

2012

GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

YEAR IN REVIEW



OUR VISION

In partnership with our community, we will ensure a safe and peaceful city. We are committed to providing proactive law enforcement and high quality police services to our diverse community.



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OVERVIEW

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FROM CHIEF RONALD DE POMPA

A Year of Change

2012 was an interesting year; we experienced many successes and few disappointments. Overall, we maintained our goal as one of the top ten safest cities of our size in the United States.

We were the sixth safest city of our size in California. We're even more pleased we were able to do this given the effects of prison reform, realignment, a very tight budget, and six percent fewer officers.

Our Challenges

As you may know, nearly 55,000 parolees were released from state prisons in 2012 to return to their communities and continue their life of crime. Parolee supervision was passed down to the local authorities who were overwhelmed and understaffed. In addition, the prison reform bill reclassified hundreds of felonies. Parolees began committing crimes that would not send them to

prison, but to overcrowded county and city jails, where the sentences would be much briefer.

Lean Budget for 2012

Our budget for 2011/2012 was as lean as it could be without affecting public safety. In the past four years, we've lost 18 sworn position as well as 40 full-time civilian positions. As a result, we've streamlined our delivery of police services and become more efficient.

And, Crime Dropped

Even with the challenges we faced, overall crime fell by 12 percent in 2012 in Glendale. The two components of Part 1 Crimes*, property crimes and violent crimes, dropped 12 percent and 10 percent respectively. This has been a downward trend. Since 2007, Part 1 Crimes have fallen 25 percent.

Part 2 Crimes* were up slightly—about 2.6 percent. However, we've

been steadily reducing Part 2 Crimes over the years. They're down by nearly 17 percent since 2007.

Area Command Delivers Better Service

One reason crime has dropped has been our focus on the Area Command concept. This police service delivery model is working very well. By dividing Glendale into sections and using a community policing philosophy to:

- Address neighborhood crime issues,
- Improve the quality of life, and
- Solve long-term problems,

we can make the best use of our limited resources.

In addition, we made greater use of technology in our Crime Analysis Unit to pinpoint where crime may occur. Predictive policing uses historical crime data to determine when and where a crime might happen. This allows us to deploy our officers more strategically and efficiently.

We also diverted Special Enforcement Detail to begin parolee/probationer compliance checks to help monitor parolees.

Finally, we added a probation officer to help assist with parolees.

Your Partnership Is Critical

We attribute the reduction in crime, in part, to you. Our efforts at partnering with the community are paying off. We know that an aware and committed community can be a valuable partner in reducing crime. We made it a priority to meet or communicate with you as often as possible:

- At Neighborhood Watch meetings,
- At a dozen Town Halls,
- Coffee with the COPPS,
- Crime Stoppers,

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- National Night Out,
- Glendale K-9s in the Park,
- And, our web site: (www.ci.glendale.ca.us/police), Twitter, and "Crime Trends," our interactive web newsletter.

At each encounter, we:

- Listened to your concerns,
- Shared information regarding crime and safety, and
- Forged productive relationships.

We can't have an officer on each corner in the city. But you can help by being alert to changes in your neighborhood and by reporting suspicious activities. As active partners, we can work together to keep Glendale a safe place.

*PART 1 & 2 CRIMES

The FBI collects data from law enforcement agencies under the Uniform Crime Report Program (UCR). Crime is divided into two categories:

Part 1 Crimes include:

- Criminal homicide,
- Forcible rape,
- Robbery,
- Aggravated assault,
- Larceny,
- Burglary,
- Motor vehicle theft, and
- Arson.

Part 2 Crimes include:

- Simple assault,
- Forgery/counterfeiting,
- Embezzlement,
- Fraud,
- Vandalism,
- Drug abuse violations,
- Crimes against families/children,
- Driving under the influence,
- Liquor laws,
- Prostitution,
- Gambling, and more.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

In 2012, we expanded our forensic services to include a DNA testing laboratory and a ballistic imaging database. The DNA lab and database serve Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena. The DNA lab and ballistic imaging data base are located in the Investigative Services Division.

We can now perform serology exams to screen evidence for biological material suitable for DNA testing. Then we develop a DNA profile by testing the biological material at 15 genetic areas. DNA profiles obtained from evidence samples are compared to DNA profiles from a victim/suspect to determine if they are included or eliminated as a source of the biological material. DNA profiles with no known suspect may be searched in the national convicted offender DNA database.



NIBIN Shows Crime Links

The three agencies also entered into an agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives to establish a National Integrated Ballistic Information Network operation (NIBIN) at GPD.

We use NIBIN to acquire digital images of cartridge cases recovered from crime scenes or crime gun test fires.

By comparing these images to NIBIN entries at local, regional or national levels, we can quickly establish links between crimes—even some that might not have been detected otherwise.

RONALD DE POMPA CHIEF OF POLICE

FIELD SERVICES	SUPPORT SERVICES	INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES	ADMIN. SERVICES
CAPT. POVILAITIS • Area Command (Patrol) • SWAT • K-9 Unit • Special Enforcement Detail • Crime Analysis	CAPT. STOKES • Professional Standards Bureau • Traffic Bureau • Air Support • Custody	CAPT. ROCK • Violent Crimes • Criminal Investigations • Special Investigations • Technical Services	CAPT. EDEY • Homeland Security & Grants • Communications • Records • Technology Projects • Finance • Budget/Payroll • Property/Evidence • Building Maintenance

This organizational chart is for 2012. The GPD reorganized in January 2013.

FIELD SERVICES

AREA COMMAND

The Area Command concept divides Glendale into five distinct areas, each overseen by a Lieutenant. The Lieutenant is responsible *and* accountable for policing his command area. Patrol officers are assigned to each area for their regular shifts. In addition, each area command also has a community lead officer or CLO who handles long-term quality of life projects in the area. For example, CLOs can help you start a Neighborhood Watch group, mediate problems, and more.

Successes

We saw a number of successes with Area Command.

For example, Lt. Anderson divided the South Command area into big chunks and attacked crime area by area. He nicknamed one of the high crime areas on the Glendale map "the Box." Most of the crimes in "the Box" were vandalism, petty theft, and items stolen from cars.

By applying predictive policing strategies (data-driven crime analysis), Lt. Anderson developed a good idea *where* and *when* crimes might occur. By deploying officers in "the Box" at the appropriate times, crime dropped 66 percent.

"Witches Carriage," an area that looked much like a witch's hat on a baby carriage, was another success. Again,

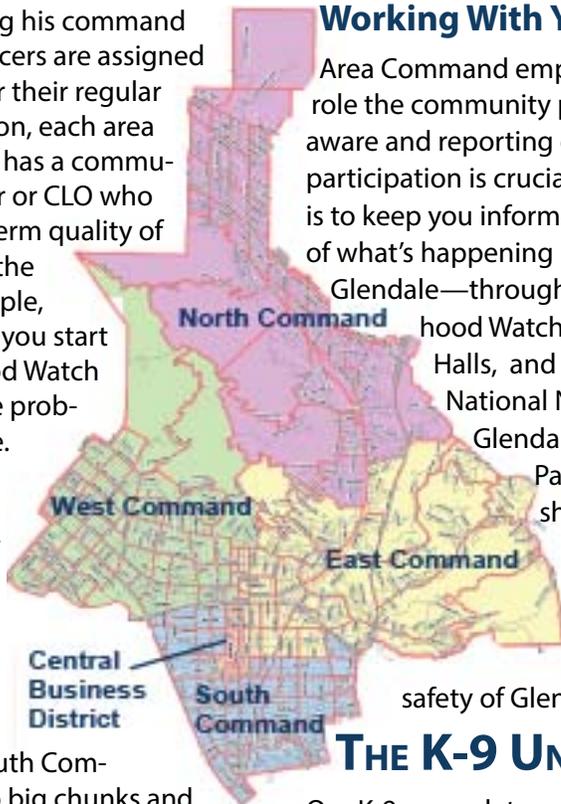


predictive policing put officers on the spot at the right time. The crime rate dropped 46 percent.

Other areas experienced similar triumphs during the year.

Working With You

Area Command emphasizes the role the community plays in being aware and reporting crime. Your participation is crucial. Our goal is to keep you informed and aware of what's happening in Glendale—through Neighborhood Watch groups, Town Halls, and events like National Night Out and Glendale K-9s in the Park. The partnership we developed with you was, and is, critical to the safety of Glendale.



THE K-9 UNIT

Our K-9s complete many hours of rigorous training. They're taught to track suspects and find evidence, as well as detect drugs and even explosives. In 2012, our K-9s performed 188 searches, making "finds" 37 percent of the time.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DETAIL (SED)

Special Enforcement Detail is a field-based unit that concentrates on problems or trends that Patrol doesn't have the time or resources to handle. Here's an example.

During a 2012 traffic stop for a faulty turn signal, SED officers became suspicious when the passenger in the car blocked the glove box. After removing the suspects from the car, the driver revealed that there

NO TO GANGS

Our goal has been to keep gangs from getting a foothold in Glendale. Here's an example:

In March 2012, patrol officers informed the Gang Unit that known gang members and their associates were seen frequenting west Glendale. Detectives were suspicious because these gang members were rumored to have left Glendale.

Situated in the middle of a large urban environment, Glendale is never immune to this type of cross border activity. But given that these gangsters now supposedly lived in San Bernardino county, the detectives' concerns were heightened.

The Gang Unit, reinforced by personnel from our regional Fugitive Task Force, conducted a probation compliance check with the "out of towners" and found out why they were still drawn to the Glendale.

The compliance check showed that gang activity was continuing in Glendale, as well as weapon-related offenses. A prompt filing with the District Attorney in San Bernardino resulted in a court proceeding, conviction and incarceration.

The message was clear: Glendale's Police Department pays close attention to gangs and the arms of the law are very long!

was a bag of methamphetamines. He also indicated there was a gun in the back seat. The officers handcuffed the suspects, searched the car, and found another loaded gun. They arrested the suspects who were convicted felons and active gang members. Information from this arrest was later linked to a homicide in Los Angeles. A great effort with real results.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

THE COURT CLERK CASE

During the take down of one of our cases in 2010, we suspected there was a leak in the investigation. One of the people we wanted to arrest was mysteriously missing the day we came to pick him up. We knew the leak could only have come from someone very close to the case. And, that was a very big concern to us.

Members of the Task Force began investigating the leak. In 2012, their efforts paid off. We found that the leak came from a man whose wife worked in the Federal Court Clerk's office. This is where all federal indictments, as well as search and arrest warrants are filed. The wife had access to every active federal investigation in Los Angeles County. She could not only jeopardize these investigations, but put all the officers involved at risk.

Remove and Convict

Our goal was to remove the woman from the Clerk's office and convict her. But, we had to prove she was involved to do that. After four long months, the use of confidential

Investigative Services Division solves crimes ranging from burglary to homicide to arson and much more. Here are two real cases from 2012.



informants, countless hours of surveillance, computer forensic work and even the establishment of a fake business in Los Angeles, we had our proof. Her husband "sold" us information pertaining directly to an active federal case.

During interviews our detectives conducted, both husband and wife admitted releasing this confidential information. The couple were charged with Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice, a violation of Title 18, US Code, Sections 371 and 1512. The wife plead guilty to the conspiracy and the husband plead guilty to both Conspiracy and Health Care Fraud.

Sending a Message

This was a fantastic collaborative effort involving police departments from Glendale, Burbank, Los Angeles, as well as ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement), and the FBI. Our ability to arrest and convict these individuals, rather than just remove them from clerk's office, sent a strong message to the organized crime world, as well as those who assist organized crime. And, we were able to protect an untold number of officers working on investigations. Success!

THE "KNOCK-KNOCK" BURGLARS

On April 3, 2012 a residential burglary occurred on the 1200 block of N. Everett in Glendale. Officer Sanchez saw four male suspects fleeing the house. We initiated a vehicle pursuit that ended near ABC Studios. The suspects fled on foot. After an extensive search by the K-9 Unit, all four suspects were located and arrested. They were identified as "Broadway 52 Crip" gang members. We believed this "crew" was responsible for numerous other "knock-knock" burglaries in Glendale. We obtained a search warrant for the suspects' residences. On April 12, 2012, we executed the search warrant (GPD SWAT personnel and Burglary/Auto Theft, as well as the assistance of LAPD and Burbank PD SWAT).

All four were arrested, charged and convicted of felony burglary and gang enhancement. Two received four years in state prison with one strike against each. One received 365 days in county jail and probation, and the last was assigned 365 days in county jail and three years probation. The sentencing was based on the fact they all had prior criminal histories. More convicted felons off Glendale streets.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Valuing Diversity

Glendale has a richly diverse population—one of the reasons it is so vibrant and alive. We consider our departmental diversity to be a strength. We work hard to recruit and hire employees who reflect the complex makeup of our



From left: Ofc. Haddad, Barolet, Lee, Clay

community. In the years 2007-2012, we hired 169 employees. Of those, 55 percent were minorities, reflecting African Americans, Armenians, Hispanics, Koreans and other minorities.

We want to create a work environment that respects and values diversity and maximizes each employee's contribution. We will continue to recruit and hire the best qualified applicants who can help move the Glendale Police Department closer to our goals.

AIR SUPPORT

We're fortunate to share our three helicopters—and the expenses—with Burbank. In 2012, we flew 1,761 profitable hours as we aided in 176 felony arrests and 127 misdemeanor arrests. Here's just one highlight:

The air crew was flying over Glendale when it received a LoJack hit. Information from Dispatch revealed the vehicle was stolen from North-east LA. They notified the ground crew which found the vehicle near a building on Myrtle St. The FLIR (thermal night vision) camera indicated that the car engine was still hot—meaning it had recently been driven. Ground units saw a male enter the car and began following the vehicle westbound on Myrtle to Pacific. The air crew started pursuit as well. Ground units conducted a felony traffic stop on the car and a male was taken into custody.

During the search of the man and the car, the police found:

- Many re-encoded credit cards,



- A large amount of meth,
- Cocaine,
- Marijuana,
- Hydrocodone pills,
- A scale,
- Counterfeit money, and more.

The driver? He turned out to be on parole for burglary. The officers then searched the man's residence and turned up more credit cards and other items containing personal information of possible victims. Coordination and teamwork between the ground units and the air crew made this arrest a reality.

TRAFFIC

Developing flexible strategies to improve traffic flow in Glendale paid off in 2012. Compared to 2011:

- Traffic accidents dropped 10 percent.
- Injury collisions dropped 6 percent.
- Collisions involving alcohol fell 10.6 percent.
- Speeding citations fell 33 percent.
- Pedestrian citations dropped 12.5 percent.
- Total traffic citations fell 22 percent.

TRAINING

In 2012, over 20,686 hours of training helped officers hone their skills, learn new techniques, and



keep up with legislative changes. Training included:

- Firearms training
- Tactical communications
- Drugs/narcotics/alcohol
- Cultural diversity
- Interview & Interrogation
- Assaults/robbery/homicide
- Financial crimes
- Landlord/tenant/update
- Leadership/management
- Traffic collision investigations
- Arrest & control techniques
- Gangs
- Domestic violence.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications is the heart of our service delivery system. Calls for service come in here and patrol officers or others are dispatched in response. To complement the Area Command concept, Dispatch personnel are assigned to the various Command Areas (North, South, Central Business District, etc.) and work directly with community lead officers regarding emerging crime trends or increasing calls for service within their areas of responsibility. This has enhanced interdepartmental communications and resulted in improved community service.

Calls for Service

There were 128,382 calls for service—350 per day in 2012. It may seem like a lot, but this figure is down 14 percent since 2009.

In 2012, Dispatch received 59,210 9-1-1 calls and answered 98.15 percent of them in less than 10 seconds—far better than the state standard. (The standard calls for 90 percent of 911 calls to be answered in under 10 seconds.)

GRANTS

In 2012, we received more than \$3 million in Homeland Security grant funds to enhance our public safety radio system and other technology projects, such as:

- License plate readers,
- Helicopter video systems,
- Helicopter night vision.

These technologically advanced systems enhance our preparedness and critical capabilities.

Successful grant writing is critical when budgets are tight. In the past, we've been able to secure grants for K-9 partners, mobile display terminals, and many other projects.

PAY TO STAY

How would you like to spend a night in the Glendale Municipal jail? Hundreds do every year—and they pay \$85 per night for the privilege.



Glendale's "Pay to Stay" program is enticing for many people serving short sentences.

Our jail is clean, modern, uncrowded, and the food isn't too bad (or so they say). According to Juan Lopez, the jail administrator, "We're priced about right. We can offset some of the costs of the jail by allowing a certain number of prisoners to pay to complete their sentences here." It's basic—a bunk, toilet, wash basin and a few vertical bars to keep you safe. Over time, we've had our share of luminaries "pay to stay" in Glendale. It's not the Hilton by any means...

Since the program began in 2008, we've generated a grand total of \$1,685,805. In 2012, we took in \$96,475.

And, Pay a Booking Fee

If you're arrested and convicted in Glendale, expect to pay a Booking Recovery Fee of \$135. This partially covers the cost of processing arrestees. In 2012, we collected \$37,640 in booking fees, and \$69,770 since 2010. And who says crime doesn't pay?

Video Arraignment

Glendale is the only city in LA County to offer video arraignment. It's convenient and saves money because you don't have to provide transportation or security getting prisoners to and from the jail.

STAFF SERVICES

Staff Services reports directly to Chief De Pompa. This is the office of the public information officer and media relations. Press conferences, press releases—in short, the official word of the Glendale Police Department—comes directly from here. In addition, Staff Services coordinates public relations, filming and filming permits, oversees important events, and much more. Finally, the Volunteer Program falls in this area as well.

Volunteers Fill Gaps

Volunteers wear many hats at the department. Our RSVPs (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol) handle vacation checks, parking tickets, general security, and much more.

Other volunteers work in other areas



Chief De Pompa and Volunteer Kay Civile

performing tasks ranging from answering phones to assisting with presentations, handling photography, producing

newsletters, and more. In 2012, volunteers logged 8,695 hours.

EXPLORERS AND CADETS

The Glendale Police Explorer program offers young people between ages 14-21 the chance to learn about police work first hand. They attend a mini-academy and become involved in day-to-day policing activities. Many Explorers go on to be Cadets. Cadets are employees who are preparing for a law enforcement career, typically those studying at the college level.



Glendale Police Department Cadets



Glendale Police Department Explorers

THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY

EMPATHY AND FAIRNESS

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

PARTNERSHIP AND TEAMWORK

AND TRUST



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