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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
RESPONSE TO CIVILLIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION ON STREET TAKEOVERS POSITION

Dear Ms. Vappie:

Thank you for the Civilian Oversight Commission's ("COC") position letter and staff report on street takeovers. This issue is of great concern for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the communities we serve.

We understand that the COC has adopted the Commission's staff report recommendation #2, which states:

LASD should submit a written quarterly report to the Commission on street takeover related public safety activities that includes, but not limited to:

- a. Street takeover traffic statistics*
- b. Brief overview of street takeover related crimes*
- c. Collaborative efforts with other traffic/law enforcement agencies*
- d. Brief overview of street takeover elimination measures employed.*

The Department has begun capturing statistics, crimes, and the collaborative efforts underway as a result of street takeover issues that have developed within the communities we serve. Attached you will find the data assembled for 2022 and 2023 (through March 12, 2023). Further, we are in the process

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of creating a specialized code for street takeovers in order to make the preparation of such reports easier in the future.

While we do not have a formalized Task Force to specifically address street takeovers, as other departments have established, incidents involving this emerging issue are being addressed through LASD's Traffic Services Detail (TSD) and the Office of Traffic and Safety (OTB) Grant Program, which allows for 3-4 street racing/takeover operations per grant period. When these units are not available, LASD patrol units respond to address reported incidents.

Our patrol units have obtained good results. For example, Compton Station was provided additional resources from other Central Patrol Division Stations (Central Patrol Division Mobile Field Force), which respond in concert with the California Highway Patrol's South Los Angeles Station, to provide street takeover enforcement in the city of Compton and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The Central Patrol Division Mobile Field Force units are used for rapid deployment response to all street takeovers during the primary hours of occurrence (Saturdays and Sundays between 0000 hours and 0400 hours). Compton Station also actively collaborates with the multi-agency Street Takeover Taskforce. These additional resources are primarily used to effect arrests, issue citations, and impound vehicles specifically related to street takeovers.

Most recently, Compton Station redirected the deployment of station (Special Assignment Office, Community Relations, Detective Bureau, Motorcycle Traffic Enforcement) and Division-wide resources (Central Patrol Division Enforcement Team) for the past three weekends to provide additional enforcement resources focused on street takeover drivers and spectators. The Division Enforcement Team was and will remain available for rapid deployment/response to all street takeovers during the hours in which this activity primarily occurs (0000 hours through 0400 hours). This team is comprised of two (2) sergeants and eight (8) deputy sheriffs.

Central Patrol Division is also coordinating its efforts with South Patrol Division, East Patrol Division, and Special Operations Division to provide additional resources, if needed.

Between January 14, 2023, and May 7, 2023, 24 citations were issued for violations of Compton's Municipal Code (CMC 7-27.3) for spectating at a street takeover event, 92 citations were issued for violations of the Vehicle Code, 16 vehicles were towed/impounded, and seven (7) arrests were made. Between

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April 21, 2023, and May 7, 2023, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department resources disrupted 26 street takeover incidents.¹

To engage the community on this issue, on May 4, 2023, Compton Station hosted a Town Hall Meeting to address concerns from Compton residents and business owners from Compton and its surrounding communities, discuss the best approach to this problem, evaluate actions already taken, and seek ideas for improvement. Compton Station has also established relationships with community organizations to address these concerns.

In addition, Compton Station continues to collaborate with the city of Compton and Los Angeles County Public Works Office to strategically mount counter measures (BOTS) in intersections known for street takeover events. Compton Station has also partnered with the Compton City Attorney's Office in implementing an Administrative Citation (CMC 7-27.3) to any person acting as a spectator at the scene of a Street Takeover, punishable by a \$1,000 fine.

Furthermore, Compton Station continues to work with outside law enforcement agencies, as well as other units and bureaus within the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to eradicate this ongoing issue.

Should you have questions regarding our response please contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA
SHERIFF


APRIL TARDY
UNDERSHERIFF

¹ All recent statistics are from Compton Station, and department-wide statistics will be updated on a quarterly basis.



RECAP SRT/TRAP ABATEMENT TASKFORCE

*1/30 NOT TRAP FUNDED. PILOT OPERATION

DATE	UNITS	TAKE OVERS	23109	23103	TOTAL CITES	ACE	BAR INSP	23109.2 IMPOUNDS	OTHER IMPOUNDS	GUNS	MISD ARRESTS	FEL ARRESTS	STOLEN VEHICLES
1/30/2022		17	0	1	5	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
2/18/2022		6	6	0	13	5	9	6	0	0	6	0	0
2/26/2022		8	17	2	24	1	7	9	1	1	20	1	0
3/20/2022		11	10	0	12	11	7	10	1	0	11	0	0
5/6/2022		5	9	0	14	5	13	7	2	0	14	0	0
5/13/2022		8	15	0	30	1	10	14	0	0	23	0	0
5/21/2022		8	27	0	44	0	16	15	2	0	30	0	0
6/12/2022		7	24	0	48	7	17	18	3	0	34	0	1
6/24/2022		7	33	0	61	5	11	14	3	1	33	1	1
6/25/2022		8	19	0	49	1	14	9	4	0	19	0	0
7/8/2022		5	26	3	40	0	12	12	0	0	29	0	0
7/29/2022		6	10	2	31	1	22	9	4	0	12	2	0
8/12/2022		8	17	1	37	0	11	11	0	0	18	0	0
8/19/2022		10	17		46	0	0	18	0	1	17	1	0
8/20/2022		5	18	0	36	0	12	16	0	2	19	3	0
9/2/2022		7	8	1		0	15	5	0	0	9	1	0
9/10/2022		4	9	2	21	0	4	4	0	0	12	0	0
9/18/2022		10	14	4	32	2	11	20	0	0	18	0	0
10/1/2022		7	15	0	25	0	7	10	0	0	15	0	0
10/9/2022		11	26	1	47	2	19	25	0	0	29	1	5
11/13/2022		11	4	0	9	0	6	8	0	0	5	0	0
	TOTALS	169	324	17	624	41	223	241	22	5	376	10	7

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