



Wilshire Area Captain's Newsletter



Captain Shannon K. Paulson, Commanding Officer

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Wilshire Area Crime Update – As of 7/2

Robbery	Up 18.2% (28 more robberies compared to this time last year)
Aggravated Assault	Down 20.7% (down 82 compared to this time last year)
Burglary	Down 43.7% (down 276 burglaries compared to last year)
Grand Theft Auto	Up 40.1% (116 more cars stolen than this time last year)
Burglary/Theft From Motor Vehicle	Down 11.9% (86 less cars broken into)
Violent Part I Crime in Total	Down 6.7% (down 38 compared to this time last year)
Property Part I Crime in Total	Down 12.2% (286 fewer property crimes)
Total Part I Crime	Down 11.1% (324 fewer overall serious crimes)

INTRODUCING WILSHIRE'S NEWEST SENIOR LEAD OFFICER

After over a year with the position left vacant, I received authority to advertise, interview and select a candidate to finally bring the Senior Lead Officer team here in the division up to full staffing levels. Please know this is a very formal process which results in the most capable and accomplished candidate being upgraded (not officially a civil service "promotion," but very close) to the position.

I am proud to announce that Police Officer III De'Antraye Dantzler has been selected for the position and his upgrade will be officially effective (hopefully) August 1. Officer Dantzler comes from amongst the ranks right here in Wilshire Division and was selected from a very competitive field of applicants.

Officer Dantzler grew up in South Los Angeles and as a teenager he was bused into Wilshire division to attend L.A.C.E.S. Junior High and High School. Prior to coming on the job, he worked in sales and customer service.

De'Antraye joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 2011 and completed his probationary field training in Pacific Division. He worked Harbor Division Patrol as a Police Officer II. He was identified early in his career as a skilled and hard working officer, and as a result was selected to work the West Bureau Violent Crime Task Force and then the Southwest Division Gang Unit. He has been assigned to Wilshire Division since 2016. In 2018 De'Antraye was selected for upgrade to Police Officer III and has been serving the Wilshire Community in the critical role of Field Training Officer since then.

In his spare time, he enjoys working out, spending time with family, eating good food and watching sports (primarily basketball or football).



AND ALSO INTRODUCING WILSHIRE'S NEWEST SERGEANT II – ASSISTANT WATCH COMMANDER

Each of the three primary patrol watches (Day Watch or Watch 2, Night Watch or Watch 3, and then a mid-watch which overlaps the late afternoon until after midnight) have a Watch Commander (a Lieutenant) and an Assistant Watch Commander (a Sergeant II) who work together to run their assigned watch. They are responsible for the overall management, accountability, productivity, scheduling, deployment and any personnel issues occurring on their watch, 7 days a week. The Sergeant II, or "AWC" as we refer to them, generally works in the Lieutenant's absence to ensure their systems and directives are being carried out, and the management and oversight workload continues to be accomplished. As you can imagine, this is a vital position, and to have it vacant for an extended period of time makes the lieutenant's job that much more challenging.

This particular vacancy has existed here in Wilshire for almost a year as well. As it is one of our critical leadership positions within patrol operations, I have had my fingers crossed for some time now in hopes of receiving authorization to fill it.

Like the SLO position, this is a competitive process involving a Department-wide advertisement, an application submitted by all those interested and who meet the minimum qualifications (having performed well as a Sergeant I), a panel interview which includes a personnel package review, then final selection by the Commanding Officer based on the interview score and my review of their personnel history. Like the SLO position, we once again had a field of exceptional candidates and the final selection was challenging. Ultimately, Sergeant Mishell Harvey-Dixon, also from right here at Wilshire Division, was selected for upgrade to Sergeant II as Wilshire's newest Assistant Watch Commander. We hope her upgrade will be effective August 1.

Sergeant Harvey-Dixon grew up in the Mar Vista Gardens Housing Development (in Pacific Area) and attended Venice High School. She grew up seeing things that most have not: gang violence, shootings, drug deals in plain sight and the devastation of drug addiction. Despite the surroundings, she credits her family with providing a strong foundation for growth to adulthood. As her father always told her, "Just because we live here does not mean you have to become a product of your environment". She felt her way out would likely be through education, so from high school she went to Santa Monica College and received two associate degrees in Administration of Justice and Liberal Arts, then transferred to San Diego State University (SDSU) and earned a BS in Criminal Justice.

While at SDSU, she started the process to become an LAPD officer. Upon graduation and a return to LA, she initially started work at an entertainment law firm in Santa Monica. Then, in 2005, she received notification she had been accepted to enter the police academy. Upon graduating from the police academy she completed her probationary year of field training at West LA Division. Her background includes returning to her roots as a Senior Lead Officer in what we now know as the Community Safety Partnership – providing critical community policing within the various housing developments in the City. As a female with a mixed heritage (African American and Hispanic), who herself grew up in a housing development, she knew she was the ideal candidate to not only represent the Department but to be a role model for the youth. She proudly worked that assignment for almost 5 years. In 2016, she was promoted to sergeant and was assigned to Wilshire Division where she has worked the field as a patrol sergeant and for the past 18 months has had the trusted role of Adjutant to the Patrol Commanding Officer.



SAFE 4th of JULY CELEBRATIONS

I would once again like to remind residents and visitors that the sale and possession of all fireworks is illegal in the City of LA, that includes the “safe and sane” fireworks. All violators may be subject to fines and arrest if caught displaying or in possession of fireworks. It is important that the public recognize the potential dangers in the use and handling of fireworks. The risk of injury, especially to children and young adults, is of great concern to the Police and Fire Departments. Please enjoy a safe Fourth of July by obeying all laws related to fireworks and celebrate this special holiday by being responsible.

There will be multiple legal, professional grade fireworks displays hosted throughout the region this weekend. Here is a partial list:

Professional Fireworks Shows in the City or immediate vicinity (For dates, times, and other details, please seek information from the venue or organization hosting the show.)

Bel-Air Bay Club

16801 Pacific Coast Hwy, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Brentwood Country Club

590 S Burlingame Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90049

El Caballero Country Club

18300 Tarzana Dr, Tarzana, CA 91356

Hillcrest Country Club

10000 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Hollywood Bowl

2301 N Highland Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90068

Hollywood Forever Cemetery

6000 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90038

Marina Del Rey Jetty

18300 Tarzana Dr, Tarzana, CA 91356

Palisades Charter High School

15777 Bowdoin St, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Shepherd Church

19700 Rinaldi St, Northridge, CA 91326

Warner Center Park

5800 Topanga Blvd

Wilshire Country Club

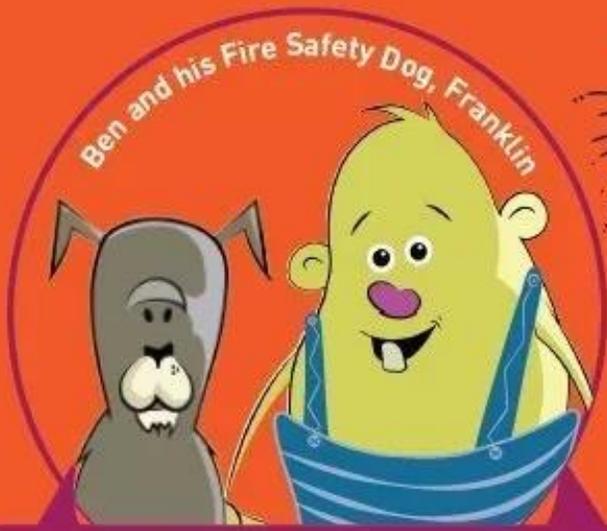
301 N Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004



To review a list of professional fireworks displays being hosted elsewhere in the County of LA, please go to:

<https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-Public-Fireworks-Display-Listing-06222021.pdf> or <https://momsla.com/best-fourth-of-july-celebrations-in-los-angeles/>.





have a message for you!

“HAVE A GREAT 4TH OF JULY!

But leave fireworks to the professionals
Personal possession or use of fireworks in Los Angeles is illegal.”

There are dozens of FREE fireworks shows in Los Angeles. Take the entire family and enjoy watching the “rockets red glare” under the stars.

Learn more, visit: www.lafd.org or www.mysafela.org

Fireworks are 100% DANGEROUS!



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