

POLICE OPERATIONS

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Throughout 2016-2017, the Signal Hill Police Department has advanced to one of the leading law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County in the areas of community relations, training and technology. This is largely due to the outstanding work of the men and women of



this Department. The Police Department has embraced the community-based policing philosophy and strives to develop positive, trust-based relationships with all segments of the community we serve.

Signal Hill Police Department has hired a number of new

officers over the past couple years, transforming our agency. The new energy of the Department has catapulted this Department into participating in many community outreach events: National Night Out, Annual Sultan's Car Show, Tip-A-Cop, Special Olympics Torch Run, Annual Police

Department Open House, Spring Festival, Coffee With A Cop, Halloween Carnival, Miller Children's Hospital Beach Day and Santa's Workshop, Las Brisas' Holiday Party, Holiday Toy Drive, Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, Holiday Outreach Party, and numerous Neighborhood Watch meetings.

Social media has become a quick and viable way of communicating information to the public. Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle are the preferred way of disseminating and receiving information by both the Department and the public. Several of the Department's public information officers are well-versed in social media. Crime bulletins, traffic updates, and public service announcements are routinely sent out via the numerous social media outlets the Department is active on.

The Police Department has increased the training of officers to manage the growing homeless population. With advanced training on the homeless issue, along with our partnership with the Los Angeles County Mental Health Department, officers and mental health clinicians team up on a regularly scheduled basis to assist the homeless population with housing, medical needs, and mental health care. The time spent by the Police Department assisting the homeless has allowed our officers to gain the trust of the homeless community and allowed officers to have a better understanding of how to manage this issue with care and compassion.

I am very proud of the members of this Department. The work ethic and patience that is displayed on a day to day basis is impressive. I am truly happy I am part of the incredible team of men and women that serve this community.

Captain Brian Leyn

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is an integral part of the Police

Department. The Operations Division was led by Lieutenant Ron Sagmit in 2016. Lieutenant Brian Leyn assumed command of the Operations in late 2016 until his promotion to the position of Captain in November of 2017. At that time, Sergeant Nick Davenport was assigned as the acting Lieutenant for the Operations Division.

The Operations Division oversees the following areas of the Department: Patrol Bureau, Dispatcher/Jailers, Field Training Officers and Communication Training Officers, Traffic, Emergency Preparedness, Fleet, Volunteers, Explorers, Citizens' Academy, Interns, Operation Cadets, Parking Control, and

Community Outreach.

The common goal for all the areas of oversight listed above is to promote and enhance Community Policing. It helps maintain the Department's transparency with the citizens in the way we enforce the law and provide service to the community. One of the big steps we took during this reporting period of 2016-2017 was to build on our existing Neighborhood Watch programs. With the combined efforts of our officers and community members, we were able to increase the number of Neighborhood Watch groups from three to eleven adding extra eyes and ears working together and bringing citizens and the officers closer.

The officers worked closely with the

citizens on calls for service, especially when it came to crime reduction. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.) became the theme for the patrol officers. Many ideas were given to home and business owners on ways to prevent crime in their area. Knox boxes for easier access into apartment complexes, landscaping suggestions, and lighting were just a few tips.

The Department's social media platform was expanded in 2016. Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor were added. This enhanced the public's ability to be aware of what was occurring with the Police Department. It also gave the Department several more options to advise the public of crime prevention and emergency alerts.



OPERATIONS DIVISION

ARREST/TRAFFIC CITATIONS

The Signal Hill Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau consists of one Sergeant, two Traffic Safety (Police) Officers, and a part-time Parking Control Officer. Traffic Safety Officers have received specialized training in areas such as basic collision investigation, advanced traffic collision investigation, accident reconstruction and commercial vehicle enforcement. In addition to investigating most traffic collisions, Traffic Safety Officers are tasked with reviewing all traffic collision reports written by the patrol officers, parking citation reviews and impound hearings. The Traffic Safety Officers also work closely with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office for filing

considerations of traffic collisions which involve a crime element such as hit and runs, impaired drivers and vehicular manslaughter cases.

The primary goal of the Traffic Safety Bureau is to make our streets and roadways safe for motorists and pedestrians. In an effort to reduce collisions in Signal Hill, our officers are encouraged to document traffic collisions to help build data to identify locations in the City that have a high volume of collisions so officers can focus their attention in those areas to reduce collisions and injuries associated with them. The Signal Hill Police Department utilizes the three "E's" of traffic safety: Education, Enforcement, and Engineering.

The Traffic Safety Bureau participates in educational outreach efforts like the annual Distracted Driver Awareness Campaign, Click It or Ticket Campaign, National Bicycle Safety, and National Motorcycle Safety, which are national programs sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). These outreach efforts are designed to educate the public on the dangers of distracted driving (cell phone), not wearing a seatbelt when in a motor vehicle, and the proper rules and laws of riding a bicycle on the roadways. Social media is also used for education means to spread the word on traffic safety.

Enforcement efforts are focused in high collision areas in an effort to reduce the number of violations most often associated with the cause of traffic collisions: unsafe speed, following too closely, failure to yield the right of way, unsafe turns, red light

violations, distracted driving, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Traffic Safety Officers work with the City's Traffic Safety Committee on prevention techniques to identify unsafe road conditions that might be mitigated through roadway design and engineering.

During 2016 and 2017, the Signal Hill Police Department received over \$164,000 in grant funds through California's Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). These grant funds are used to supplement our regular traffic safety enforcement efforts and address traffic safety concerns. On average, the Department conducts 3 DUI Checkpoints, 34 DUI Saturation Patrols, 14 Traffic Enforcement operations, and 10 Distracted Driving Enforcement operations per year. These grant funds are also utilized to provide officers with specialized traffic related training and to purchase specialized equipment specific to traffic enforcement. The Department recently purchased a new radar trailer. The radar trailer is an excellent way to increase speed awareness and reduce traffic problems in areas of concern. It helps control traffic speeds without requiring the presence of an officer. The radar trailer also promotes traffic safety by controlling speeding in a way that is informative but not intimidating. The Department also purchased two new hand held Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) devices. These devices help with recording driver's speed and range, and record data in high speed areas. For the past three years, the Department has been using handheld digital citation devices. The automated citations have reduced the amount of time necessary to issue a citation, improve readability, and completely eliminate the manual entry of citation data into the records management system.

In 2016 and 2017 the Signal Hill Police Department issued 5,512 hazardous moving citations, 1,197 non-hazardous citations, 8,058 parking citations, issued 15 traffic arrest warrants for misdemeanor and/or felony hit and run traffic collisions, and impounded 1,162 vehicles.

COLLISIONS STATISTICS (TOTAL STATISTICS 2016-2017)	
Total Collisions	361
Total Non-Injury Collisions	136
Total Injury Collisions	126
Complaint of Pain	180
Other Visible Injury	43
Fatal Injuries	1
Drunk Driving Arrests	92
	396
	136
	154
	197
	77
	3
	153

ARRESTS & CITATIONS

2016

MONTH	Adult Felony	Adult Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor Cites	Juvenile Felony	Juvenile Misdemeanor
January	28	53	22	0	2
February	8	45	41	0	2
March	17	45	13	0	2
April	22	64	18	1	1
May	20	71	24	0	3
June	14	94	24	0	0
July	15	102	19	0	2
August	27	102	28	3	4
September	11	22	49	1	0
October	17	62	49	0	5
November	31	56	17	0	1
December	18	79	29	0	0
Total	228	795	333	5	22

ARRESTS & CITATIONS

2017

MONTH	Adult Felony	Adult Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor Cites	Juvenile Felony	Juvenile Misdemeanor
January	23	62	38	0	4
February	13	56	25	2	0
March	25	40	34	2	2
April	11	33	34	3	11
May	7	40	32	3	3
June	13	41	20	0	2
July	8	57	34	2	2
August	22	88	48	0	1
September	24	45	20	1	0
October	12	56	26	2	1
November	9	45	36	0	0
December	12	33	23	2	0
Total	179	596	370	17	26