



Los Angeles County **Sheriff's Department**

Community Development Commission (CDC)

Since 1992, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA), a quasi-governmental County agency serving as part of the Community Development Commission, has maintained a contract with the Sheriff's Department establishing a Community Policing Program for public housing sites located throughout Los Angeles County. The unit, commonly known as the CDC team or Housing Authority Team, consists of four deputies (down from as many as eight in 2009-2010), one sergeant, and one part-time professional staff person. Under the responsibility of the Department's COPS Bureau, the CDC team members work in partnership with the Housing Authority staff and residents to achieve a safe environment and increased quality of life for families, the elderly, and disabled residents who live in low-income, subsidized housing.

The mission of the CDC team is to provide supplemental directed patrol at designated housing sites and engage in problem-solving programs to address nuisance and criminal issues impacting the residential communities served. There are currently over 3,300 units among 80 locations, serving just under 7,000 residents. These housing sites are spread among twelve Sheriff's patrol stations, as well as jurisdictions covered by the cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Without constant vigilance by the team and collaboration with HACoLA, these housing site are apt to become a gathering points for gangs, narcotics, and various other criminal activities associated with dense living conditions in stressed socio-economic neighborhoods.

CDC team members implement community oriented policing strategies, including suppression, intervention and prevention techniques, and they were the recipients of the POALAC (Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County) Centurion Award for innovative police strategies for their project at the Nueva Maravilla housing site in East Los Angeles which realized a 72% decrease in crime in 2012. CDC team members focus on minimizing negative behaviors and assist in ridding properties of habitual violators by creating partnerships, building trust, and empowering residents to be more pro-active. This partnership allows deputies to address the root elements of problem residents and criminal gang activities within the sites.

Deputies assigned to the CDC team respond directly to their respective sites. The primary office for the CDC team is located at 700 West Main Street, Alhambra CA, 91801 and personnel can be reached at (626) 586-1920.