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AD HOC TRANSIT POLICING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE JANUARY 21, 2016

SUBJECT: TRANSIT COMMUNITY POLICING PLAN

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE status report on the **Transit Community Policing Plan**

<u>ISSUE</u>

On September 4, 2014, the board requested that staff provide an annual Transit Community Policing Plan to the MTA Board in July of each year.

DISCUSSION

This report has been prepared by Ronene Anda, Chief of Transit Policing Division, and submitted through Alex Wiggins, Executive Officer of System Security and Law Enforcement.

In the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Contract Audit Report, an audit recommendation was to require LASD to prepare and submit an annual Transit Community Policing plan. The plan is to identify the principles of community policing and define the roles of LASD Deputies. Although the plan was completed and being implemented prior to July 2015, it was not submitted due to administrative reasons.

The 2015 Transit Community Policing Plan (TCP) differs from the 2014 plan by the following reasons:

- Mission statement for 2015 TCP is Transit/Metro specific
- Deployment and strategies for 2015 TCP cover annual deployment, whereas the 2014 TCP covered a 3-5 year deployment strategy.
- Intelligence Led Policing includes discussions on working in collaboration with Metro Transit Security and Private Security to increase system safety and prediction of future crimes
- 2015 TCP includes broadening use of social media for community awareness as well as the Transit Watch LA App
- 2015 TCP discusses a Joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as opposed to separate

EOC locations where there was a definite lack of communication between Metro and LASD

- 2015 TCP Counterterrorism section addresses a LASD K-9 and Threat Interdiction Unit (TIU) joint vehicle as capable of launching from a central location in a "ready status"
- 2015 TCP shows the success Crime Impact Teams have on graffiti abatement and lists the damage cleared in dollar amount
- 2015 TCP discusses the implementation of the Bus Riding Team
- 2015 TCP advises implementing recommendations made by the outside auditor (Bazillo Cobb Associates) and increased efforts to regularly meet with neighboring agencies and stakeholders
- 2015 TCP discusses LASD's efforts to recognize and assess the ability to grow and expand alongside Metro.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will present the next Transit Community Policing Plan in July 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Transit Policing Division Community Policing Plan 2015

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