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Greetings

As we welcome in 2022 and reflect on accomplishments and challenges faced, we must count our blessings and stay vigilant. The New Year is here and as COVID 19 still looms I ask that we plan, prepare and present our opportunities for safety and resilience.

This New Year is a new beginning to maximize our probabilities for success. I don't mean New Year's resolutions, I'm speaking of preparedness planning that can keep your situational awareness elevated and your family informed.

My optimism steadily increases based on my personal interactions with the Operations West Bureau (OWB) communities.

My team and I look to create and establish safety advantages that remind us to look before we leap and to think before we act.

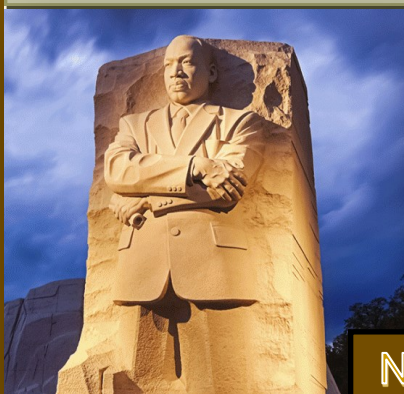
These first three months are a pathway to model behavior that benefits everyone we encounter.

As always, I will continue to emphasize the importance of establishing a Go Bag, maintaining proper brush clearance, opting in on our LAFD Alerts, wearing a mask, being socially distanced, eating healthy and staying committed to physical fitness.

This quarter we will share and discuss Christmas Tree Recycling, the Omicron Variant, Debris Flow, OWB Partner's Pages featuring LAPD Leadership, Is Fire Season Over, Situational Awareness, OWB Calendar, Los Angeles World Airport, LAX Rapid Covid Testing, West Bureau Council Districts, West Express Hyperlinks, OWB in Action and our back page that recognizes promotions and transfers into OWB.

Let's start 2022 with a burning desire to implement our three tenets of self-prepared, family preparedness and community preparedness.

On behalf of the many members of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Active & Retired, I implore you to stay safe, be well and think positive thoughts.



NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

LA Sanitation & Environment has curbside collection for Christmas trees, making it convenient to properly and safely recycle your tree. There are a few options.

3 ways to schedule Christmas tree collection:

- Call our 24-hour Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489
- Visit MYLA311 website and create a "Bulky Items" ticket and select "Christmas Tree" in the drop down menu
- Create a request by clicking the green SERVICE REQUEST tab on the right of the screen of our homepage. Create a "Bulky Items" ticket and select "Christmas Tree" in the drop down menu

How to recycle your Christmas tree:

1. **REMOVE** all decorations, tinsel, and stand from the tree.
2. **CUT*** the tree into pieces, if needed, to fit into green bin.
3. **PLACE** the tree pieces inside the green bin and put out for regular pick-up on collection day.

*If your Christmas tree is too big to cut and place inside the green bin, simply place the tree curbside next to your green waste bin on collection day.

Flocked trees and artificial trees can't be recycled. Please place them in the black container to go to the landfill.

LASAN recycles Christmas trees and uses them to produce compost and mulch that is available to residents for free. [Learn more here.](#)

Tree safety tips

- Buy a freshly-cut tree.
- Keep the tree no less than three feet from heat sources.
- Turn off tree lights while sleeping and away from home.
- Water the tree daily so it doesn't dry out as quickly.
- Remove the tree from your home after Christmas or once it becomes dry.

What else can be recycled at the holidays?

Conventional gift wrapping paper may use glitter, foil, or a laminate to make it more durable and appealing; nonetheless, these items **cannot** be easily removed for recycling. There are some exceptions including holiday packaging like cartons, cardboard, certain plastics and gift boxes can be placed in the blue bin for recycling. However, it is illegal to place household hazardous waste, such as electronics (i.e. televisions and computers) and batteries into the collection bins. Please take those items to one of our [S.A.F.E. Centers](#) for safe disposal and recycling.

For homes serviced by LASAN, **we are accepting extra cardboard that doesn't fit in the blue bin.** Please break down your boxes, then cut and tie into 4×4 bundles weighing no more than 30 pounds. Please place the bundles next to your blue bin, facing the street so our drivers can see them.

See: [Tree Recycling](#)



COVID - 19 : “Omicron Variant”

Omicron in the United States

CDC is working with state and local public health officials to monitor the spread of Omicron. As of December 20, 2021, Omicron has been detected in most states and territories and is rapidly increasing the proportion of COVID-19 cases it is causing. CDC is expecting a surge of COVID-19 cases in the coming days to weeks. Learn more about Omicron variant surveillance and potential rapid spread.

What We Know about Omicron

CDC has been collaborating with global public health and industry partners to learn about Omicron, as we continue to monitor its course. We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it.

Spread

The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and how easily Omicron spreads compared to Delta remains unknown. CDC expects that anyone with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.

Severe Illness

More data are needed to know if Omicron infections, and especially reinfections and breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated, cause more severe illness or death than infection with other variants.

Vaccines

Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.

Treatments

Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work. Based on the changed genetic make-up of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.

We have the Tools to Fight Omicron

Vaccines

Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

- COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.
- Scientists are currently investigating Omicron, including how protected fully vaccinated people will be against infection, hospitalization, and death.
CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting fully vaccinated.

CDC recommends that everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster shot at least two months after their initial J&J/Janssen vaccine or six months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna.

Masks

Masks offer protection against all variants.

CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high community transmission, regardless of vaccination status.

Until we know more about the risk of Omicron, it is important to use all tools available to protect yourself and others.

See: [Omicron Variant](#)

What Are Debris Flows and Why Are They Dangerous?

Barren charred landscapes are vulnerable to dangerous debris flows. Parts of California and Oregon are threatened.

The risk ramps up as the rainy season kicks into high gear. California is bracing for dangerous and potentially deadly landslides in the coming days, as much-needed rain moves in amid historic drought conditions.

Terrain left barren by wildfires is most vulnerable to an especially dangerous and fast-moving type of landslide that scientists call "debris flows." Known less formally as mudslides, these flows are typically triggered by short, intense rainstorms and can send a wall of water, soil, ash, vegetation, rocks and other debris careening downhill, sweeping away or burying everything in its path.

The threat of landslides usually increases in the fall as wetter weather typically starts to move across the West Coast.

The USGS and other agencies work together to assess the debris flow threat in burn scars each year. So far they've completed assessments for about 60 fires in nine western states.

Among the areas of highest concern in California this year are the Dixie, Monument and Alisal fire burn footprints, Jaime Kostelnik, also a geologist on the assessment team, told weather.com in a recent interview.

In Oregon, areas with high risk include parts of the Devils Knob, Jack and Bootleg burn areas. But any burn scar can potentially be at risk, and conditions can change over time depending on the weather and other factors.

The cumulative effects of extreme wildfires in recent years make the situation even more hazardous, especially in California. Many of the areas impacted by wildfires have burned more than once in recent years.

Besides destroying vegetation that would normally hold soil and debris in place, wildfires change certain characteristics of the soil itself. It becomes less likely to absorb water, which creates conditions ripe for flash flooding and debris flows, according to Kean and Kostelnik.

"As (the water) runs off, it picks up all these loose soil particles that no longer have vegetation to hold them in place and then it bulks up into that debris flow that can move really fast and start actually within minutes of intense rainfall," said Kean.

Debris can rush down a hillside at a rate over 35 mph and then flatten out and spread even farther when it reaches the bottom of a slope.

See: [Debris Flow](#)

Changing Clocks and Batteries

The long-standing "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries" campaign (which was not created by NFPA, contrary to popular belief) encourages the public to change their smoke alarm batteries when turning back clocks in the fall and ahead in the spring.

On March 14 states throughout the US turned their clocks forward* for Daylight Savings Time. Many people will use this opportunity to change their home's smoke alarm batteries as well.

Because working smoke alarms are a critical element of home fire safety, NFPA supports any and all efforts to reinforce the importance of working batteries. However, today's smoke alarms are not all designed the same, making battery messaging more nuanced.

Following is information to help make sure all smoke alarms have working batteries, accounting for the multiple types of smoke alarms on the market and their varying battery requirements:

- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

When replacing a battery, follow manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions. Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used.

See: [Changing Clocks](#)



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Partner's Page



Deputy Chief Blake Chow was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department in 1990 after having served as a San Jose Police Reserve Officer. After graduating from the Los Angeles Police Department academy, Deputy Chief Chow rose through the ranks of Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain after having worked a variety of assignments including Patrol, Vice, Risk Management, Operations Bureau, among others. As a Captain, Chow was assigned commands such as, Central Area, Hollenbeck Area, Real Time Analysis and Critical Response Division (RACR) and LAX Field Services Division.

In December 2009 Chow was promoted to Commander and assigned as the Assistant Commanding Officer, Operations-Central Bureau which has command of Central Area, Rampart Area, Hollenbeck Area, Newton Area and Northeast Area. In October 2010 Commander Chow was transferred as the Assistant Commander Officer Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau. The Bureau is responsible for the Counter Terrorism programs, Major Crimes Division, Emergency Services Division, Bomb Squad, Hazardous Materials, Metropolitan Division (SWAT, K9, Mounted), Air Support Division and Emergency Operations Division.

In March 2019 after tours as the Assistant Commanding Officer, Operations-West Bureau and Commanding Officer, Information Technology Group, Chow was promoted to Deputy Chief, Commanding Officer Transit Services Bureau. Transit Services Bureau provides for security and safety on the Rail and Bus Lines within the City of Los Angeles. Additionally, he was responsible for Traffic Group, which provides leadership to the four LAPD Traffic Divisions. In June 2021, Deputy Chief Chow was appointed as the Commanding Officer, Operations West Bureau. He has responsibility for the following five Divisions: Hollywood, Wilshire, West Los Angeles, Pacific and Olympic. The 1,500 Officers in those Divisions serve a population of Los Angeles of over 800,000.

Chow has a Bachelors Degree in Business from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as well as a Masters in Public Administration from Cal State Fullerton.



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Brent McGuyre was born and raised in La Habra, California. He graduated from Biola University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and later earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University of Long Beach.

Brent McGuyre joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 2001. After completing patrol assignments in South Los Angeles at Southwest Area and for several years in East Los Angeles at Hollenbeck Area, Brent joined the Office of Operations as a Staff Researcher assisting with the direction of the LAPD's Citywide field operations.

In 2008, Brent McGuyre promoted to Sergeant and returned to South Los Angeles as a patrol supervisor in the Watts area at the Southeast Area Station. Brent later returned to Southwest Area where he eventually became the Officer-in-Charge of the Vice Unit. The Southwest Vice Unit was blessed with exceptional officers who collaborated with an engaged community to address the historic problem of prostitution and human trafficking along the Western Corridor. Several news articles documented the transformation along the Western Corridor and the positive change in the surrounding community. In recognition of their outstanding efforts, the Southwest Vice Unit was awarded the Community Policing Medal.

At the end of his Vice tour, Brent McGuyre was upgraded to an Assistant Watch Commander, but soon after, was assigned as the Officer-in-Charge of the University Park Task Force. The University Park Task Force was a specially chosen group of 30 field officers, detectives, and Community Relations officers who were assigned to the community surrounding the University of Southern California (USC). The University Park Task Force collaborated with the USC Department of Public Safety to ensure the safety of both local residents and a diverse student population from around the world as they coalesced in the neighborhoods surrounding USC.

After two years at the University Park Task Force, Brent McGuyre was promoted to Lieutenant in 2016 and assigned as the night Watch Commander at Hollywood Area. In 2017, Brent McGuyre was upgraded to a position as the adjutant to the Director of the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy. The Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy leads the development of LAPD's policies and procedures, manages the Department's legal affairs and risk management initiatives, and coordinates all local, state, and federal government legislative affairs.

In 2020, Brent was promoted to Captain and was honored with the privilege of leading the men and women who patrol the downtown area of the LAPD's Central Area. As of July 2021, Brent now serves the famous Hollywood community as the Hollywood Community Police Station commanding officer.

Brent is married to a very gracious wife who has helped him raise their three beautiful daughters.



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Captain Tom, was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and is a proud fifth generation Angeleno. A product of the Los Angeles Unified School District, he attended Third Street Elementary, Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies, and University High School. In 1991, Captain Tom graduated from the University of Southern California where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Captain Tom was actively involved in Alpha Kappa Psi and is a member of the USC Alumni Association.

Captain Tom proudly serves as the Commanding Officer of West Los Angeles Area, which provides service to a diverse residential population of over a quarter million residents within its 64.7 square miles and 748 street miles. Throughout the day, the business and residential population swells to approximately a half million people who live, work and play in the various neighborhoods that make up West Los Angeles. Although there are many unique locations, Bel-Air, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Century City, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Museum of Tolerance, the Skirball Jewish Center, three miles of the Pacific Ocean coastline, 20th Century Fox Studios, the UCLA and Westwood Village are nationally renowned sites that attract numerous visitors. West Los Angeles borders the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, and Santa Monica, Los Angeles County and the Pacific Ocean.

Captain Tom has worked assignments in all four geographic bureaus giving him varied experience with the different communities that the Department serves. His former assignments include: Commanding Officer of Critical Incident Review Division (CIRD), South Traffic Division, Rampart Patrol Division and Olympic Detective Division; Patrol Watch Commander at Olympic Division, Officer in Charge of the Evaluation and Administration Unit in the Office of Operations, Officer in Charge of the Southwest Area Vice Unit, Investigator at Professional Standards Bureau, Patrol Supervisor at Newton and Wilshire Divisions, Auditor at Criminal Intelligence Group, Field Investigator at Detective Headquarters Division – Gun Unit, Firearms Instructor at Training Division, Patrol/Special Problems Unit Officer in West Valley and as a Patrol Officer in West Los Angeles and Southwest Divisions.

Captain Tom has had an opportunity to work in different leadership positions during several special/significant events, including the move of the Space Shuttle Endeavour to the California Science Center, the Academy Awards, the BET Experience and Awards, Cic-La-Via Bicycle Ride, Armenian Remembrance March, and May Day Demonstrations.

Captain Tom is a member of the Department's Peer Support cadre, President of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics (LEAAP), member of the Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates (LAWPOA), La Ley, Oscar Joel Bryant (OBJ) Foundation and a former delegate for the Los Angeles Police Protective League. Captain Tom's personal philosophy is for all personnel to work hard, treat each other with respect, and provide service to the community as if the people you are encountering are members of your own family. This viewpoint is in line with the Department's Core Values of "Respect for People," "Quality Through Continuous Improvement" and "Service to Our Communities."

Is California's Fire Season Over ?



You probably know that California's recent torrential storms were not enough to end the drought. The state has been so parched for so long that the rains, while welcome, did not provide much more than a few drops in the metaphorical bucket.

But the downpour did help quash two of the year's worst fires and nourish lands that had been tinder-dry for months. So, you might be wondering, did the showers at least save us from a severe fall fire season?

Before we dive in, here's what our state has already endured this year:

Nearly 2.5 million acres have burned in California through early November, nearly double the amount scorched on average over the past five years, according to CalFire, the state's fire agency.

This year's fire season started early, after a dry winter and amid unseasonably warm temperatures. Similar conditions made 2020 the worst fire year on record.

The biggest blaze in 2021, the Dixie fire, broke out in July and burned for more than three months, wiping out a town and growing to become the second-largest wildfire in California history.

What's next for fire season depends on what part of the state you're in. Though California fires typically peak in the summer, major blazes have erupted in December and January in recent years.

In Southern California, the situation looks less rosy. The recent rainstorms lost steam by the time they moved south, so places like San Diego and Los Angeles didn't get quite the same kind of downpours as those that fell on Northern California. Plus, a La Niña weather pattern is expected this winter, which typically means below-average rainfall for Southern California. In short: The region is dry and will probably stay that way, so fires could very well happen.

In the coming months, a harbinger of major fires may be the arrival of strong winds, such as the dry Santa Anas that tend to sweep through Southern California in the fall and winter.

There's some thinking that California experiences two distinct fire seasons: a heat-driven one in the summer that primarily affects inland areas, and a wind-driven one that begins in the fall, hits coastal urban areas harder and has the potential to inflict far more damage because of how quickly the flames move.

On November 8th three years ago what is believed to be the end of the fire season - two major blazes broke out in California.

One, the Woolsey fire, tore through the Santa Monica Mountains and, whipped by fast-moving winds, destroyed hundreds of homes in Malibu on both sides of the Pacific Coast Highway.

The other, the Camp fire, ripped through the mountain hamlet of Paradise aided by strong gusts and killed more than 80 people. That November blaze became the deadliest fire in California history.

See: [California Fire Season](#)

Situational Awareness and Keeping You Safe



What is Situational Awareness?

This is a term most often used by the military and law enforcement. Simply put, situational awareness or SA, is a frame of mind in which you are relaxed yet aware of your surroundings and also aware of whom or what could be of help to you if a problem were to arise.

As Firefighters, we are taught SA our first day of the academy. Where to walk, stand, climb, cut and jump dominates our training. This training is not limited to the Fire Service as it can benefit us all.

Example: A young man who chooses to walk the long way around the block to get to his car to avoid a group of young males is not only observant of a situation that might pose a threat, but is also obeying his instincts and employing a sound “rather be safe than sorry” strategy.

When out in the community with family and friends, be cognizant of your surroundings, identify exits, stay out of alleys and limit cell phone use. Your safety relies on each of us to help recognize anything unusual or threatening.

What does “360 Mindset” mean?

Those who practice good situational awareness are also known to possess a 360 mindset. Again, this is a law enforcement and military term that is used to remind us that our world is not linear. Meaning, it does not just go on in front, to the sides and behind us. Rather, our world is spherical, and we need to also be aware of what is going on above us and in some cases below too. Our partners and friends from Special Operations always remind us to look “Up down and all around.”

Example: When out and about, someone hears or sees a vehicle being driven erratically. If that person has thought through their “What if?” scenarios for a vehicle- ramming attack, and this is indeed one in progress, they will have already mapped out where to move to / what to do.

People who are relaxed yet aware of their surroundings and practicing good situational awareness are described to be in Condition Yellow.

A person who is oblivious of their surroundings is described to be in Condition White and usually only knows there is a problem when it is too late. This is also known as being a step behind and this person will not have the precious time to react on his or her own terms if something were to occur.

Apathy, complacency and denial are the three primary barriers to good situational awareness.

Military personnel use the term “Atmospherics” to describe the totality of the “feel” and body language of those in their environment. This is another way of describing situational awareness. It’s up to us to identify, evaluate and educate to keep our communities safe.

See: [Personal Safety](#)

OWB CALENDAR

JANUARY

1st New Years Day

15th Martin Luther King Jr
Birthday

FEBRUARY

12th Lincoln's Birthday

14th Valentines Day

22nd Washington's Birthday

MARCH

2nd Ash Wednesday

17th St. Patrick's Day

31st Cesar Chavez Day

Los Angeles World Airport

Nearly 200 emergency response personnel from 20 organizations will take part in the 2022 LAX Air Exercise (AirEx), a full-scale simulation designed to test Los Angeles International Airport's (LAX's) readiness to respond to an aircraft accident on the airfield.

The objective of the exercise is to evaluate the operational capability and readiness of LAX's incident management and emergency response system in a real-time environment in which people, equipment and materials are mobilized and deployed.

"The safety and security of our guests is paramount, and this exercise allows our staff and our partners, including the Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Airport Police and federal agencies, to practice in real time the skills they will need if a major incident were to occur. The AirEx, which is just one of the numerous ways teams train for emergencies throughout the year. This is their largest full-scale training exercise, and will result in better coordination and enhanced readiness for all involved."

"Every day they work hand in hand with public safety and airport operations partners to keep LAX safe and secure. This tri-annual FAA AirEx provides them with an opportunity to work on our emergency response, incident command and control strategies in a full-scale operation," said Patrick Gannon, Deputy Executive Director, Public Safety and Security, LAWA. "They understand that familiarity, planning, experience and training are imperative, and that's primary to their mission here at LAX."

"The most important thing they do is respond to emergencies. The second most important thing they do is train for them, and this full scale emergency exercise is as good as they come. This real-time drill ensures successful interoperability between key agencies during an aircraft accident on the airfield, ensuring they provide the best emergency service possible to those they proudly serve."

Past scenarios included: An emergency landing of an aircraft, followed by a fire. About 150 volunteers role-played accident victims, including many in moulage – special effects makeup applied to simulate injuries. The exercise was monitored by a number of professional evaluators, and nearly 300 observers were also on hand to learn from the large-scale training. This included observers representing 20 airlines and airport stakeholders, as well as representatives of the consulates of 13 nations, including the United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, Greece, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Kenya, Canada and Brazil.

In addition to the emergency response, the exercise tested LAWA's plans for support of victims of an aircraft disaster and the affected airline by expediting patient tracking and reunification of friends and family. For the first time, observers were also able to see how hospitals would process transported patients, set up family support and share information with LAX, the airline and federal agencies.

LAX rapid COVID testing

*****No Appointment needed*****



Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) now offers guests two types of COVID-19 tests in the terminal area at three testing locations, the primary lab across from Terminal 6 and two satellite locations in Terminal 2 and the other in the Tom Bradley International Terminal. The tests are provided by Clarity Labs and processed in a state-of-the-art, on-site laboratory, providing a convenient and safe option for testing before or after travel.

The laboratory offers a standard PCR test (nasal-swab Polymerase Chain Reaction) for \$125 with results returned in three to five hours or within 24 hours. Rapid PCR tests with results in one-hour are available for \$199. Antigen tests are offered at the Tom Bradley International Terminal daily with results available in 1-hour for a cost of \$80.

Test results are returned to guests electronically. Guests will receive an itemized receipt to submit to their insurance providers for reimbursement, if the tests are covered by their healthcare provider. Please note that the airport does not receive test results or personal information from customers.

LAX's COVID-19 testing lab is certified as a trusted testing partner by the State of Hawaii and tests are eligible to meet current travel requirements to the state.

*****No Insurance is required*****

LAX Rapid COVID tests

To request LAFD resources at public events (community fairs, school visits, etc.), please send an email to LAFDrequest@lacity.org with the details of your event (date, time and duration, location, etc.). As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.

Suggestions, questions, comments or concerns, email us at LAFD.westbureau@lacity.org

COMMUNITY

WEST BUREAU COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Council District 4 (Nithya Raman)**GREATER SANITATION AVAILABLE TO ENCAMPMENTS**

A lack of sufficient sanitation options for unhoused Angelenos has contributed to a sanitation crisis in public spaces across our city. Last week, my motion ([Council File 21-0773](#)) to provide a new type of regularly-serviced trash receptacle at encampments was adopted by Council, immediately kicking off a pilot program for these critical sanitation resources. My motion asks the Bureau of Sanitation to provide a report on necessary resources and to recommend a program structure for placing and servicing these receptacles at encampments in Los Angeles comprising three or more tents. As we continue to work for sustainable housing solutions, prioritizing trash disposal resources like these will make our public spaces healthier, safer, and cleaner for all.

Council District 5 (Paul Koretz)**Melrose Action Officially Launches Anti-Crime ALPR Initiative**

In just 3 months time, Melrose **Action** officially launched its own anti-crime initiative to help police investigative efforts. After the area endured the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic plus nearly two years of what seemed like a relentless pace of violent crimes including homicides, violent armed robberies, aggravated assaults, high-dollar jewelry street robberies, follow home robberies, smash and grab burglary/robberies – the numbers of occurrences has finally started to slide down.

Last August Melrose Action embarked on a fund raising campaign through Go Fund Me to raise money to support the deployment of “ALPR” cameras surrounding the Melrose Business District. While we haven’t quite reached our goal of \$35 thousand dollars (www.gofundme.com/melroseaction) we’re close enough to start the roll out of the technology but we still need your help to acquire more. Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz kicked in a \$10,000 donation as did residential care owner of Raya’s Paradise – Moti Gamburd. Your support hopefully helps Melrose be a safer space for all.

Council District 11 (Mike Bonin)

Dear Friends,

Nearly 100 former residents of Westchester Park are now safely indoors, connected with services and on a pathway to permanent housing — and the popular regional park is once again available for general public use. And we did it the right way. Instead of pushing people out of the park into nearby neighborhoods, as Sheriff Villanueva would have done, we conducted weeks of intense and focused outreach, and matched people with a range of housing resources and social services. City staff has been conducting routine cleaning and maintenance at the park, and this week registration opened for park activities, including senior programs, winter camps, youth sports and the Girls Play LA program. You can find out more at: www.laparks.org.

Here’s what happened:

Since late October, outreach workers with PATH, LAHSA and Grass Roots Neighbors (an all volunteer group of neighbors) connected 63 people with temporary housing in local motels. From there, they will be matched with long term housing. This is in addition to 31 other unhoused people who were housed in August and September through efforts of PATH, LAHSA, Grass Roots Neighbors, SHARE! Housing, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

Council District 13 (Mitch O’Farrell)

Councilmember O’Farrell currently serves as the Chair of the City Council’s committee on Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and the Los Angeles River, and he has been touted for his leadership on environmental issues. Along with Councilmember Paul Krekorian, as the environmental chair O’Farrell has led Los Angeles’ efforts to adopt the LA 100 framework that will get Los Angeles to 100% carbon neutral power by 2035, along with an equitable workforce hiring program. LA 100 will create nearly 9,500 jobs, including in communities disproportionately impacted by dirty energy, Cleaner air in our communities and reliable and consistent energy

Transitioning to a future free from carbon, methane and other greenhouse gases is not an option, and LA 100 is not symbolic; it is a work plan for a world in trouble - with regular reporting to make sure the City stays on track.

Councilmember O’Farrell has also led efforts to establish a municipal solar and storage program, beginning with a historic \$30 million investment in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget. This program will identify opportunities to add solar panels and solar storage to all current and future City-owned buildings, and will help the City meet its LA100 goal of 100% carbon-free energy by 2035.

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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT — OPERATIONS WEST BUREAU



Operations West Bureau encompasses the western portion of Los Angeles. Battalions 4, 5 and 9 report to [Deputy Chief Armando Hogan](#), the West Bureau Commander.



Los Angeles is at risk for multiple disasters. Disaster preparedness not only consists of having a survival kit in your home, place of business, and your car, but it is also the knowledge that can travel with you wherever you go. The LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Unit provides disaster preparedness training courses throughout the City free of charge, year-round. Training course options range from in-depth multi-week CERT Training to single-day courses on various emergency preparedness topics.



LAPD West Bureau (WB) is comprised of a 124 square mile territory with a population of approximately 840,400 residents. The border of WB to the North is Forest Lawn Drive, to the East is Normandie Boulevard, to the South is El Segundo Boulevard, and to the West is the Pacific Ocean. The Bureau oversees operations in the following communities: Hollywood, Wilshire, Pacific and West Los Angeles, as well as the West Traffic Division, which includes the neighborhoods of Pacific Palisades, Westwood, Century City, Venice, Hancock Park, and the Miracle Mile.



The Emergency Management Department has five divisions comprised of administrative staff and specialists that work with City departments, municipalities and an array of community-based organizations to ensure that the City and its residents have the resources and information they need to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies, disasters and significant events.



LAAS operates six animal shelters and has field staff serving the community. The shelters are award winning facilities that have been built within the past 10-15 years. LAAS is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the US, serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls each year involving animals or people in danger.



Our mission is to connect people to City services and information, quickly and easily, via a communication channel of their choice. We provide general City and government-related information to citizens, local businesses, and visitors as well as perform Service Requests intake on behalf of City Departments.



To see response metrics specific to a particular *fire station*, enter an address or choose a community or *fire station*. City Wide Response Metrics For 2020.



To ensure that the population has the best possible chance of surviving a disaster and thriving afterward, the LAFD supports and trains residents to be disaster first responders. The program is called Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT.



The goal of this program is to educate the public on the potential hazards associated with a fast-moving brush fire, and the importance of keeping roadways clear and traffic moving. The fire service has learned from incidents, such as the Oakland Hills fire and the Cedar fire, that citizens becoming trapped in their vehicles while evacuating can lead to a catastrophic situation.



We advocate for the interests and welfare of older adults by administering programs and services focused on the needs of older adults and caregivers in the City of Los Angeles. Our functions cover a wide range of responsibilities that include planning, contract development, fiscal, and monitoring of our programs delivered by our contracted service providers. We provide services in partnership with community-based agencies at our Multipurpose Senior Centers which act as focal points for delivery of services in various communities throughout the City.

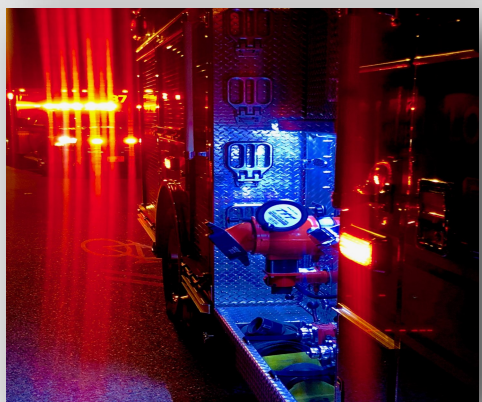


Providing clean, reliable water and power and excellent customer service in a safe, environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner.



The City of Los Angeles has developed a program called Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) to help your family and your neighborhood prepare for disasters. RYLAN gives you the steps to take immediately after a disaster to help keep you and your family safe. It provides the tools to prepare and organize your neighborhood to respond together in that first hour after a disaster to reduce injuries, protect your property and the environment, and most importantly, to save lives.

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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT — OPERATIONS WEST BUREAU

◇ To those whom have transferred into OWB, welcome !!! We look forward to your commitment to continued service. Thanks again.

◇ 2021 Transfers Into OWB *

ACHAN, Juan	CII
STRATTON, MATTHEW	CII
MITCHELL, Steven	CI
PERRY, David	CI
TAPIA, Abran	CI
FIGUEROA, Arthur	CI
DAVIS, John	CI
CARBONNET, Brandon	CI
KOHL, DAVID	CI
RAABE, Jacob	CI
LUNA, Rodrigo	A/O
DE LA TORRE, Roman	FF/PM
ARAMBULA, ANDRES	FF/PM
WYATT, ROBERT	FF/PM
PIDO, Timothy	FF
GUZMAN, Sergio	FF
DIAZ, Armando	FF
WILSON, Ade	PFF
GRAGAS, Zachariah	PFF
LEANO, Edwin	PFF
DUNN, Elijah	PFF
GARCIA, Alejandro	PFF
RENTERIA, Vincent	PFF
HSIEH, Eric	PFF
GILES, Kenneth	PFF
AGUIRRE, Tristan	PFF
HUGO, Anthony	PFF

◇ 2021 Transfers Into OWB * cont'd

GRABARKEWITZ, GEORGE	PFF
PIZANO, FERNANDO	PFF
VAN DE WALKER, GEGI	PFF
TAVERA, ANDREW	PFF

◆ Promotions Out of OWB *

BENTZ, Eric	FF to CII
GIBBONEY, CHRISTOPHER	A/O to CI
DABUET, ARMAND	EIT to CI
LARINI, LOUIS	FF to CI
SHATEE, Eric	FF/PM to CI
HARRINGTON, Blake	FF to A/O

◆ PGA's Out of OWB *

FERRER, Christopher	FF/PM to EIT
HOPWOOD, Samuel	FF to FF/PM
HENRY, Levi	FF to FF/PM
LEVINDOFSKE, Kyle	FF to FF/PM

◆ Operations West Bureau would like to congratulate those who have promoted. Thank you for your dedication and commitment. We wish you great success.

- Deputy Chief -Armando Hogan

*Timeframe is from October 1st to present