

QUARTERLY REPORT



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January - March 2015

This quarterly police report was prepared by the La Quinta Police for the Honorable Mayor, City Council and the Citizens of La Quinta. The report contains crime statistics and average response times along with La Quinta Special Teams summaries of activity for the quarter.



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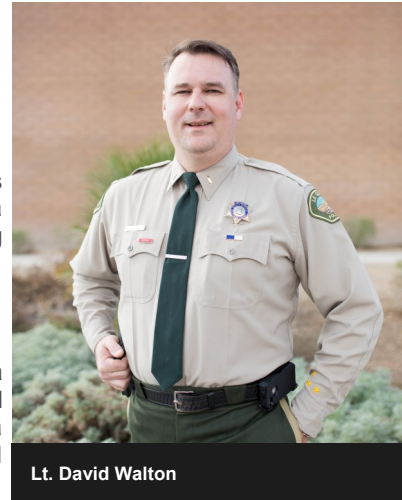
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Message from the Assistant Chief

Reflecting back upon the first quarter of 2015, many successful events and programs were accomplished by the women and men of the La Quinta Police Department. I'm consistently proud of the work being performed by our officers in the furtherance of the public safety mission.

The department moved quickly to address the facts surrounding a murder that occurred during January. Our ability to gather a broad spectrum of resources from the initial response by our patrol staff, media information staff, detectives, and administration often points toward successful outcomes when solving these rare incidents.



Lt. David Walton

The crime prevention outreach into our neighborhoods and business centers continue to gain strength with each meaningful opportunity we share together. Whether it's our monthly "Coffee with a Cop," Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) evaluations, "Bicycle Rodeo and Traffic Safety Fair," or simply making our patrol officers more approachable to answer questions from our citizens, the important value of crime prevention programs speak for themselves. Positively, the police officers show collaborative efforts to safeguard our quality of life and meet safety concerns. Working in concert with Code Enforcement, we are taking appropriate measures to stop criminal activities in public places and abate nuisance violations that serve to attract additional criminal activity.

Overall, I'm pleased the Uniformed Crime Statics indicate key reductions for crimes that happen inside our city. The segments of property crime which include burglaries to our homes, thefts of merchandise from our stores and residents, and the theft of automobiles from our streets have historically contributed to the most significant number of incidents facing us. I recognize the incidents of domestic violence, robbery, and simple assaults have edged higher when compared with the first quarter of 2014. I continue to monitor these crimes and look for adjustments that serve to suppress these occurrences.

Average Response Time

Type	November		December		January		February		March		2013	2014	2015*
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015			
Priority 1 Average Response Calls for Service	5.17 20	5.23 20	5.71 18	9.19 24	5.35 18	6.09 19	5.33 18	3.75 17	5.62 31	6.57 18	6.18 214	5.63 241	5.51 54
Priority 2 Average Response Calls for Service	12.31 447	12.04 543	12.91 510	11.65 512	13.17 518	11.95 527	11.95 429	12.67 506	13.04 518	14.62 565	12.37 6,167	13.16 6,362	13.12 1,598
Priority 3 Average Response Calls for Service	18.69 425	18.30 549	17.94 414	17.00 545	19.79 440	22.22 561	19.32 447	18.79 507	21.63 521	20.77 612	18.73 4,962	18.97 6,105	20.66 1,680
Priority 4 Average Response Calls for Service	25.83 235	25.21 286	21.34 279	23.52 241	26.95 323	24.26 265	24.24 313	25.87 288	25.64 305	29.58 294	23.46 3,034	23.93 3,160	26.65 847
Pri. 1-4 Total Average Response	17.41 1,127	17.09 1,398	16.44 1,221	15.98 1,322	18.73 1,299	18.44 1,372	17.77 1,207	17.80 1,318	18.92 1,375	20.01 1,489	16.81 14,377	17.43 15,868	18.80 4,179

* YTD total Average

Crime Statistics

CRIME- JANUARY	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	3	3
BURGLARY	15	27
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	16	20
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	16	11
HOMICIDE	1	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	9	11
ROBBERY	2	2
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	1	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	1	3
SEX CRIME MISD	1	4
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	10	3
THEFT	75	132
VEHICLE THEFT	1	7

CRIME- FEBRUARY	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	6	3
BURGLARY	9	44
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	4	20
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	20	14
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	10	36
ROBBERY	2	2
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	1	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	1	1
SEX CRIME MISD	3	2
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	6	5
THEFT	76	122
VEHICLE THEFT	7	6

CRIME- MARCH	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	0	7
BURGLARY	13	38
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	11	17
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	13	13
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	4	20
ROBBERY	3	2
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	0	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	1	1
SEX CRIME MISD	0	1
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	7	5
THEFT	59	75
VEHICLE THEFT	7	4

JAN, FEB, MARCH CTYD	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	9	13
BURGLARY	37	109
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	31	57
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	49	38
HOMICIDE	1	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	23	67
ROBBERY	7	6
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	2	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	3	5
SEX CRIME MISD	4	7
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	23	13
THEFT	210	329
VEHICLE THEFT	15	17

Special Enforcement Team



Officer Martinez, James, Kibbey, Post and McAnallen

Quarterly Statistics for January, February & March

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Programs	5
Vehicle Stops	203
Pedestrian Checks	78
Investigative Follow-up	131
City Park Checks	46
Citations	43
Search Warrants	16
Probation /Parole Search	41
Arrest Warrant Served	22
Arrest - Felony	29
Arrest - Misdemeanor	57
Property Value Recovered	\$32,250.00

Significant Activity for January, February & March 2015

On January 09, 2015, La Quinta Special Enforcement Team Officers and the Business District Unit served a search warrant on the 52000 block of Avenida Navarro regarding two residential burglaries that occurred on November 30, 2014. During the investigation, stolen property was recovered and SET Officers arrested the suspect for possession of stolen property and burglary.

On January 15, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers served four search warrants in the cities of Hacienda Heights, Montclair and San Dimas. The warrants stemmed from an identity theft and fraud committed at the La Quinta Resort earlier that month.

On February 12, 2015, La Quinta Special Enforcement Team and Business District Unit served a search warrant on the 82700 block of Jamestown Avenue in Indio. The warrant was related to a grand theft that occurred on February 2, 2015 at (Circle K) 78110 Calle Tampico in La Quinta. Upon the service of the warrant, SET arrested the suspect for grand theft. An additional person was located at the residence and was arrested for a misdemeanor DUI warrant.

On February 27, 2015, La Quinta SET assisted Thermal Station Investigations with a robbery investigation that occurred the day prior. Members of the La Quinta SET located and arrested the primary suspect on the 52000 block of Avenida Herrera, in the City of La Quinta.

On February 27, 2015, Officers from the La Quinta Special Enforcement Team, Business District Unit and Southern Coachella Valley Community Service District Team served three mail theft and fraud related search warrants. The warrant services were conducted at a residence in North Shore and two residences in the city of Indio. During the service of the search warrants, several evidentiary items associated to the mail thefts, identity theft, check frauds, and illegal narcotics were located. The suspects were arrested and booked into the Indio Jail on multiple counts of identity theft, check fraud, possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. An additional suspect was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and released on a citation during the warrant services. Officers identified approximately sixty victims, throughout the Coachella Valley, during the course of their investigation related to these warrant services.

During the month of March, La Quinta SET began an enforcement program at the parks within the City of La Quinta. The program was designed to restore order and peace with numerous unruly juveniles and adults who were commonly loitering in and around the park. While focusing primarily on the La Quinta Soccer Park, Officers issued numerous citations and arrested several subjects during the enforcement program.

On March 12, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers served a search warrant at a residence located on the 51000 block of Avenida Martinez. The search warrant stemmed from a residential burglary that occurred in 2012.

On March 13, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers served a search warrant on the 82000 block of Padova Dr., in the City of Indio related to numerous mail thefts and identify theft cases in the City of La Quinta and surrounding areas. Fraudulent checks and other items of evidentiary value were collected during the search. The suspect was arrested at a later date.

On March 20, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers served a search warrant on the 51000 block of Avenida Vallejo and the 52000 block of Avenida Rubio in the City of La Quinta. The search warrants stemmed from a vehicle burglary and identify theft investigation that occurred early in the month. Stolen property was recovered at the residence and the suspects were arrested.

Business District Unit



Officer Quezada & Corporal Reinbolz

Quarterly Statistics for January, February & March

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Programs	8
Vehicle Stops	10
Pedestrian Checks	25
Investigative Follow-up	35
Citations	7
Search Warrants	5
Probation /Parole Search	0
Business Checks/Meetings	95
Arrest Warrant Served	1
Arrest - Felony	2
Arrest - Misdemeanor	5
Property Value Recovered	\$69,320.00

Significant Activity for January, February & March 2015

Between the months of January and March, La Quinta BDU assisted the La Quinta Special Enforcement Team and the Coachella Valley Narcotics Task Force on several search warrants in the city of La Quinta. During the search warrants, stolen property and narcotics were seized pursuant to the investigations.

Between the months of January and March, La Quinta BDU, in collaboration with California Alcohol Beverage Control, conducted a "Cops in Shops" operation, a ROSTF Inspection operation, a Shoulder Tap operation, and a Trap Door operation, which is focused on off sale / on sale and adults who furnish minors with alcoholic beverages. Under the Cops in Shops program, officers work undercover at retail locations to help catch fraudulent identification use and underage patrons trying to purchase alcohol or adults buying alcohol for minors. Under the Retail Operating Standards Task Force Inspections program, officers visit on-sale establishments and audit the businesses on several key standards and regulations as required by law. Violations are noted and the owner of the chosen establishment receives a notice to fix any outstanding issues. Under the Shoulder Tap program, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and can not purchase the alcohol. Under the Trap Door program, it's main goal is to reduce the number of minors with fake IDs, as well as opening leads to find more information about counterfeit operations and ID "mills" that make fake IDs. Minors who are caught with such IDs are at risk of being arrested.

Between the months of January and March, La Quinta BDU, along with other members of the La Quinta Police Department, hosted two Coffee with a Cop events in the city. During the events, many customers interacted with officers and had the opportunities to ask questions and address any concerns affecting the community. These events also gave La Quinta PD officers an opportunity to educate the community on crime prevention and neighborhood watch related issues.

On January 15, 2015, the Business District Team hosted a business meeting at Mimi's Café in La Quinta between 0900 and 1030 hours. The purpose of the meeting was to reach out and educate merchants who conduct business within the city. Topics presented during the presentation included, but not limited to, credit, check, and return frauds. Proposition 47 was also discussed and attendees were informed on the proposition's stipulations and how they affect crime overall.

On January 28th and 29th, 2015, BDU participated in the La Quinta Police Department, Thermal Station VIP tour. Members of La Quinta city government attended and were treated to a tour and live demonstration.

On February 13, 2015, La Quinta BDU, along with the assistance of officers from the La Quinta Special Enforcement Team, served a property related/embezzlement search warrant in the La Quinta cove. The investigation stemmed from several incidents involving a business owner and his contracted worker, which occurred between the months of January 2014 through December 2014. During that time, the hired contractor embezzled over \$100,000 from a business bank account which was set up to deal only with the business's clients. During the search warrant, several credit vouchers were seized which had an estimated value of \$69,320.00.

The above mentioned incidents are just a sample of the quarterly activity conducted by the La Quinta Business District Unit. Officers from BDU have conducted several investigations related to the La Quinta Highway 111 Business Corridor which have resulted in numerous arrests for thefts and frauds. La Quinta BDU will continue their pro-active and community oriented policing efforts throughout the city which will result in increased awareness and education within the business community in order to improve the quality of life for the business owners, shoppers, and residents of La Quinta.

Traffic Services Team



La Quinta Traffic Team Officer Palmer, Corporal Olson, Officer Moore & Officer Scott

Type of Activity	Number of
Total Collisions	138
DUI Collisions	9
DUI Arrests	25
Seatbelt Citations	14
Total Hazard Citations	716
Total Injury Collisions	54
DUI Collisions with Injury	6
Citations Issued	1001
Excessive Speed Citations	372
Total Non-Hazard Citations	285

In January, the Traffic Services Team implemented specific traffic programs and enforcement details to ensure safe traveling for the influx of motorists in La Quinta for the Humana Golf Challenge.

In January, the Traffic Services Team conducted a presentation for the Mayor and City Council of La Quinta, showcasing their equipment, motorcycles, case presentations and speed enforcement capabilities.

In February, the Traffic Services Team conducted DUI saturation patrols and distracted driving patrols, funded through grants from the Office of Traffic Safety.

In March, the Traffic Services Team was trained in the use and deployment of the Taser X2 model.

In March, the Traffic Services Team hosted a child seat safety event and provided new child safety seats to parents with broken, deteriorated or expired child seats. The program was held in conjunction with the La Quinta Safety Fair.



Motor 455

Crime Prevention Specialist



Officer Candy Munoz

Type of Activity	# of Incidents
Online Reports	7
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	2
Parking Citations	12
Community Events	4
Business Meetings	1
CPTED Reviews	4

In January, CSO Munoz was on patrol through January 21th.

In January, CSO Munoz participated in the Humana Challenge event.

In January, CSO Munoz participated in Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks on Washington Street.

In January, CSO Munoz was assigned volunteer coordinator for office substation volunteers.

In January, CSO Munoz attended Business Meeting at Mimi's restaurant.

In February, CSO Munoz conducted three residential Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys in the City of La Quinta.

In February, CSO Munoz conducted an CPTED survey at Hadley's Villas.

In February, CSO Munoz conducted a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Avenida Martinez.

In February, CSO Munoz participated at the Farmer's Market with a volunteer recruiting booth.

In March, CSO Munoz participated in the Farmer's Market with a crime prevention booth.

In March, CSO Munoz participated in the Coffee with a Cop event at Starbucks on Highway 111.

In March, CSO Munoz participated in La Quinta Safety Fair.

In March, CSO Munoz conducted a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Avenida Martinez.

Crime Prevention



Officer Jessica Herrera

- ◆ Crime Prevention Officer
- ◆ Community Program & Event Coordinator
- ◆ Citizens on Patrol Coordinator
- ◆ Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinator
- ◆ Social Media Administrator

In January, CSO Herrera prepared the quarterly report which includes calls for service, average response time and year to date crime comparison.

In January, CSO Herrera coordinated Coffee with a Cop at Old Town Coffee Company on Main Street.

In January, CSO Herrera conducted a Neighborhood Watch meeting for Cove residents.

In January, CSO Herrera participated in a Business Mixer at The Broken Yolk

In January, CSO Herrera coordinated training for the C.O.P. volunteers on CPR.

In February, CSO Herrera attended Hadley Villas community event.

In March, CSO Herrera coordinated the La Quinta Police Safety Fair.

In March, CSO Herrera coordinated the Coffee with a Cop event at Starbucks.

In March, CSO Herrera coordinated quarterly training on Traffic Control for C.O.P volunteers.

School Resource Officer



Officer David Klicka

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	4
Arrest	2
D.A. Filings	2
Citations	5
Calls for Service	15
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	10
Public Assists	6
Follow-up	3
Assist Other Agencies	3
5150 Evaluations	0

La Quinta Middle School, Harry Truman, Ben Franklin

In January, SRO Klicka conducted an investigation at La Quinta Middle School that resulted in the arrest of the Parent Teacher Club Vice President for Embezzlement of the Parent Teacher Club funds.

In February, SRO Klicka received a call regarding a missing child. SRO Klicka searched the known areas where students congregate and located the missing child.

In March, SRO Klicka assisted with the La Quinta S.E.T. Team Park program to make the parks safer for local citizens.

In March, SRO Klicka conducted an investigation at John Adams Elementary School that resulted in the arrest of the Parent Teacher Club member for Embezzlement of the Parent Teacher Club funds.

School Resource Officer



Officer Rick Contreras

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	7
Arrest	15
D.A. Filings	1
Citations	17
Calls for Service	57
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	32
Public Assists	7
Follow-up	2
Assist Other Agencies	8
5150 Evaluations	3

La Quinta High School

In January, SRO Contreras received information of a student posting online that she wanted to injure herself. SRO Contreras located the student on campus and determined the student was having suicidal thoughts and had recently cut her wrists. SRO Contreras determined the student was a danger to herself and transported her to a mental health facility.

In February, SRO Contreras received information of a student who had been cutting her wrists. SRO Contreras spoke with the student and confirmed she had been cutting her wrists at her residence. SRO Contreras determined she was a danger to herself and transported her to a mental health facility.

In February, SRO Contreras received information of a disturbance in the parking lot. SRO Contreras went outside and saw a juvenile being held down by his father. SRO Contreras determined the student was attempting to jump out of a moving vehicle. SRO Contreras spoke to the father who was taking his son to a mental health facility. SRO Contreras transported the student to a mental health facility for treatment.

In March, SRO Contreras, assisted with the La Quinta S.E.T. Team Park program to make the parks safer for local citizens.

School Resource Officer



Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	15
Arrest	2
D.A. Filings	5
Citations	4
Calls for Service	28
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	12
Public Assists	1
Follow-up	3
Assist Other Agencies	0
5150 Evaluations	4

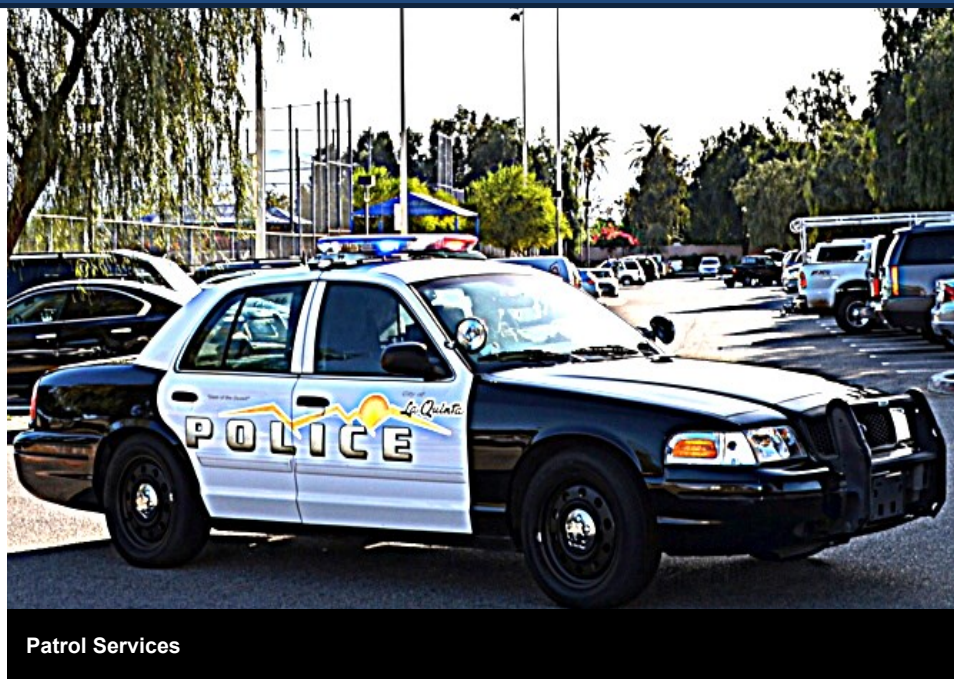
Summit High School & Colonel Mitchell Paige Middle School

In January, SRO Hernandez conducted a threat assessment regarding a student.

In March, SRO Hernandez handled 3 “Kids With Guns” reports.

In March, SRO Hernandez assisted with the La Quinta S.E.T. Team Park program to make the parks safer for local citizens.

Community Service Officers



Patrol Community Service Officers:

- ◆ Aaron Aceves
- ◆ Rosalinda Macias
- ◆ Dave Kruger
- ◆ Lori Hardcastle

Community Service Officers

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Burglary Reports	9
Grand/Petty Theft Reports	25
Vandalism/ Malicious Mischief Reports	14
Traffic Collision Response/Reports	33
Vehicle Code or Parking Citations	98
Abandoned Vehicle Tagged/Warning	13
Towed Vehicles	10
Lost or Found Property Reports	3
Custodial/Non-custodial Transports	73
Miscellaneous Calls	63

Volunteers



Type of Activity	# of Incidents
Crime Free Multi-Housing	185
Business Checks	670
Community Events	13
Neighborhood Patrol	459
Traffic Collision Response	20
Extra Patrol	99
Total Patrol Hours	1,498
Monthly Volunteer Hours	985.75
CPO Monthly Visits	144

Summary of Activity for January, February & March 2015

This quarter the COP has gone through, and will continue to go through, advanced training to increase knowledge and skill sets of our COP members. Recent training included "Traffic Collision Control" . COP volunteers assisted with patrol operations in the business district and La Quinta neighborhoods. COP continue to assist patrol with traffic control.

Office volunteers maintain the Civic Center Community Policing Office. These volunteers conduct a variety clerical functions as well as data entry of citations, traffic collisions and DUI's, parking citations and pawn slips. They also play an important role with assisting the community with questions and concerns.



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