable Citywide improvement in the condition of the sidewalks and parkways. 6 new Code Compliance cases have been initiated to address concerns over the parkways and sidewalks. Through Code Compliance efforts, West Hollywood continues to be a pedestrian-friendly City.

As the condition of the sidewalks and parkways is steadily improving in the City, staff has also begun to vigorously target private property hedges that are growing into the sidewalks. During this reporting period, 64 new cases for overgrown hedges were created and warnings were sent to each property owner. Several of these cases have been closed due to voluntary compliance, and 21 citations have been issued to non-compliant property owners.



Environmental/ Trash

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

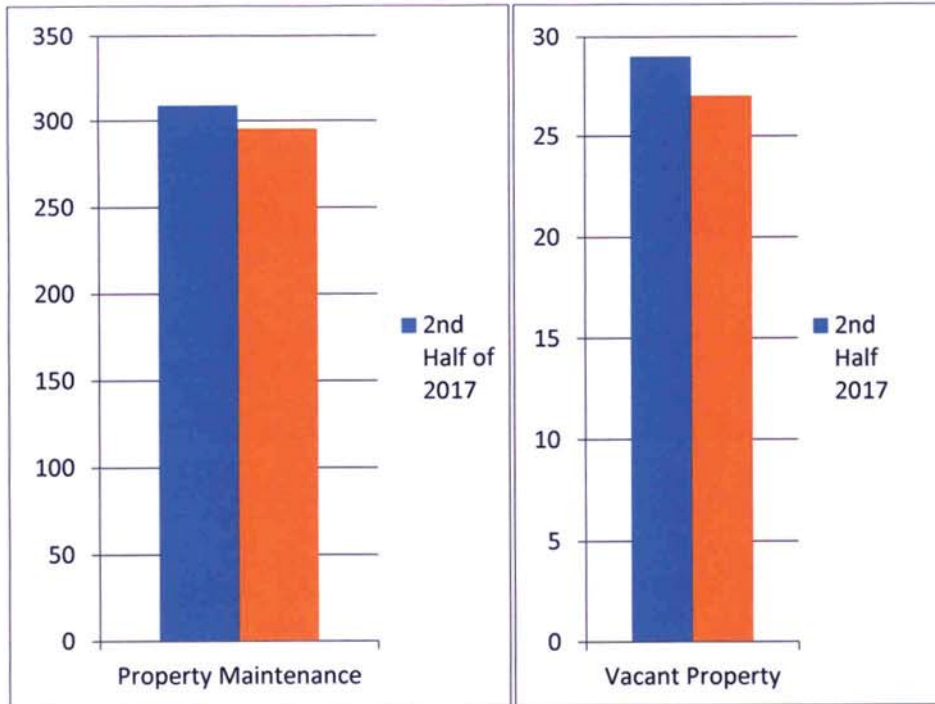
The solid waste provisions of the West Hollywood Municipal Code cover areas such as the accumulation of solid waste, scavenging, the time of placement of trash cans, and the lack of trash service. If not continuously monitored, all of these areas of concern can have a major negative effect on the quality of life that the residents and visitors enjoy in this City. In the 6 months covered by this report, 942 reports of bulky items were reported and addressed, a decrease of 394 compared to the previous period. Code Compliance has done an excellent job in monitoring these issues and will continue to do so.

Concerns about solid waste bins being left out or trash accumulating on a property are common concerns voiced by our residents. This activity not only brings down the aesthetic appeal of our city, but it often takes up valuable parking spaces or poses an impediment to our pedestrians. We have received 165 complaints, have opened 66 new cases, and have issued 31 citations for this (trash cans) during this reporting period. These numbers reflect a sharp increase in this type of violation compared to previous reporting periods. Some of the complaints about the accumulation of solid waste are actually related to bulky items, but are included in this statistic as that is the category that was used for the filing of the concern.

Property Maintenance

Property maintenance is the category that encompasses a wide variety of violations. There were 295 reports of property maintenance concerns responded to by Code Compliance. Generally, this code section ensures that buildings and properties are maintained in a clean, safe, and healthy manner. Leaky plumbing, overgrown vegetation, and deteriorating structures, as well as a host of other potential problems, all fall under this category. These violations have a direct impact on neighborhood livability and contribute to a decline in the quality of life for the community-at-large. Through inspections, both proactive and in response to complaints, Code Compliance continues to ensure that the quality of life for residents and the overall aesthetics of the community are preserved.

Vacant properties also fall under the property maintenance code. 27 new vacant property concerns were filed with the City; all of which were promptly addressed by Code Compliance and other agencies. This resulted in 13 new cases being opened. By collaborating with the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, Building & Safety, and other divisions and agencies, Code Compliance strives to ensure that all vacant and abandoned properties in West Hollywood are maintained in a safe and aesthetically pleasing manner.



Animals

Code Compliance continued its collaboration with the Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles County Animal Control to enforce the animal control regulations. Code Compliance received 25 reports of off-leash animals during this reporting period and responded to each one. City staff has seen a dramatic decrease in the number of violations of animal control regulations, compared to previous years. Numerous proactive inspections, by both Code Compliance and Animal Control, took place in the parks and throughout the City during the past 6 months.

In addition to the aforementioned areas of focus, Code Compliance also responds to a wide variety of calls and complaints from local residents and businesses. While many of these calls for service are not for violations of the Municipal Code, we strive to work on resolving any concern that is brought to our attention with our ultimate goal being to maintain the high quality of life for which West Hollywood has long been known.

Construction

Code Compliance Division continues to monitor large and small scale construction projects to ensure the developers abide by their approved construction mitigation plan. New construction development projects are vital to the City's economic growth, but if the logistics are not done properly this can impact the neighborhood. In the past 6 months, Code Compliance responded to 203 calls regarding construction related issues, which generated 70 new cases

and resulted in 129 citations. This number excludes the number of cases and citations for construction after-hours.

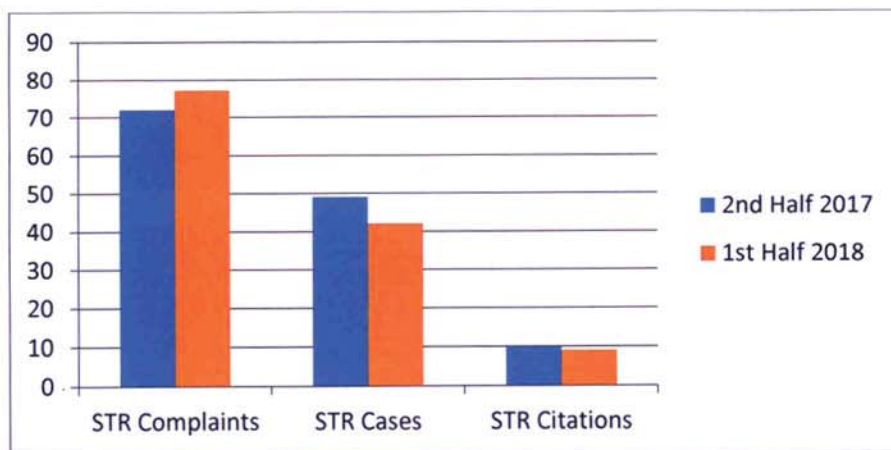
Nighttime Code Compliance Efforts

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

Addressing the operations of valet companies will continue to be a priority of Code Compliance. Regular site inspections have been conducted of valet operators to ensure that they are following their approved route plans, their drivers are licensed to drive, and that they are not operating in a manner that would endanger the public or would otherwise create unnecessary disturbances to the neighborhood-at-large. These inspections have resulted in 31 citations, as compared to 19 for the previous six months.

Short Term Rentals

One issue that has become particularly prominent in the City is short term rentals. On October 21, 2015, the updated code language codifying the City's ban on short term rentals became effective. Since then, Code Compliance has made a concerted effort to address this issue. During this reporting period, Code Compliance responded to 77 unique complaints of short term rentals. 42 cases were opened and warnings were issued for each property. 9 citations were issued during this time for a total of \$90,801.



APPENDIX 5 – Block By Block Security Ambassadors

Deploying Block by Block Security Ambassadors along Santa Monica Boulevard and adjacent residential streets has had a positive impact on safety and neighborhood livability. Security Ambassadors provide a highly visible uniform presence at the street level to serve as a visual deterrent, report unwanted activity, challenge low level quality of life crimes and work in collaboration with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. Security Ambassadors also provide a high level of customer service for all who live, work or visit West Hollywood.

The following chart shows their activities from January – June 2018:

