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Statistical Highlights

January 2023

Total Calls Received by Dispatch	20,740	(YTD) 20,740	Homicide	0	(YTD) 0
Total Calls For Service	8,073	8,073	Robbery	12	12
Calls Received on 9-1-1	5,698	5,698	Aggravated Assaults	43	26
Calls Cleared Using De-Escalation Techniques	45	45	Burglary	52	52
Calls Received involving the Un-Housed	149	149	Motor Vehicle Theft	20	20
Firearms Recovered/Seized	26	26	Simple Assaults	45	45
			DUI	13	13

The data depicted in this report is subject to change and is based on crimes reported to have occurred during the above-stated monthly time frame. Some reports may not yet be initiated and/or may be reclassified during investigations.

Significant Incidents

Robberies:

On January 14, 2023, Pasadena Police officers responded to an ATM in the area of 800 E. Colorado Blvd. regarding an armed robbery. Before officers arrived on scene, the suspect fled the area in a dark-colored sedan and was not located. The victim told officers, he returned to his vehicle after withdrawing cash from an ATM. The suspect approached him, pointed a handgun at him, and demanded his wallet. Fearing for his safety, the victim handed the suspect his wallet. The suspect then got into a dark-colored sedan and drove away.

On January 17, 2023, officers from the Pasadena PD responded to a residence in the Sierra Bonita Ave and Colorado Blvd. area regarding an armed robbery. The victim told officers she was in her vehicle parked in her driveway when the suspect approached the driver's side door. The suspect pointed a gun

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at the victim and demanded money from her. The victim got out of the vehicle and the suspect rummaged through the victim's car. The suspect took the victim's purse and fled the location in an unknown direction.

Recovered Firearms:

On January 12, 2023, officers from the Pasadena Police Department conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Raymond Ave. and Orange Grove Blvd. The officers contacted the driver and discovered that the driver did not have a driver's license in possession, nor did the front passenger(suspect). Both occupants were asked to exit the vehicle. While exiting the vehicle, the suspect admitted to being in possession of a handgun. Officers detained the suspect and recovered a handgun from his waistband without incident. The suspect also possessed methamphetamine. The suspect was arrested for the weapons violation and for possession of a controlled substance.

On January 29, 2023, Pasadena Police officers responded to the area of 800 N. Oakland Ave. regarding an unknown vehicle parked on the front lawn of a church/school. The vehicle was occupied by two sleeping males. The caller indicated that they wanted the vehicle removed from the grass lawn as it was not a parking area and when officers began to investigate, they saw a handgun in the lap of one of the sleeping males. Officers tactically blocked the vehicle in, and safely extracted the occupants without further incident. The gun was discovered to be a loaded 9mm Beretta 92FS. The subjects in the car were determined to be on active supervised release (parole and probation) and were arrested for a weapons violation and for an outstanding warrant.

Assaults:

On January 11, 2023, Pasadena Police officers responded to a call of an assault with a deadly weapon which occurred in the area of 1400 E. Colorado Blvd. The victims told responding officers that they were leaving a business when they became involved in a traffic dispute with another driver (suspect). During this dispute, the suspect exited his vehicle and armed himself with a metal pipe. In fear, the victims drove away from the area. The suspect followed the victims several city blocks and was eventually able to pull alongside the victims' vehicle. The suspect struck the victim's vehicle with the metal pipe, causing damage. At another point during the chase/assault, the suspect again exited his vehicle armed with the pole, which provided the victims an opportunity to drive away from the suspect successfully. The victims were not injured. And the suspect was described as driving a newer, gray Tesla SUV.

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Crime Trends

There has been increased reports of wallet thefts from the purses of shoppers and restaurant diners. If you are out shopping or dining, please keep these theft prevention tips in mind:

- At restaurants, don't hang your purse over the back of your chair and be aware of your belongings if you notice people sitting close to you.
- When shopping, keep your purse closed and be on alert if someone strikes up a conversation. They may be trying to distract you from your purse for another person to commit the theft.

As the Spring season approaches, many community members begin heading to local trails to hike. If you plan on hiking and use the trailhead parking lots, keep in mind that these lots can often be targets for vehicle burglaries. Limit what you take for your hike or leave what you can't carry on the hike at home.

Catalytic Converter Thefts continue to be on the rise in the region. Many of these thefts occur at night. If you hear grinding noises at night, it is possible that a theft may be in progress. If you suspect a theft is occurring, call the police. Here are a few other tips to help prevent a catalytic converter theft:

- Park your car in a well-lit area, on your driveway, or inside your garage
- Park in areas that are well lit or have higher pedestrian traffic that passes by the vehicle. This will discourage thieves because they will not have the privacy to steal the catalytic converter.
- If possible, purchase and install a catalytic converter anti-theft device
- Participate in a catalytic converter etching program. Etching does not prevent theft, but it helps law enforcement in the recovery of the catalytic converter.

Traffic

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Below is the information regarding the city intersections experiencing the highest number of vehicle collisions. This information is only reflective of the collisions reported to the police department and it is subject to change as reports are initiated and/or re-classified.

Intersection		Number of Collisions	
Colorado Blvd. and Los Robles Ave.		6 collisions reported	
			
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Lake Ave. and Maple St.		5 collisions reported	
			
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Fair Oaks Ave. and Union St.	4 collisions reprinted
	
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Officers from the Pasadena Police Department continually provide service to these intersections and other intersections throughout the city to minimize the amounts of collisions that occur. We remind everyone to slow down, stay off their phone, minimize distractions and obey all traffic laws and signage to lessen the possibility of being involved in a collision.