



Department Updates

Chief Andy Galea

Challenge Team Meeting
November 18, 2021



Bomb Threat at the LAHS

- October 1, 2021 at 8:55 am – phone call reporting an explosive device on campus
- LAHS staff evacuated students
- Police responded and established Unified Command with SCC Fire
- Mutual Aid (MVPD, SVDPS, SCCSO, Stanford, PAPD, DHS, Coast Guard, ATF).
- Students released to parents
- Explosive detection K-9 searches ensued
- Campus deemed safe at 2:00 pm
- Multi-jurisdictional investigation culminated in the identification and arrest of a juvenile in connection with threats to Los Altos, St. Francis and Presentation High Schools.



Crime Statistics

- COVID-19 impacts on crime
- Decrease in burglaries
- Decrease in domestic violence

Yearly Comparison	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019 to 2020	January to June 2021
Homicide	0	0	0	1	1	0
Rape	3	4	3	2	-1	1
Robbery	2	3	4	11	7	2
Assault (Non-Aggravated)	32	44	31	30	-1	18
Assault	6	5	8	9	1	5
Burglary (Residential)	55	67	74	49	-25	11
Burglary (Other)	32	14	34	31	-3	12
Theft	217	190	188	222	34	94
Vehicle Theft	22	21	30	21	-9	5
Arson	5	0	2	4	2	6
Domestic Violence	28	16	16	6	-10	9
Hate Crime	0	0	0	1	1	1



YTD - Juvenile Arrests/Citations

- Arrests:

Charges	Quantity
Battery	1
Possess Incendiary Device	1
Minor in poss. of Alcohol	1
Burglary	1
Curfew	1
Hit & Run	1
DUI	2

- Citations – Top Three Violations

Traffic Violation	Quantity
Speeding	84
Unlicensed	10
Stop Sign	4



Citizen's Police Task Force (CTF)

After the tragic death of George Floyd in May of 2020, public sentiment on the topics of social justice and police accountability were amplified across our nation.

In response to local concerns, the Los Altos City Council directed the formation of the Citizen's Police Task Force.

The CTF was comprised of a diverse group of Los Altos residents who were selected based on an array of qualifications.

Judge Ladoris Cordell was selected to moderate the CTF meetings

The nine-member task force, along with police department representatives, met for six consecutive weeks and discussed two specific topics:



CTF Meetings

Two Topics of Discussion:

- School Resource Officer (SRO) program at the Los Altos High School
- Intake Process for complaints against police officers

Public comment at each meeting

Members conducted research in sub committees

LAHS and LAMV district representatives invited to the discussions

Surveys were conducted with parents, students and school employees

The CTF made several recommendations



CTF Recommendations to City Council

The CTF recommended the removal of the School Resource Officer program from the Los Altos High School.

The CTF made recommendations to enhance transparency and accessibility to the Police Complaint Process.

City Council adopted several recommendations, all of which have since been implemented by the Police Department



Highlights of Final Recommendations

SRO Program discontinued at the Los Altos High School:

- The SRO program will continue to serve the other 15 public and private schools in the city. This includes the DARE program.
- The police department continues to be a resource for school and district personnel and will continue to respond to calls for service as usual.

Enhancement of the Police Complaint Intake Process:

- The creation of the Independent Intake Official (IIO)
 - The city now contracts with a 3rd party intake official to accept complaints against officers by any member of the public.
 - Members of the public may continue to submit directly to the PD as an option
- Various updates to the police website to increase transparency and accessibility to the complaint process
- Additional outreach, including updated complaint brochures available at libraries and the Los Altos High School.



Racial and Identity Profiling Act (2015)

- Beginning on July 1, 2018, law enforcement agencies in California, starting with the eight largest “Tier One Agencies,” began collecting police stop data in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 953
- Los Altos Police Department was required to begin collecting data on January 1, 2022.
- Los Altos Police Department began collecting data nearly one year in advance of the requirement on **February 1, 2021**



RIPA Data Collection at Los Altos PD

The Department obtained new devices to capture RIPA Data

All officers are required to enter data when an individual is detained and/or searched

Each stop requires officers to answer between 21-35 questions, collecting up to 125 data points per stop.

Specific questions pertaining to stops on school campuses are included in the data collection

Data was collected on 1,440 individuals during 1,425 stops within the listed time frame.



RIPA Data Released!

The first 6 months of data (February 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021) was released on September 1, 2021.

The data is prominently posted on the Department's website

Both summary data and raw data reports are available to the public



RIPA dates and resources

The California State Department of Justice (DOJ) will begin accepting collected data from the Los Altos Police Department in 2022.

The first report, encompassing data from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, will be submitted to the DOJ by April 1, 2022.

All RIPA data is summarized each year in a California DOJ published report.

More information is available at <https://oag.ca.gov/ab953>



Youth Outreach



School Supply Drive

Backpacks and school supplies were collected and delivered to Los Altos School District for distribution to elementary-aged students in need.



Pumpkin Carving with a Cop



Upcoming: Winter Coat Drive

Los Altos Police Department will be collecting new winter coats for
students ages 5-13

Drop off at the Holiday Tree Lighting in Downtown Los Altos on
December 3rd, 2021

or

Drop off at the Police Department lobby between 11/22 and 12/3

