CRIME AND INITIATIVES 2019

HOMICIDES VS POPULATION
1968 TO 2019

CITYWIDE HOMICIDES
1992 TO 2019

CITYWIDE HOMICIDE RATES
2019 - LOWEST HOMICIDE RATE SINCE 1962

2019 RATES
HOM Rate 6.3
Homicides 253
INTRODUCTION

Policing with purpose, partnership and compassion is what drives the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department every day, and throughout 2019 those guiding principles helped us to reduce crime and build new bridges with the people we protect and serve. While the LAPD is constantly evaluating our efforts and commitment to our core values, this yearly report is an opportunity to quantify some of that work and provide a snapshot of our successes as well as areas needing improvement. We made a commitment this year to put more officers on the street in an effort to respond to the nearly one million calls for service, but more importantly we asked our officers to make meaningful connections and spend more time problem solving with residents in our community. This commitment to relationship building and devotion to Department core values plays a pivotal role in the continuing transformation of our organization.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Community outreach, gang intervention, and increased patrols all contributed to the year’s seven percent decrease in Part I Crime. Officers who moved back to patrol functions allowed the LAPD to provide more resources for calls, ultimately helping to solve problems in our communities contributing to the second straight year of decreases in both property and violent crime. These numbers reflect one of the safest times to live in this city, and for the last decade, our homicides continue to remain below 300. Gang related murders were also down for the second straight year and remain at historic lows, while the number of victims shot was the lowest in 21 years.

In an effort to maintain positive momentum and further address violent offenses and other serious crimes, we sharpened the focus of our seasoned officers in Metropolitan Division. By reorganizing those dedicated crime suppression personnel away from persistent proactive vehicle patrols, we leveraged the work of these highly experienced men and women in identifying those responsible for shooting violence and serious crimes across the city. Their work, utilizing a variety of tactics including stakeouts, plainclothes operations and investigative follow ups, resulted in the apprehension and removal of our most violent and prolific offenders from the community. This shift away from an over reliance on vehicle patrols is also meant to build public trust in our most violence-impacted communities by avoiding high frequency pretexts stops of individuals otherwise not engaged in criminal activity.

The Department continued its unwavering support of the Mayor’s Vision Zero initiative to make LA’s roads safer through a renewed focus on DUI drivers, an increased number of street racing task forces, and expansion of distracted driving awareness campaigns. These initiatives helped us to achieve a 1.2 percent reduction in overall traffic collisions and, in particular, a 14 percent decrease in DUI related crashes City-wide. While overall hit and run collisions were down 11 percent, we saw a greater number of these types of crashes ending with fatalities or serious injuries in 2019. Also concerning was a 30 percent increase in fatal DUI crashes. In an effort to curb these numbers, we established a safe driving awareness campaign that we intend to expand this coming year.

PARTNERSHIPS

The increasing complexity of policing an urban environment demands public trust and requires strong bonds with Angelenos. The shared responsibility to protect our most vulnerable residents, fight violent crime, and create healthy communities continues to be a priority for the LAPD. In 2019, the Department continued its efforts to address the humanitarian crisis of our generation, with more resources being devoted to help people experiencing homelessness. As part of the Mayor’s “A Bridge Home” initiative, three new locations opened this year with more than 40 officers assigned to CARE (Cleaning and Rapid Engagement) and CARE+ teams. These important cadres engage with the men, women, and children who live on our streets and need critical support. Our officers continue to provide dedicated patrols to ensure the safety of these sites, while ensuring the surrounding communities are not adversely impacted. The Department continued to dedicate nearly 50 officers to Skid Row specifically, to work with residents, businesses, and community leaders who find themselves at the epicenter of our homeless crisis. With the guiding principle of shared responsibility, we have asked our officers to direct residents to the various City, County, and non-profit services where these individuals can find solace. At the same time, we remain focused in our mission to reduce Part I crime and reduce victimization with a 23 percent increase in the arrests of homeless suspects. More than 59 percent of those offenses were considered violent or drug related.
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CITYWIDE FIREARMS BOOKED
2009 TO 2019

CITYWIDE VICTIMS SHOT
2009 TO 2019

EIGHT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS
PART 1 CRIME
2016 TO 2019
In 2019, with the generous support of the Balmer Foundation, we doubled down on our commitment to community policing by expanding our celebrated Community Safety Partnership (CSP) into the South Park neighborhood adding 10 more officers to this ground-breaking initiative. Relationship building, gang intervention, expanded use of community volunteers, and enhanced youth programs make up the foundation for this model of policing. In the six public housing developments and two neighborhood zones that make up the current CSPs, more than 90 officers were measured by the partnerships they created rather than the arrests they made.

In an effort to ensure the safe and legal distribution and use of recreational cannabis, we partnered with the City’s Department of Cannabis Regulation, Los Angeles Fire Department, Department of Water and Power, Department of Building and Safety, and the City Attorney’s Office to support licensed facilities, while working to eliminate unlicensed retailers. Through a multi-dimensional approach of notices, enforcement, utility lock outs, and civil prosecutions for wayward landlords we were able to serve more than 400 search warrants, recover over 3 million dollars in US Currency, and seize nearly 50,000 lbs of cannabis.

ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

In 2019, the Los Angeles Police Department continued its commitment to 21st Century Policing Principles with enhanced technology, improved training, and greater accountability. With support from the Mayor’s Office, City Council and various public-private initiatives, the Los Angeles Police Foundation initiated a capital campaign for the Department to modernize our technology, making it easier for officers to expedite radio calls, spend more time engaging with the public rather than writing reports, and review body worn video of public interactions. Department-wide WiFi, online reports, and an updated computer aided dispatch system are just a few of the improvements that are creating efficiencies and streamlining our ability to serve the public.

The LAPD is constantly working to maintain and further build public trust through transparency and greater accountability, and the release of body-worn video through Critical Incident Briefings is our latest effort towards that goal.

The 33 videos released in 2019 provided an intimate view of critical encounters with the public and allowed our residents to learn about the investigative process. These videos are designed to not only inform the public about what happens during these life-and-death situations, but also helps to educate and offer insight into the complicated and dynamic position our officers often face.

Once again, our emphasis on the preservation of life and de-escalation of tactical incidents helped to reduce officer involved shootings by 20 percent from 2018. In fact, this year we experienced the lowest number of officer-involved shootings in more than 30 years (the earliest record available for this statistic) with just 26 of these encounters. This also marks a 40 percent reduction since 2017. The Department’s expanded use of less lethal munitions and research of emerging new non-lethal technology helped to further reduce the need to utilize lethal force.

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## STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2020 & BEYOND

### PROTECT LA
- Opening of new Community Safety Partnership site with 11 new officers in San Fernando Gardens
- Expand Smart Policing strategies to address violent crime while broadening the Juvenile Arrest Diversion Program to all geographic areas throughout the city
- Expand Department's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBN) resources to identify firearms used in and connected to crimes

### ENGAGE LA
- Conduct and evaluate Community Sentiment Surveys
- Continue recruiting residents from all 21 geographic areas in an effort to reach our goal of 5000 Registered Department volunteers
- Broaden Cadet Youth program efforts to mirror Department's diversity goals
- Monitor, evaluate, and expand best practices to train all officers on Procedural Justice principles

### ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
- Expand the frequency and volume of random Body Worn Video audits to ensure officers are upholding Constitutional Policing and Procedural Justice principles
- Implement program to train field supervisors on Biased Policing mediation

### MODERNIZE TECHNOLOGY
- Improve overall infrastructure throughout our facilities for more efficient and effective policing
- Increase the number of on-line reports that are available to the public
- Replace report writing computers in all 21 Geographic Divisions
- Pilot new Smart Phone App to Support patrol officers completing the “Connected Cop”
- Update internal and external web pages
- Expand and install electric vehicle charging stations at Department facilities

### ENRICH TRAINING
- Utilization of virtual reality for in-service and academy training
- Assess readiness for organized response to critical mass incidents in anticipation of the 2028 Olympics
- Expand Department courses that provide university/college academic credits
- Collaborate with academic institutions to identify trends, topics, and research to improve all aspects of community policing

### MAXIMIZE WORKFORCE POTENTIAL
- Streamline and improve recruitment process to retain candidates and encourage a diverse talent pool, with an emphasis on Women, African Americans, and Asian Pacific Islanders
- Improved succession planning in an effort to identify the next generation of Department leaders

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