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**PASADENA POLICE - COMMUNITY BRIEF**  
**May 2021**

This information provides a greater awareness to the Pasadena community. The critical events detailed below are merely a snapshot of the calls received to the Police Communications Center every day. Your police department strives to better serve the Pasadena community. Under Police Chief John Perez, the principles of the “Pasadena Way” will forever have a lasting impact on all employees who serve in the organization, as we continue to police with compassion and best intentions.

**Total Calls for Service for May 2021: 9,662 (YTD: 46,109)**

**9-1-1 Calls for May 2021: 5,195 (YTD: 24,137)**

**Total calls received by Police Dispatch Center: 19,997 (YTD: 95,073)**

**De-Escalation Techniques Used During Calls: 258 times (YTD: 1,013)**

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**May 2021 Collected / Seized Firearms: 24 (YTD: 155)**

Pistols – 15 (YTD: 126)

Rifles /Assault Rifles – 6 (YTD: 20)

Shotguns – 3 (YTD: 9)

**May 1, 2021 at 5:27pm:** Pasadena officers responded to a “shots fired” call in the 1800 block of N. Marengo Ave. A witness provided a vehicle description and saw the driver holding a black handgun while he fired one shot into the air. Officers canvassed the area for victims, suspects, and evidence of a shooting but none were located.

**May 2, 2021 at 1:19am:** Pasadena Police Dispatch Center received a call of a woman screaming and shots heard from the rear parking of a restaurant located in the 2900 block of E. Colorado Blvd. Officers arrived and located evidence of a shooting. A witness provided the officers a description of an involved vehicle, which was located several blocks away. The driver of the vehicle was in possession of a stolen firearm but denied being involved in a shooting at the restaurant. The driver was arrested for possession of a concealed and stolen firearm.

**May 6, 2021 at 7:33pm:** Pasadena Police Dispatch received a call from a witness describing a purse snatch robbery that occurred at the bus stop in the area of Lincoln Ave. and Washington Blvd. It was learned four suspects responsible for the robbery, were likely in the immediate area and after an exhaustive search, officers located them. All four suspects were taken into custody and the loss was recovered. The juvenile suspects were eventually transported to the Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention Center.

**May 7, 2021 at 8:05am:** Officers responded to calls of a vandalism that had occurred at a medical facility located in the 1000 block of N. Lake Ave. This particular facility had been vandalized by the same individual on several different occasions. Officers located the suspect driving on the freeway as he fled the area. During the traffic stop, officers found several BB guns and a handgun inside his vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Pasadena City jail.

**May 8, 2021 at 8:36pm:** While on patrol, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation in the area of Fair Oaks Ave. and Peoria St. It was determined both the driver and an occupant of the vehicle had outstanding warrants for their arrest and they were taken into custody. Officers located a loaded handgun concealed in the vehicle.

**May 9, 2021 at 8:17am:** Officers responded to a business located in the 100 block of N. Lake Ave. regarding an assault by a homeless individual who had thrown scalding water onto a victim. This attack appeared to have been unprovoked, and as the suspect walked away, he made racial slurs against the victim. The suspect was located in the immediate area and was arrested by officers. The victim did not require immediate medical attention.

**May 10, 2021 at 2:52am:** Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation in the area of Foothill Bl. and Altadena Dr. The officers contacted the driver and immediately noticed an open container of alcohol in plain view. The driver was detained and a search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a significant amount of narcotics. Officers arrested the driver for narcotic violations and transported him to the Pasadena City jail.

**May 12, 2021 at 12:13pm:** Officers responded to a residence in the 2200 block of White St. regarding the theft of gardening equipment. The victim was working at a customer’s residence when he observed a suspect steal a leaf blower and run to an awaiting vehicle. The victim gave chase and as the suspect vehicle was pulling away, the victim grabbed onto the door handle of the open door in an attempt to recover the leaf blower. As the victim was holding onto the door, the

suspect began striking the victim, causing him to eventually let go of the door handle. The victim sustained visible injuries but declined medical attention.

**May 14, 2021 at 2:50pm:** Officers responded to the area of Raymond Ave. and Esther St. after the police department received several reports of shots heard. Once on scene, they did not locate any shooting suspects or victims but they did recover evidence indicating a shooting had occurred. Information was provided to officers recounting how the driver of a vehicle shot multiple rounds at a pedestrian in the area. The victim was not struck and detectives are continuing this investigation.

**May 14, 2021 at 10:12pm:** Officers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle at Morton Ave. and Mountain St. for a vehicle code violation. The officers immediately recognized the juvenile passenger and were aware he had an outstanding arrest warrant. As the officers attempted to detain the juvenile, he tried running from officers but was quickly restrained. Once detained, he immediately advised the officers he was in possession of a handgun and the gun was safely recovered.

**May 14, 2021 at 10:05pm:** Officers responded to the 2900 block of E. Colorado Blvd. regarding the report of an assault in a business parking lot. The victim and his children were parked and waiting for the children's mother when a suspect approached the vehicle, removed a handgun and pointed it. The fearful children screamed, causing the suspect to flee. None of the vehicle's occupants were harmed. The suspect was not immediately located.

**May 15, 2021 at 10:10pm:** Officers responded to a residence in the 1000 block of N. Los Robles Ave. regarding a family dispute. The victim and suspect were involved in an argument, which lead to the suspect choking the victim and attempt to stab her with a knife. Officers took the suspect into custody when they arrived and learned the victim sustained only superficial injuries. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

**May 16, 2021 at 10:20am:** Officers located a stolen vehicle while patrolling in the 1700 block of East Washington Blvd. The suspect drove into a parking lot and was contacted by the trailing officers. The suspect was detained and arrested without incident and the vehicle was returned to the victim.

**May 17, 2021 at 8:58pm:** Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of N. Raymond Ave. regarding "shots fired." Witnesses reported hearing multiple shots and seeing a small group of males running from the area immediately after hearing the shots. Officers searched the area and were unable to locate any evidence of a shooting.

**May 19, 2021 at 4:47pm:** Officers responded to the 400 block of N. Los Robles Ave. regarding a potential hate crime. The suspect, who likely suffers from a mental disorder, approached the victim and struck her several times, without provocation, while making threatening comments. The victim sustained only minor injuries and when officers located the suspect near the scene, she told officers she had assaulted the victim because of her race. The suspect was arrested for the assault and was transported to the Pasadena City jail.

**May 19, 2021 at 11:56pm:** Officers responded to a single vehicle traffic collision in the area of Del Mar Blvd. and Fair Oaks Ave. The driver appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and admitted to taking a prescription drug prior to the collision. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that the suspect was in possession of a large amount of narcotics, US currency, a loaded handgun, and an extended gun magazine.

**May 22, 2021 at 1:48pm:** Officers responded to the report of the displaying of a firearm at a victim in the area of Lake Ave. and Orange Grove Blvd. The victim was stopped in their vehicle, waiting to enter into traffic. Two male pedestrians yelled at the victim as they walked towards the stopped vehicle and one of the pedestrians brandished a handgun. The victim was able to drive away safely and later called the police.

**May 22, 2021 at 7:48pm:** Pasadena officers responded to a call involving a male threatening a female with a handgun in the 900 block of Arwin St. Upon arrival, officers determined the crime involved an ex-boyfriend who threatened an ex-girlfriend. The altercation between the two had begun earlier in the day, in a different city. The suspect was not immediately located but he was taken into custody the following day.

**May 25, 2021 at 5:48am:** The Pasadena Police Department's Dispatch Center received calls regarding to a traffic collision at the intersection of Fair Oaks Ave. and Colorado Blvd. It was reported that one individual was trapped in a vehicle and another vehicle had collided into a building. One party sustained minor injuries from the collision.

**May 26, 2021 at 9:22am:** Pasadena Police responded to the 1000 block of Glen Oaks Ave to assist Pasadena Fire personnel with a single vehicle collision. When officers arrived, they found that a vehicle had overturned onto Glen Oaks Avenue. The solo occupant was not wearing a seat belt and was fatally injured in the crash. The Police Department's Major Accidents Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) responded to the scene.

**May 26, 2021 at 1:08pm:** Pasadena Officers responded to a business in the 600 block of N. Lake Ave. regarding an armed robbery. Three suspects entered the store, jumped the pharmacy counter of the business, and began stealing several bottles of prescription medicine. One suspect displayed a handgun tucked in his waistband. No one was injured as a result of the robbery, but all three suspects were able to flee prior to the officers arrival.

**May 28, 2021 at 12:14pm:** The police department received multiple calls of shots fired in the 600 block of Mar Vista Ave. During the investigation, officers learned that a traffic collision occurred and then a shooting resulted from it. The police have a suspect in custody, a firearm was recovered, and there was no one injured by the gunfire.

**May 28, 2021 at 9:54pm:** Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation in the area of Colorado Blvd. and Hill Ave. The suspect initially stopped, but subsequently fled from the traffic stop at which time a vehicle pursuit was initiated. The suspect ran through several red lights while driving at a high rate of speed. After just a few minutes, Pasadena Police Department cancelled their pursuit of the suspect because of the erratic driving behavior. It was learned approximately 20 minute later that the suspect vehicle had crashed in the City of Arcadia. There were no officers in pursuit of the vehicle at the time of the collision.

**May 31, 2021 at 7:08pm:** Officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of E. Washington Blvd. regarding a family dispute. An un-welcomed male had arrived at his sister's residence, which resulted in a verbal argument. The argument escalated to the suspect throwing items at his sister and eventually, the suspect threatened multiple family members with a firearm. The suspect fled before officers arrival and there were only minor injuries as a result of the physical altercation.

**May 31, 2021 at 9:13pm:** Officers were dispatched to four males fighting in the area of Colorado Blvd. and Allen Ave. When officers arrived in the area, they located four individuals matching the provided description at a nearby business. All four suspects were detained and officers located a handgun inside one of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm.