



Compton Station

City Council Presentation

December 13, 2016

Compton Station Personnel

The city of Compton has contracted with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) since 2000. Over this period of time, LASD has worked in partnership with the community to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Currently, assigned to Compton Station are:

163 SWORN PERSONNEL (DEP, SGT, LT & CAPTAIN)

- 93 Hispanic (12 Females)
- 15 Black (2 Females)
- 48 White (2 Females)
- 9 Asian

33 NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

- 7 Hispanic (2 Males)
- 19 Black (2 Males)
- 3 Others (Pacific Islanders)
- 1 Asian
- 3 White (Males)

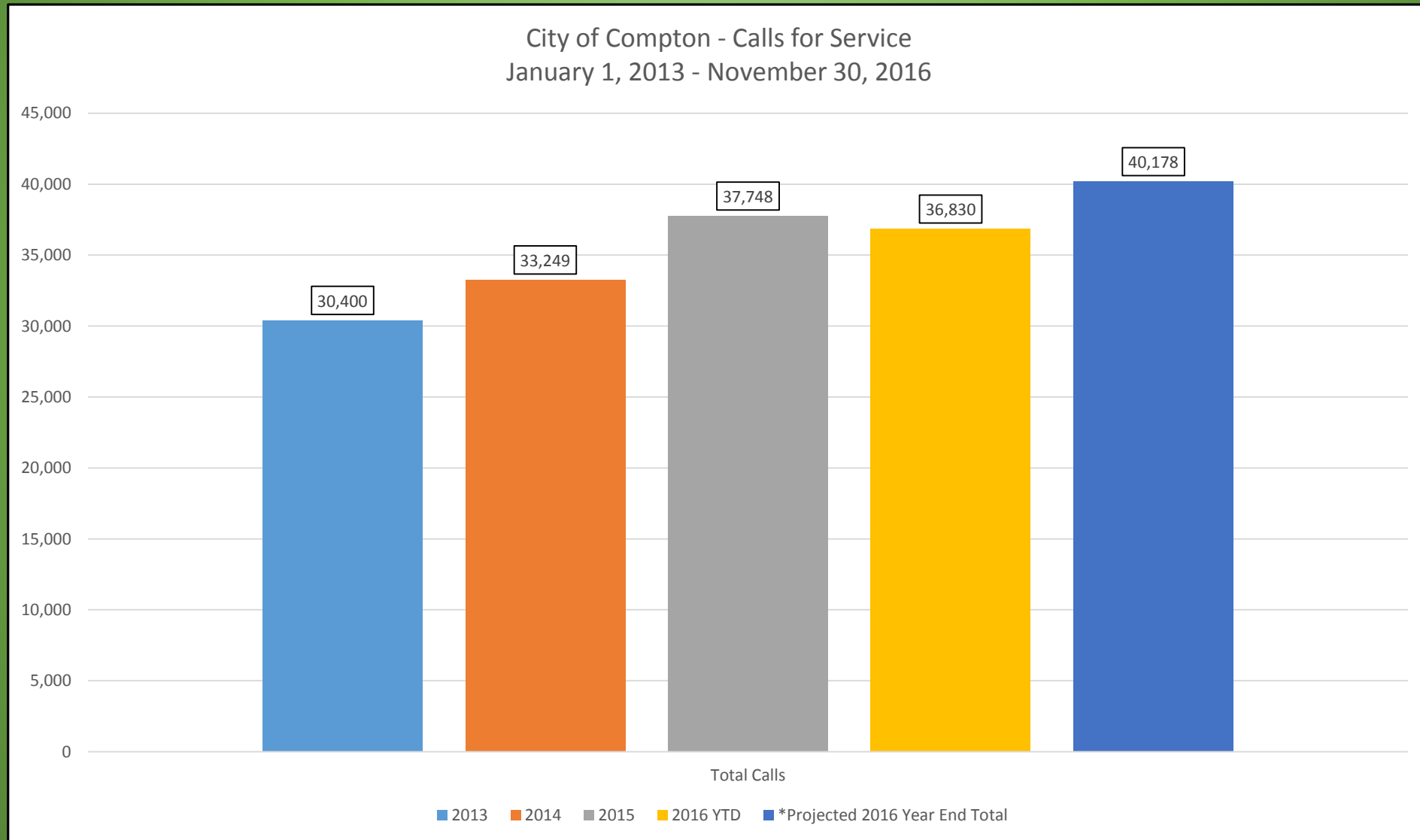
City	Population (2013)	Number of Sworn Employees	Policing Budget
Compton	97,877	163	21,177,418
Carson	92,599	181	28,700,000
Hawthorne	86,199	100	35,785,487
Inglewood	111,542	186	47,061,600
Southgate	95,677	80	27,811,056
Whittier/Santa Fe Springs	96,528	128	29,463,880

City of Compton Policing Comparison

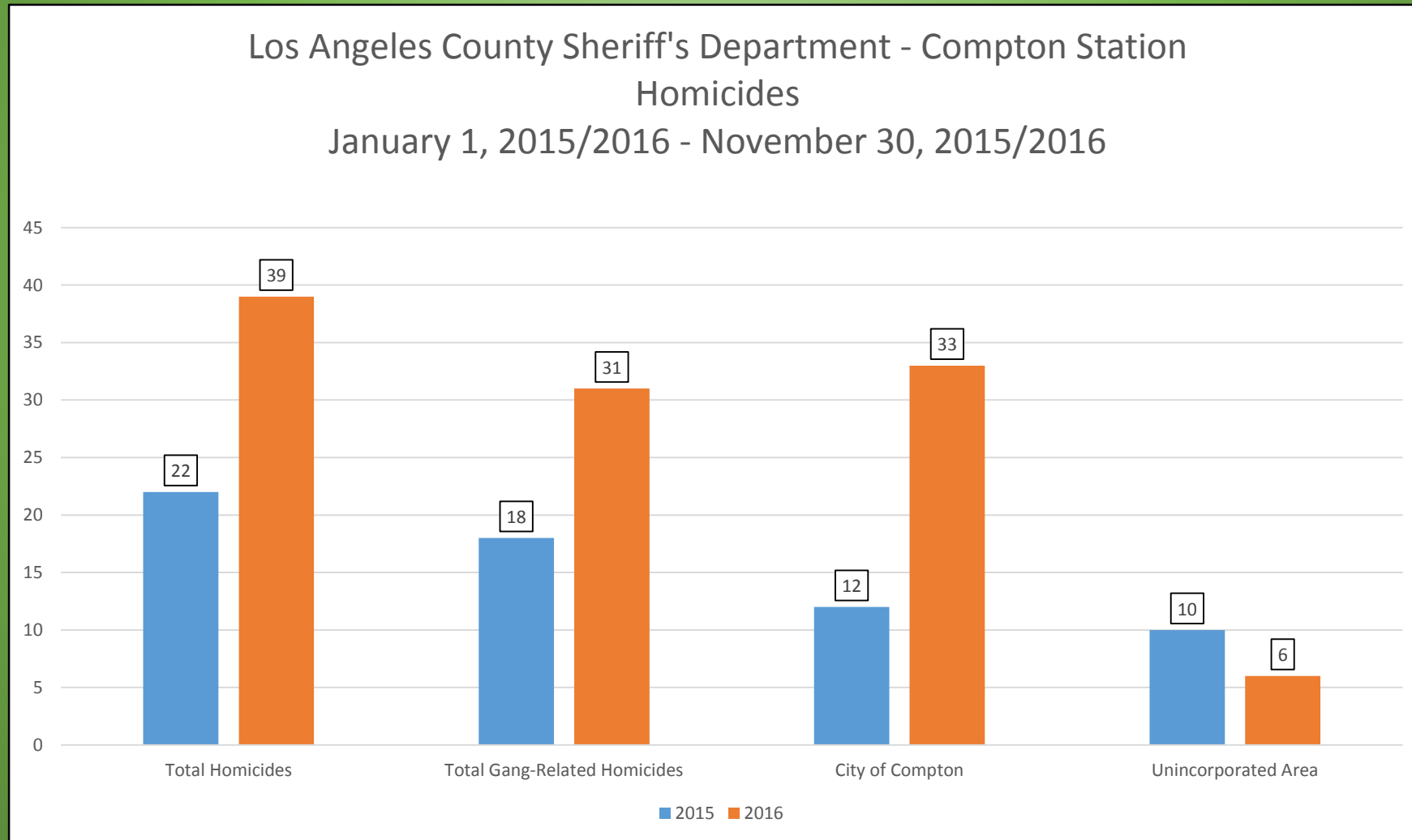
Summary

- There are different schools of thought regarding the use of crime rates as a measure of police performance. It is critical to remember that the police are not the only factor that influences crime rates. Crime is the result of a complex collection of social, economic, and political forces.
- Police departments may influence crime rates in many ways, such as departmental policies that encourage or prevent reporting of crime, policing strategies, or the behavior of a call taker or first responder to a potential victim.
- In addition to the above, it is important to remember that not all crime is reported to the police. The use of victimization surveys may work as a supplement to traditional crime reporting to identify populations who might not regularly ask for police assistance when needed. Examples of this could include immigrants fearing deportation, domestic abuse victims fearing retaliation from their attackers, or gang members failing to report a crime for fear of reprisal. This can create pockets of victims who remain anonymous and unreported.

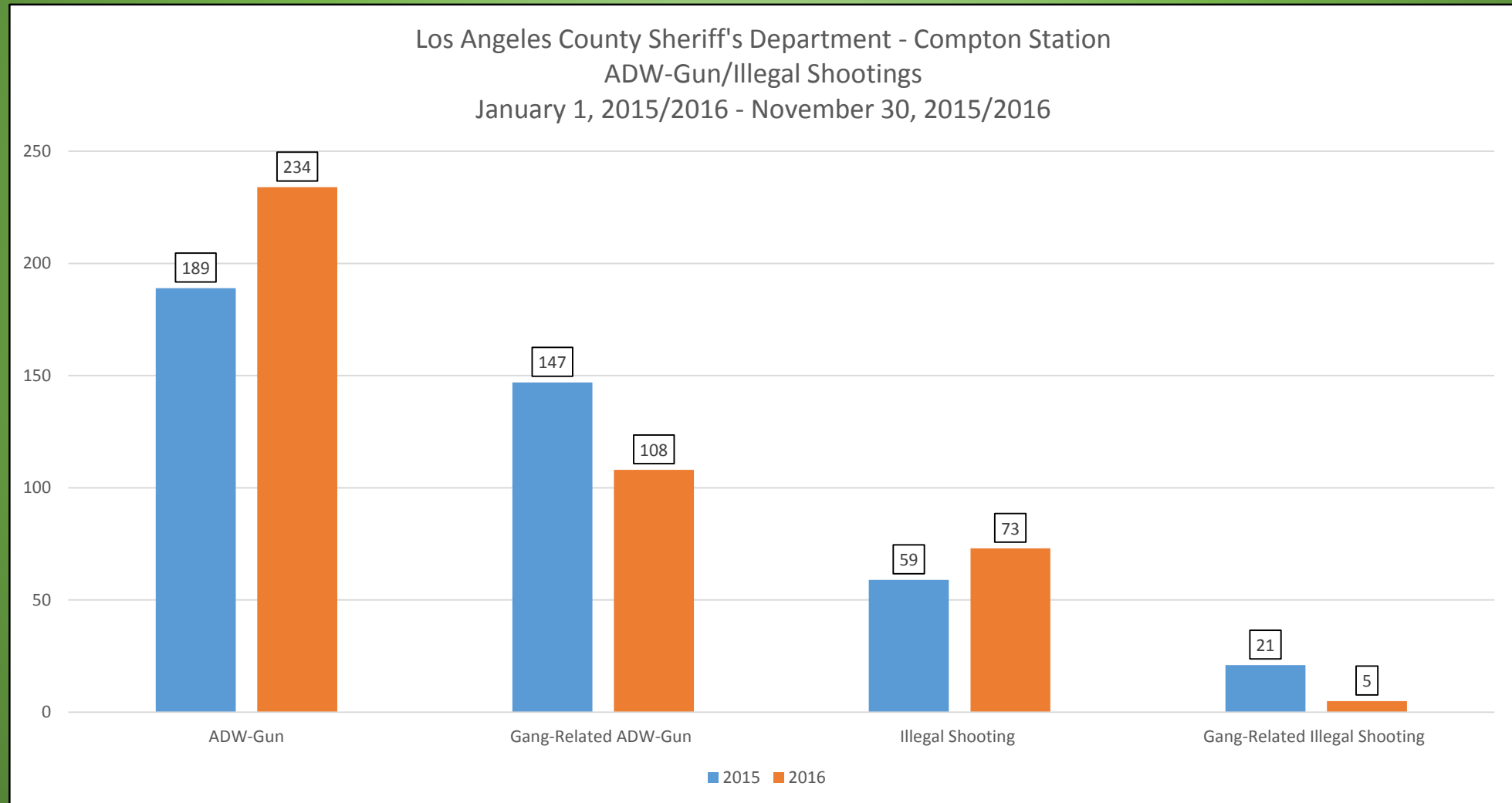
City of Compton Calls for Service



Compton Station Gang Related Murders



Compton Station Gang Related Shootings



Parolees, Probationers and Gang Members Currently Residing in Compton

- Approximately 400 persons currently on parole reside in Compton
- Approximately 50 gangs in the City with an approximate total membership of 3,700 persons believed to be active members of Compton based gangs
- There are gangs on the city's perimeter that affect our criminal activity as well

Parolees, Probationers and Gang Members Currently Residing in Compton (Continued)

- As of 11/30/16, there are 862 persons on Active Formal Probation using addresses within the city and unincorporated areas of Compton

Address Type	Count
Permanent Residence	766
Transient	55
Other	21
Mailing Address	15
Unknown	3
Halfway House	2
Grand Total	862

Parolees, Probationers and Gang Members Currently Residing in Compton (Continued)

- As of 11/30/16, there are 240 persons scheduled to be released to an address in Compton or deported under the Public Safety Realignment legislation also known as AB109

Address Type	Count
Permanent Residence	185
Future	26
Deported	29
Grand Total	240

Compton Station Personnel Related Statistics

- Calls for service (through 11-30-16)- 44,333
- Observations (through 11-30-16)- 37,108
- Total Contacts (Calls and Obs.)- 81,441
- Use of Force incidents- 76 YTD. Of those, 23 involved persons who were mentally ill or under the influence of a controlled substance.
- A Use of Force occurred in 0.93% of all contacts (calls for service and observation activities). Additionally, a Use of Force occurred in 2.1% of all arrests.

Compton Station Personnel Related Statistics (Continued)

- Arrests made (through 11-30-16) – 3,563
- Of those, 234 were firearm related (gun recovered) with 264 total weapons related arrests
- Complaints from public (through 11-30-16)- 29
- Commendations from public (through 11-30-16)- 33

Deputy Involved Shooting Protocol

- LASD Homicide is the lead investigator for the criminal investigation. They do not conduct administrative investigations. The OIG and District Attorney's Office also responds as oversight.
- LASD Homicide conducts a criminal investigation and submits the investigation to the DA's Office.
- At the conclusion of the criminal investigation if IAB or the deputy's Division Chief deems an administrative investigation of the shooting is necessary, one will be initiated. The investigation will determine if administrative action is necessary.

Prevention and Intervention Efforts

Year Round Tennis Clinics held at Lueders Park

On January 25, 2016, the first Spring session for a year-long tennis clinic program was launched. The City of Compton, Parks & Recreation, the Southern California Tennis Association, and the Pete Brown Scholarship Foundation teamed together to provide six-week tennis clinics for elementary and middle school students on a quarterly basis. The fall session started October 3, 2016. The tennis clinic was held at Lueders Park every Monday and Wednesday evening from 4:00-6:00 pm. There were between 12-30 students in attendance. The classes were conducted by two experienced coaches and as a result of the large turnout of attendees, an additional volunteer was brought in to assist.

In addition to the weekly clinic classes, the Pete Brown Scholarship Foundation also sponsored a trip for interested participants to a USC Kids Day tennis event on May 7, 2016.

Prevention and Intervention Efforts

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Constitutional Rights Foundation: Cops and Kids Program

The United States Attorney's Office partnered with the Constitutional Rights Foundation and initiated a "Cops & Kids" program at Laurel Elementary School in the city of Compton. On April 20, 2016, members of the USAO met with the teaching staff at Laurel Elementary School, introduced them to the program and provided them with information about additional school based programs supported by CRF. Over 150 children attended the program this summer at the Laurel Elementary School and the LASD Compton Youth Activity League (YAL). Children participated in role-playing exercises with law enforcement personnel. Federal law enforcement, Compton Station personnel and USAO volunteers supported the successful program.

Prevention and Intervention Efforts

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The G.R.E.A.T Program in Partnership with Youth Activities League

The U.S. Attorney's Office was able to obtain one-time funding from the U.S. Attorney General's "Smart on Crime" initiative to support a crime-prevention Gang Resistance Education and Training ("G.R.E.A.T.") program. The Compton Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) Youth Activities League (YAL) will be the lead on this training and include it as part of their summer after school program.



G.R.E.A.T.
sponsored
fieldtrip to the
California
Science Center

2016 Backpack Giveaway



MLB Urban Youth Academy



2016 Southern CAL Silver Gloves Championship



Garden to Table Youth Dinner

Prevention and Intervention Efforts

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DEA Youth Dance Program

The DEA received funding from a private foundation to start a National Youth Dance program at Davis Middle School in the city of Compton, starting August 19, 2016. This program has been in existence since 1999 and has been extremely well received throughout the Country.



Prevention and Intervention Efforts

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Digital Citizenship and Cyber Bullying

In April of 2016, the Compton School police asked The USAO to obtain a speaker on the topic of cyber and digital responsibility and bullying issues. The USAO has connected them with an expert in this area from the City Attorney's Office who plans to do a presentation to two school assemblies consisting of 4-7th grade students. The date is as-yet to be confirmed.

Prevention and Intervention Efforts

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Team Prime Time

The USAO, along with the Compton School District, is currently exploring the possibility of engaging with “Team Prime Time” in an afterschool middle school program for “at-risk youth” that partners them with developmentally disabled youth. This program has been extremely well received in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Each Academic Year consists of three 10-week seasons at the middle school level: Fall, Winter and Spring. The Fall and Spring Seasons culminate with CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY, which is hosted by the UCLA Athletic Department in Spring. All told, the middle school “coaches” and “athletes” work together 30 weeks a year.

Prevention and Intervention Efforts

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Project Restoration – Parolee Re-Entry / Leadership Training

The U.S. Attorney's Office obtained one-time funding to support "Project Restoration," a parolee reentry/reintegration program. This program provides leadership, relationship, parenting, and employment training skills to parolees in the Compton community.

In addition to funding, the USAO will provide additional support for the training through volunteers/mentors/teachers. This program is currently unfunded and operated through donations from Faith Inspirational Church in Compton. It serves approximately 50 participants per year/program. The program is taught by respected community leaders (with typically five-six trainers per program), faith-based leaders, law enforcement personnel, members of the local business community with experience as life coaches, motivational speakers, marriage counselors, human relations, business, and law enforcement. The program utilizes materials developed by John Maxwell entitled, "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership."

Project Restoration

On November 30, 2016, Compton Sheriff's Station in partnership with Faith Inspirational Church and the 99 Cents Only Stores held a graduation for students of Project Restoration. The thirteen men and women who graduated, attended twelve weeks of training and leadership development. Three of the students were interviewed and hired by the 99 Cents Only Stores. Mr. Larry Carroll of the 99 Cents Only Stores spoke to the graduates and reminded them to never give up and to keep making good decisions. Sheriff Jim McDonnell told the graduates that life was like a boxing match, "Sometimes you get knocked down, but you get back up and keep fighting." Compton Sheriff's Station would like to congratulate all of the students and wish them well in their future endeavors.

13 Proud Graduates



PhotoShed

PROJECT RESTORATION 2016

Captain Mike Thatcher, Dep. Rafer Owens, Sheriff Jim McDonnell, Larry Carroll, Lt. Joseph Williams



Prevention and Intervention Efforts

- Expungement Clinics
- A partnership with Faith Inspirational Church and Compton Station
- Brings together groups of specialized attorneys who volunteer their assistance
- Persons are instructed and guided through process of having criminal convictions that are applicable, expunged from their criminal records
- To date, over 37 persons have attended two clinic sessions and realized results from having done so.
- Explorer Program- currently have a robust Explorer Cadre that enjoys a fantastic reputation but we would like to increase it's size

Prevention and Intervention Efforts

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- Volunteers- need additional uniformed Station Volunteers from the Community. Assist with Community Events, Residential Vacation Checks, Traffic control, filing of reports, additional eyes and ears out there to help not only observe potential criminal activity but help deter it by their presence
- Community Academy- 4 week long academy that introduces community members to the actual work done by deputy sheriffs, the challenges faced and the oftentimes unrealistic expectations of our abilities and capabilities as well as our methods and processes

Compton Station Explorers with Sheriff Air Rescue 5



VRN Suppression Efforts

FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigations
ATF	Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
USMS	United States Marshal Service
USAO	United States Attorney General's Office
	Los Angeles County Probation Department
	Compton Unified School Police Department
	Various units from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (HTB, FCCB, OSS, Homicide Bureau, Narcotics Bureau)

Future Plans and Goals for the city of Compton

Gang Assessment

As part of our involvement in the VRN, the City of Compton is currently having a Gang Assessment conducted by Dr. Charles Katz, from Arizona State University.

Dr. Katz is a renowned Criminology and Criminal Justice Professor, Watts Family Director, Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety, whose results will provide academia obtained during he and his team's interviews conducted with Compton arrestees, school personnel and law enforcement.

Future Plans and Goals for the city of Compton (Continued)

Strategic Plan

Additionally, a 5 year Strategic Plan has been developed by Ms. Nola Joyce, of the VRN. Ms. Joyce has extensive expertise in the area of public safety and is a former Deputy Commissioner and Chief Administrative Officer for the Philadelphia Police Department.

The Strategic Plan details procedures, proposed steps for crime reduction, public safety, prevention and intervention program implementation or continuance amongst other community safety programs or events. These will then continue a minimum for 4 years past the VRN's initial 2 year program.

Future Plans and Goals for the city of Compton (Continued)

Community Survey

A Community Survey is currently in the planning phases. As part of the VRN, Julie Wartel is assisting Compton Station with the creation of an informative Community Survey.

Ms. Wartel is a retired San Diego District Attorney who has become a Subject Matter Expert in preparing and implementing community surveys.

Commission for a Better Compton

- Was formed in August 2016 after the vetting of dedicated, credible members of our Community.
- Does not provide “formal oversight” but rather, helps facilitate greater, effective and responsible communication between Compton Sheriff Station personnel and the community. Members are asked to provide criticism, help initiate complaints and/or commendations when appropriate, and strive to ensure that L.E. personnel are providing effective policing while remaining accountable to all.
- Members are not solicited or expected to provide information about specific crimes that have occurred but are asked to help improve the overall quality of life in our city while help making it safer.

Commission for a Better Compton

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- With over 300 501(c)3 organizations in Compton, first task of Commission is to organize and vet those organizations that are still operating in city
- Commission will organize a list of service providers and provide the organized list to deputies at Compton Station so that they will have alternatives to arresting someone they come in contact, i.e. telephone a homeless provider service when dealing with a homeless person in the field or a mental services provider when needed
- Commission is looking into partnering with Juvenile Probation Department to see if mentors within the community can work with and influence recently released minors

Commission for a Better Compton Members

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Donna Hefflin

Dr. Stuart Farber

Consuelo Evans

Art Mayfield

Gilda Blueford

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City of Compton Policing Recommendations

The LASD has made tremendous strides in crime reduction in the 16 years of service to the city of Compton. There is always room for improvement based upon constructive dialogue between the LASD and the city. Policing needs are constantly evolving. Although budgetary constraints and challenges are ever present, the statistics indicate there is a need for at least a modest increase in police services for the city of Compton, especially when compared to the similar cities used in this study. **Concentrated efforts should be made in the following areas:**

- Increase in traffic enforcement including adding an additional full-time traffic investigator along with two additional motor deputies.
- Increase in targeted crime impact with a specialized team consisting of a sergeant and four deputies.

City of Compton

Policing Recommendations

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- Gunshot Detection System to be incorporated with city-wide camera system
- Real Time Crime Center in Dispatch area at Station- to actively monitor camera system and provide virtual policing
- Recruitment efforts to be encouraged by community members
- Additional SAO's to assist with Safe School Passages Program and greater L.E. presence in city parks

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Discussion