

QUARTERLY REPORT



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April - June 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.



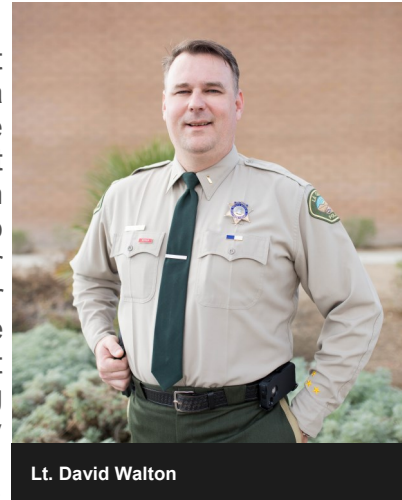
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Message from the Assistant Chief

The first quarter of the year has proved to be a great start for increased community outreach. The “Coffee with a Cop” program was recently joined by a new push to have our citizens join the La Quinta Police Nixle information alert system. The Nixle alert system is a free text notification method our citizens can subscribe to by texting “LQPD” to “888777” and start receiving active information on their cellular phones about road closures, emergencies, or community messages as they occur. In addition to these great programs, the Citizens on Patrol continues to recruit new volunteers that assist our police officers in locating trouble in the community. Our citizens have generously donated their valuable time to patrolling the neighborhoods, shopping centers, and apartment complexes for suspicious activity they witness. Our police officers and citizen patrol works closely to communicate and create innovative solutions.



Lt. David Walton

When comparing this first quarter to last year, several key reductions in property related crime has occurred in our city. We must continue working through the strategies and techniques we are implementing to impact the slow increase in violent crime trends. Some of these strategies include our neighborhood patrols and informational exchanges with crime task forces in our region. We routinely elicit experience and assistance from the auto theft interdiction unit or gang and narcotics task forces that supplement our effort to push violent crime trends downward.

My office distributed our comprehensive annual report for 2014. The report was designed to provide a strong outlook on police activities throughout last year and offer a renewal of our stated objectives to reduce crime and safeguard our citizens going forward. The women and men of La Quinta Police enjoy every opportunity to enhance our relationship with citizens.

David Walton

Assistant Chief of Police, City of La Quinta

Average Response Time

Due to system malfunction the average response time numbers were unavailable at time of publishing. We will provide them to the City as soon as they become available.

Crime Statistics

CRIME- APRIL	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	2	1
BURGLARY	13	32
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	21	11
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	14	14
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	25	12
ROBBERY	1	4
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	1	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	4	1
SEX CRIME MISD	0	1
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	12	8
THEFT	65	84
VEHICLE THEFT	9	3

CRIME- MAY	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	2	1
BURGLARY	18	23
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	12	23
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	16	12
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	14	29
ROBBERY	0	1
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	0	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	3	0
SEX CRIME MISD	0	0
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	4	8
THEFT	90	74
VEHICLE THEFT	3	17

CRIME- JUNE	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	4	5
BURGLARY	14	30
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	5	18
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	13	9
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	12	13
ROBBERY	2	2
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	0	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	3	2
SEX CRIME MISD	0	0
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	4	8
THEFT	52	59
VEHICLE THEFT	2	5

APRIL,MAY,JUNE CTYD	2015	2014
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	8	7
BURGLARY	45	85
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	38	52
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	43	35
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	51	54
ROBBERY	3	7
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	1	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	10	3
SEX CRIME MISD	0	1
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	20	24
THEFT	207	217
VEHICLE THEFT	14	25

Special Enforcement Team



Officer Martinez, James, Kibbey, Post and McAnallen

Quarterly Statistics for April, May & June

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Programs	2
Vehicle Stops	76
Pedestrian Checks	65
Citations	9
Search Warrants	10
Probation /Parole Search	34
Arrest Warrant Served	11
Arrest - Felony	10
Arrest - Misdemeanor	17
Property Value Recovered	\$14,100.00

Significant Activity for April, May & June 2015

On April 1, 2015, La Quinta SET and Thermal Station Investigators served a search warrant in the 44000 block of Clinton Street, Indio, regarding a robbery that occurred on March 17, 2015. The suspect was located and arrested during the search warrant.

On April 3, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers investigated a vandalism of trees at Pioneer Park, witnessed and video recorded by a citizen. Officers identified the four juvenile suspects as La Quinta High Students, and filed out of custody with Juvenile Probation.

On April 9, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers served a search warrant in the 82000 block of Adobe Rd., Indio. The suspect was arrested for burglary, identity theft, and passing altered checks. Victims of mail theft were from La Quinta, Palm Desert and Indio, and evidence related to the check fraud was recovered.

On May 20, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers assisted in a residential burglary investigation in the 45000 block of Desert Air. They located a juvenile suspect at La Quinta Park, and recovered the stolen I-pad and I-phone.

On May 27, 2015, La Quinta SET Officers assisted in the Arson / Burglary investigation at 49300 block of Montana Way, inside the Rancho La Quinta Country Club. They later investigated a burglary at 49300 block of Rio Arenoso, involving the ransacking of the residence and theft of a 2011 Nissan Altima.

On May 29, 2015, they assisted in the arrest and service at the suspects' residence on Main St., Indio. Stolen property, including a shotgun, and other evidence was recovered.

Business District Unit



Quarterly Statistics for April, May & June

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Programs	0
Vehicle Stops	20/30
Investigative Follow-up	40
Citations	5
Search Warrants	1
Business Checks/Meetings	75
Arrest Warrant Served	1
Arrest - Felony	3
Arrest - Misdemeanor	7
Property Value Recovered	\$300.00

Significant Activity for April, May & June 2015

Between the months of April and June, La Quinta BDU assisted the La Quinta Special Enforcement Team and on several search warrants related to the city of La Quinta investigations. During the search warrants, stolen property and identity theft was identified.

Between the months of April and June, La Quinta BDU, in collaboration with California Alcohol Beverage Control, conducted two Shoulder Tap Operations and one Minor Decoy Operation in the City of La Quinta. 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 Minor Decoy Program, law enforcement agencies are allowed to use persons under 20 years of age as decoys to purchase alcoholic beverages from licensed premises.

In April 2015, BDU conducted a follow-up to a series of past theft investigations that were committed at different dates and times at the La Quinta Home Depot. As a result of many follow-ups, which included interviews and research, BDU arrested the suspect responsible for the thefts. During the suspect's interview, he confessed to the thefts and was booked at the Indio Jail.

In April 2015, BDU investigated an armed robbery that occurred at a local La Quinta business along the Highway 111 corridor. The suspect was arrested and interviewed. After the interview, the suspect was booked at the Indio Jail.

In June 2015, BDU served a search warrant at a local business regarding a grand theft investigation at a local La Quinta business and the suspect was identified in cooperation with a local business owner.

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 Incidents
Total Collisions	114
DUI Collisions	12
DUI Arrests	39
Seatbelt Citations	62
Total Hazard Citations	895
Total Injury Collisions	25
DUI Collisions with Injury	11
Citations Issued	1205
Excessive Speed Citations	512
Total Non-Hazard Citations	310

In April the Traffic Services Team conducted increased DUI and traffic patrols due to the influx of traffic related to the Coachella and Stagecoach Music Festivals.

In May the Traffic Services Team participated in the “Click it or Ticket” program funded by the Office of Traffic Safety Grants.

In May the Traffic Services Team conducted a warrant sweep in the city of La Quinta for warrants related to DUI offenses.

In May the Traffic Services Team conducted a DUI checkpoint in the city of La Quinta. 411 drivers were screened for impairment during the checkpoint.

In June the Traffic Services Team assisted with traffic control for the La Quinta High School graduation ceremony to provide safe ingress and egress for the attendees.

In June the Traffic Services Team conducted a DUI checkpoint in the city of La Quinta. 1133 drivers were screened for impairment during the checkpoint.



Motor 455

Crime Prevention Specialist



Officer Candy Munoz

Type of Activity	# of Incidents
Online Reports	9
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	2
Parking Citations	20
Community Events	7
Business Meetings	6
CPTED Reviews	3

In April CSO Munoz attended a neighborhood watch meeting & CPTED review on Avenida Alvarado.

In April CSO Munoz participated in Coffee With A Cop at Old Town Coffee Co.

In April CSO Munoz attended the Thermal Station Service Awards Ceremony.

In April CSO Munoz participated in La Quinta Birthday Bash with crime prevention booth

In April CSO Munoz attended the 1st annual leaps training.

In May CSO Munoz attended Clergy Summit hosted by Sheriff's Dept.

In May CSO Munoz attended a La Quinta Resort Event and had crime prevention table.

In May CSO Munoz conducted a CPTED survey on Ave. Martinez.

In June CSO Munoz helped with the La Quinta High & Summit / Horizon High school graduation.

In June CSO Munoz conducted a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Avenida Alvarado.

In June CSO Munoz participated in Coffee With A Cop at Starbucks on Hwy 111.

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

In April, CSO Herrera completed the annual police report.

In April, CSO Herrera conducted a Volunteer Recruitment event.

In May, CSO Herrera attended a Thermal Station Volunteer Service Awards Ceremony.

In April, CSO Herrera attended Law Enforcement and Private Security (LEAPS) conference.

In May, CSO Herrera coordinated the Clergy event at Embassy Suites.

In May, CSO Herrera attended Background Investigation training to conduct backgrounds on volunteers.

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

In June, CSO Herrera coordinated quarterly training on First Aid for the volunteers.

School Resource Officer



Officer David Klicka

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	5
Arrest	3
D.A. Filings	4
Citations	4
Calls for Service	15
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	11
Public Assists	3
Follow-up	4
Assist Other Agencies	1
5150 Evaluations	0

La Quinta Middle School, Harry Truman, Ben Franklin & John Adams Elementary

In April, SRO Klicka conducted an investigation at La Quinta High School involving two students smoking Marijuana in the girls bathroom during class. The two girls were arrested, and subsequently released to their parents. Deputy Klicka filed charges against the girls with the Juvenile Probation Department.

In April, SRO Klicka conducted an investigation of a Hit and Run incident that occurred at La Quinta High School. Deputy Klicka exhausted all available leads and was unable to determine the identity of the suspect.

In May, SRO Klicka received a report of a stolen cell phone from a Patrol Deputy. Deputy Klicka conducted follow up interviews and recovered the stolen cell phone.

In May, SRO Klicka assisted with the La Quinta S.E.T. Team Park program and issued five citations at the La Quinta Parks for various Municipal Code Violations.

In June, SRO Klicka received information that a student at La Quinta Middle School brought a gun to school. Deputy Klicka located the student and conducted a search for weapons, locating a plastic "airsoft" gun and a "loader". Deputy Klicka initiated a "Kids with Guns Protocol and checked the home of the student.

In June, SRO Klicka Coordinated and ran the 10th Annual La Quinta Police Cadet Academy from June 22 to July 17. The Cadet Academy consisted of approximately 50 Middle School Aged Students and introduced them to the various facets of Public Service. SRO Klicka organized field trips and presentations to include: Presentations from the FBI, Riverside Juvenile Probation Department, American Medical Response, The Riverside County Sheriff's K9 Team, The Riverside County Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force, The Riverside County Sheriff's Gang Task Force, as well as a field trip to the Larson Justice Center, The Riverside County Sheriff's Range, and the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego. SRO Klicka tried to instill the extremely important core values of Honor, Commitment and Integrity to the Cadets.

School Resource Officer



Officer Rick Contreras

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	9
Arrest	3
D.A. Filings	2
Citations	4
Calls for Service	45
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	20
Public Assists	2
Follow-up	3
Assist Other Agencies	3
5150 Evaluations	2

La Quinta High School

In April, SRO Contreras received information of a student who had sent text messages to a friend because he was feeling suicidal. SRO Contreras spoke with the student and determined the student was a danger to himself and transported him to a mental health facility.

In April SRO Contreras received information of a student who did not want to go home with her parent. SRO Contreras spoke with the student who said she would run away from her home if she had to go home because of physical abuse that occurred the year prior. SRO Contreras took the student to Safe House of the Desert and notified Child Protective Services.

In May, SRO Contreras received information of a student who was feeling depressed and was possibly suicidal. SRO Contreras spoke with the student who was feeling suicidal over problems she was having at home. The student told SRO Contreras if she were to go home, she would harm herself. SRO Contreras determined the student was a danger to herself and transported the student to a mental health facility for treatment.

In June, SRO Contreras was in charge of security for the La Quinta High School graduation. There was an estimated 4,500 people who attended with no significant problems during the event.

In June, SRO Contreras assisted Deputy Hernandez at the Summit/Horizon High School graduation in Indio.

In June, SRO Contreras participated in planning and helped run the La Quinta Police Cadet Academy.

School Resource Officer



Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	9
Arrest	2
D.A. Filings	5
Citations	0
Calls for Service	49
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	3
Public Assists	0
Follow-up	2
Assist Other Agencies	0
5150 Evaluations	7

Summit High School & Colonel Mitchell Paige Middle School

In April, SRO Hernandez arrested a male juvenile twice during this quarter for no bail warrants.

In May, SRO Hernandez assisted La Quinta S.E.T Park program and issued several citations at the La Quinta Park.

In June, SRO Hernandez assisted in the preparation for the LQPD Cadet Academy.

In June, SRO Hernandez participated in a lock down drill at La Quinta High School.

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	38
Grand/Petty Theft Reports	50
Vandalism/ Malicious Mischief Reports	18
Traffic Collision Response/Reports	74
Vehicle Code or Parking Citations	195
Abandoned Vehicle Tagged/Warning	18
Towed Vehicles	23
Lost or Found Property Reports	13
Custodial/Non-custodial Transports	85
Miscellaneous Calls	346

Volunteers



Type of Activity	# of Incidents
Crime Free Multi-Housing	201
Business Checks	503
Community Events	10
Neighborhood Patrol	377
Traffic Collision Response	16
Extra Patrol	179
Total Patrol Hours	1333
Monthly Volunteer Hours	510
CPO Monthly Visits	142

Summary of Activity for April, May & June 2015

This quarter we welcome two new COP volunteers Erich and Stephen. COP received training this quarter which included "Heat stroke, CPR and First Aid. COP volunteers assisted with two DUI checkpoints and traffic control for the La Quinta High School graduation.

We welcome one new office volunteer Judy this quarter. She will be assisting at the Civic Center Community Policing Office. Our office 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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Sergeant, Ben Ramirez

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Crime Prevention Unit

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