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- BID Board Meetings: 10am on the 2nd Friday of the month, Hope Lutheran Church, 6720 Melrose Ave.

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- Graffiti Removal & Sidewalk Cleaning: Contact the BID

CRIME SNAPSHOT DURING LOCKDOWN

We asked our Senior Lead Officer, Ian O'Brian, to give us an update on what's happening, crime-wise, on Melrose as we slowly begin to emerge from the COVID-19 lockdown.

"Year to date, my basic car area, which includes the Melrose corridor, has seen a 22.4% decrease in overall crime. This includes a decrease in all crime categories. Even with the lack of tourism and vehicle traffic, we are still seeing burglary and theft from motor vehicles. Year to date, we are one victim down from this time last year. We continue to urge people to "lock it, hide it, keep it." It sounds simple and I know I always repeat it, but it works.

A major change in the city, due to COVID, is the way we are able to address large homeless encampments which are on public property. We are currently unable to enforce the 56.11 LAMC violation of having a tent or structure erected between 6am and 9pm. We have also seen a change in the way we are able to facilitate the clean-up of larger encampments which contain bulky items. The clean-up/sanitation issue is currently tied up in the courts and the city is only conducting "spot cleanings."

With that being said, we are still able to enforce and remove encampments which are set up on private property as well as encampments which violate ADA rules, such as allowing 3 ft of walkway on a sidewalk and encampments that are within 10ft from an entry way. I encourage everyone to utilize the MyLA311 phone application, as it notifies the city and allows them to deploy their resources to these encampments.

My daily mission is to not only share the public's concern to our department and patrol officers, but to continue to provide high visibility patrol along the business districts in my basic care area, including Melrose Ave. Each shift, I cruise through Melrose Ave and check on the safety and status of each business. Our patrol officers are doing this as well.

I continue to urge each business owner to invest in some sort of surveillance camera system. The BID and I have discussed the importance of having a surveillance system. Not only can it prevent crime, but it provides our detectives and officers with crucial evidence when crimes are committed. If a business already has a camera system, I urge them to make sure it is in good operating order.

As the city begins to reopen and the Melrose area starts to see a larger increase in pedestrian traffic, we plan to implement the foot patrol and bike patrol we utilized last summer."

~ Senior Lead Officer, Ian O'Brian