

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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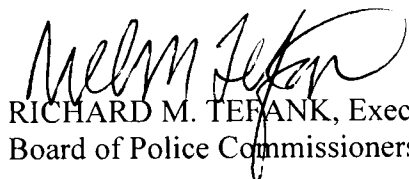
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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Executive Director, Board of Police Commissioners

**SUBJECT:** COMMISSION INVESTIGATION DIVISION'S ACTIVITY REPORT  
FOR JUNE 2010

The Commission Investigation Division's (CID) Activity Report is a brief synopsis of the current topical issues that are being addressed by its Advocate Section, Charitable Services Section, Enforcement Section, Permit Processing Section and Records Section. Each section will address significant administrative and enforcement issues encountered during the preceding month. This report will be delivered to you every month for your review. I hope this information is useful and insightful.



RICHARD M. TEFANK, Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

Attachments

**COMMISSION INVESTIGATION DIVISION**  
**ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**June 2010**

**DETECTIVE SECTION**

On June 14, 2010, Commission Investigation Division (CID), Detective Section investigators conducted tow operations enforcement in Operations-Valley Bureau (OVB). In response to complaints, CID targeted non-permitted tow unit operators conducting business in and around an auto auction business located in the 7500 block of Woodman Avenue in Van Nuys. A total of three tow drivers were cited for not having a Tow Unit Operator permit, in violation of Section 103.204.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), No Tow Unit Operator permit. An unusually large number of tow unit operators detained for investigation were found to be in possession of the proper Police Commission permits, additional evidence that the unit's concentrated enforcement efforts in OVB are working.

On June 15, Detective Section investigators provided Post Storage Probable Cause Impound Hearing training to Newton Area auto supervisors. Detectives were provided training on how to both conduct hearings and complete related documentation within established timelines. Participants discussed recourse for complainants who disagree with an Area Vehicle Impound Hearing Coordinator's decision that Probable Cause exists for impounding and storage of the vehicle, to include how to file a claim for damages with the Office of the City Clerk and seeking civil redress.

**ADULT/CAFÉ AND ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS (CES)**

During the month of June, CES investigators conducted three undercover investigations at adult entertainment businesses in Valley Bureau. CES investigators noted various violations at each location. A complaint investigation will be conducted and the case will be presented to the Police Permit Review Board to pursue revocation of these CES permits.

CES investigators conducted an undercover investigation at a massage business in Northeast Area which resulted with one arrest for prostitution and administrative violations. The case will be presented to the Board for revocation of the business's Massage Business permit.

**Uniform Enforcement Section/Parking Lot Enforcement**

During the month of June, Uniform Enforcement Section conducted a total of 142 upfront auto park inspections that resulted with 10 Release from Custody (RFC) arrests. Enforcement Section will continue to monitor these locations to ensure compliance with the Auto Park permit requirements.

**Noise Enforcement Team (NET)**

During the month of June, the NET completed 45 noise variances. To date, the NET has completed a total of 260 noise variances investigation.

In June 2008, the NET received numerous noise complaints involving a nightclub in Hollywood Area. The club owner had been given several verbal and written warnings regarding the excessive noise levels emitting from the club during the evening and early morning hours. After exhausting all avenues of mitigation with negative results, NET investigators met with the owner of the building to advise him of the violations that would result in losing his Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for his building. The owner expedited the eviction of the club owner, and the club is now closed. The owner assured he will be actively involved in selecting the next tenant to operate a responsible and community friendly club in his building.

## **Training**

### **Training Opportunities**

During the month of June, CID Detectives received training from the Joint Regional Intelligence Center on the mission of the Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO). The purpose of the training was to disseminate terrorism-related information and intelligence to local law enforcement and to educate personnel regarding the procedures for submitting tips and leads to the proper investigative authorities. The threats and acts of terrorism are ever changing and each day presents new challenges. The course provided CID's assigned TLO with ways to identify trends in terrorism and to recognize, detect, and identify potential targets and suspects.

## **PERMIT PROCESSING AND RECORDS SECTIONS**

### **Legal Requests**

One declaration of police permits was processed for the Office of the City Attorney. There were no public records requests.

### **One-Night Dances**

On June 30, the procedure for processing One-Night Dance permits was clarified at the meeting of the Police Permit Review Panel. Panel members inquired as to whether or not there was a limit to the number of one-night dance occasions at one location in a year. The Executive Director of the Police Commission advised the Panel that CID will not seek to limit the number of such events at a location, based on LAMC Section 103.106. Instead, CID will look to the Department of Building and Safety as the enforcement arm of land use. Additionally, if LADBS decides to grant a Temporary Special Event (TSE) permit for a one-night dance, CID will process the permit application. However a recommendation to the panel for approval/denial of the permit will be based upon a completed application and anecdotal information provided by sources such as the community, local police division, city council representatives, etc.

## **CHARITABLE SERVICES SECTION (CSS)**

Bingo Monitoring

On June 1, a complaint was received by CSS staff with regards to a bingo session conducted by Buckle Up Baby Foundation (BUBF). A player reported that during the session, it was observed that the "Bingo Caller" instructed a volunteer to give one of his friends 15 'Pull Tabs' without any payment. Charitable Services subsequently sent a letter to BUBF regarding the alleged incident, and the potential consequences to the bingo licensee, should such practice continue. The investigation into this incident is ongoing.

On June 23, staff met with representatives from the Mak Foundation with regards to bingo licensing requirements. Discussed was the information that needed to be submitted to CSS together with the application. Staff provided a copy of the Bingo Ordinance, Rules and Regulations, and Management/Accounting Control guidelines. Also provided was a list of suppliers of Bingo equipment and materials, per their request.

#### Give Wisely

CSS gave a presentation to the 77th Area C-PAB meeting. Nearly 50 people attended a 20-minute presentation on Giving Wisely to Charities. Based on the questions and comments from the audience, there appeared to be a great interest in and concern about soliciting practices and safety.

#### Other

CSS determined the feasibility of assessing a permit fee for processing and issuing an Information Card. A fee was established after reviewing charges by other agencies and CID administrative costs. The fee recommendation was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, CID, for further review and discussion.

### **ADVOCATE SECTION**

#### Police Permit Review Panel (PPRP)

During the month of June, the PPRP revoked one Massage Therapist/Off-Premises permit, denied one Massage Business/Off-Premises application, signed a stipulation agreement for a Pawnshop and referred a Tow Unit Operator applicant to a formal hearing.

#### Disciplinary Hearings/Hearing Examiner

On June 10, a hearing convened to hear an accusation that support the Department's recommendation to revoke a Massage Therapist/Off-Premises Permit due to numerous violations to include Prostitution, Keeping a House of Ill Fame (Section 316 PC), and No Massage On-Premise Massage Business permit (Section 103.205(b) LAMC. Testimony was presented before a Hearing Examiner, who will make a recommendation via a hearing examiner's report that will be submitted to the Department within 30 days.

On June 24, 2010, a hearing convened to hear accusations that support the Department's recommendation to revoke a Massage Business/Off-Premises Permit and Massage Therapist/Off-Premises Permit due to violations of the following: Section 647(b) of the California Penal Code (PC), Prostitution, Section 602 (k) PC, Trespassing, and LAMC 103.205.1(b), No Massage Therapist permit. Testimony was presented before a hearing examiner at which time the hearing examiner will provide the Department a hearing examiner's report within 30 days.

On June 28, a hearing convened to hear an accusation that the support the Department's recommendation to discipline the permittee due to violations that included LAMC Section 57.22.05 (A), Overcrowding; Section 103.31(a)(3) LAMC, (Applicant accused of committing or aiding or abetting in the commission of any act or omission, which, if committed by a permittee, would be a ground for suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action); Section 1035.35(f) LAMC (Applicant is accused of committing an unlawful, false, fraudulent, deception or dangerous act while conducting a permitted business); and, Section 1035.35(j) LAMC (Applicant is accused of conducting a permitted business in a manner contrary to the peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the public). Testimony was presented before a hearing examiner at which time the hearing examiner will complete a hearing examiner's report and submit to the Department within 30 days.