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MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



Glendale City Manager

They say a drowning man does not save those around him; he drags them down too. That is the burden placed on cities by the State of California. The Great Recession has taken a terrible toll on local communities: cities, counties and school districts. But the State of California has managed to make a bad situation worse. The latest example is in the public safety arena.

One bright spot in the Recession has been that crime rates have remained historically low. At the onset of the recession, many experts predicted that crime would trend upward; such an increase did not materialize. In spite of the budget cuts by cities and counties--even public safety budgets--new technologies, new policing philosophies and innovations, and strict prison terms, helped keep crime at bay.

But that's when the State's failure to uphold its Constitutional obligation to operate the penal system began to fall apart. Under a court order to

Mayor/Council Alignment for 2012-2013



Glendale Mayor Frank Quintero 2012-2013

Each April, the City Council chooses a new Mayor from amongst its members. Frank Quintero has been selected Mayor for 2012-2013. Ara Najarian is the new chair of the Housing Authority.



Laura Friedman, Glendale Mayor 2011-2012

Outgoing Mayor Laura Friedman oversaw a number of City accomplishments during her tenure:

- Grand Opening of the Pacific Park Swimming Pool, Glendale's first public swimming pool in over a decade
- Grand Re-opening of the Maple Park Community Center after an extensive restoration
- Grand Re-opening of Griffith Manor Park featuring a new community center
- Ground Opening of the Glendale Narrows (Riverwalk) Bike and Pedestrian Trail
- Groundbreaking for the Equestrian Trail at Glendale Narrows
- Renovation of Central Park at the Adult Recreation Center, including ADA improvements
- Initiated an annual "Mayor's Bike Ride" which attracted dozens for a bike tour of the City
- Worked with the LA Bicycle Coalition to finalize the City's Bicycle Master Plan

For details on Glendale's City Council, please visit their website at:

AB 109: Opening the Doors - California's

address overcrowding and poor medical conditions, and without resources or political willpower to rectify the situation, the State adopted AB 109 (the Criminal Justice Realignment Act). This bill effectively removes the threat of State prison time for "non-violent" offenses. Criminals convicted of burglary and theft felonies are remanded to either a County jail system (also operating at capacity) or alternative sentencing such as house arrest or "community supervision."

The result? Property crimes are *increasing* as the penalty for these is *decreasing*. In Glendale, proactive policing and community vigilance have made a significant difference in helping to keep neighborhoods safe. Yet, even though a number of key arrests have been made by GPD recently, convicted felons are returning to the streets to commit more crimes. And based on the State's economic reality, things won't improve anytime soon. No funding for drug rehabilitation, education or job training--amid the backdrop of a weak economic recovery--and it's not hard to imagine the outcome.

What can we do? What we always do--find solutions; look out for one another; harden the target by being vigilant and careful. Through the predictive policing efforts of the Glendale Police Department, the collaboration of all City departments and the unwavering direction of City Council, we will sustain public safety efforts. In this battle against crime, we cannot wait for the cavalry before we get involved; we are the cavalry.

Glendale Paramedic Engine Program



The Paramedic Engine Program came online in January--truly a group effort! Between the planning, equipment, fabrication, training, finance and support, this was no small task. Now each day all nine Fire Engines have two Firefighters and two Firefighter/Paramedics available to assist those

Prison Reform



Assembly Bill 109 "opened the doors" in California's state prison system, realigning certain responsibilities for low-level offenders, adult parolees and juvenile offenders from State to local jurisdictions. Following are some of the immediate impacts of this bill.

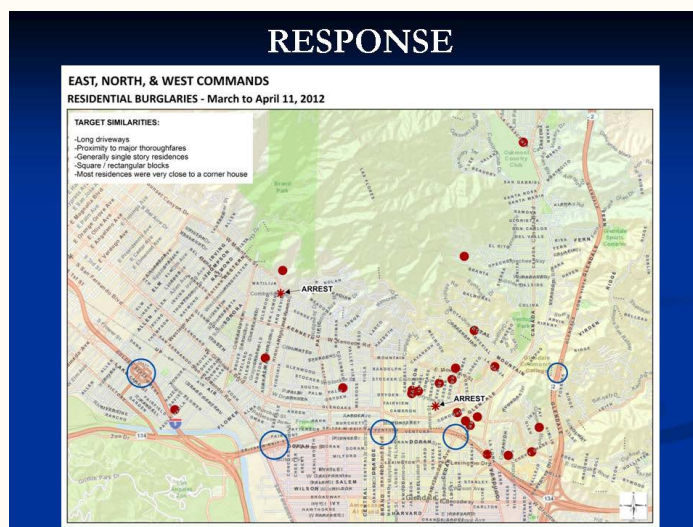
- It requires local custody for non-violent, non-serious, non-"high-risk" sex offenders (3N felons)
- It transfers most parole responsibilities to local "post-release" community supervision for 3N felons; i.e. no longer able to send "violators" back to State prisons
- It provides no funding whatsoever for local law enforcement; funding will be taken from local general fund sources

Early Release - What does it mean?

- State budget cuts caused an early release of 18,000 felons by the end of 2011 - **6,000 of these came to LA County**
- A Federal Court order will reduce the CA prison population by an additional 33,000 due to overcrowding and inadequate medical services - **11,000 additional to LA County**
- **21,000 are already paroled on an annual basis to LA County**

Non-Revocable Parole - What does it mean?

- No supervision; no conditions; no re-entry assistance; no revocations
- Criminal street gang members eligible - they have no worry of being sent back
- Stalking and domestic violence offenders -- no "stay away" orders or notice to victims



Red dots indicate recent burglaries; blue circles indicate freeway on-ramps for quick escapes

The Fallacy of the "Low Risk" Designation

- By the time they arrive at State prison, they are "career criminals" - **they earned their way there**
- 5 local convictions before sentencing to State prison

who call 9-1-1 with a medical problem. Over 82% of GFD incidents are medical in nature. When a call for medical assistance is received, a Paramedic Engine staffed with two para-medics is dispatched to the location, accompanied by a BLS Ambulance staffed with additional personnel to assist with transport of the patient. All patients are assessed by Paramedics. The two additional EMT/Ambulance Operators can also assist the engine personnel with patient care. The critical patient's treatment is continued with the Paramedics going in the ambulance with the patient to the hospital. Non-critical, sick or injured patients can be transported to the hospital by the Ambulance Operators. This allows the Paramedic Engine Company to be available for another call if needed.

All sworn fire personnel are trained and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and over 67 have received substantial additional medical training to earn the title of Paramedic. All nine Glendale Fire Engines are staffed with two paramedics at all times, which provides the citizens of Glendale with an exemplary level of medical response. Our emergency medical service providers are always on duty for you, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The implementation of this new program has a projected cost savings of two million dollars a year.



Join the men and women of the Glendale Fire Department for the annual Fire Service Day - Saturday, May 12 at Fire Station 21, 21 Oak Street. Rescue demonstrations; safety information; sign up for CERT classes. Breakfast will be served.
[Fire Service Day](#)

CALENDAR

May 6

12-15 crimes committed the year prior to be being arrested (from the Rand Corporation Study)

- 70% recidivism rate within 3 years - the majority of those arrests take place in first 12 months and 1 in 5 are re-arrested for a violent crime
- 56% will have mental health issues
- 56% will have substance abuse issues

AB 109 Has Worsened a "Perfect Storm" Environment

- There is a severe economic recession with record unemployment
- There have already been thousands of lost law enforcement resources statewide

Crime Rates WILL go up



- Every 5,000 felons released will:

- * Commit 45,000 new crimes *
- * 9,000 (20%) will be violent felonies (including murder) *
- * An estimated 24,000 additional felons on the streets of LA County by the end of the first year of realignment *
- * LA County jail already at Court-mandated capacity *
- * Means commuting sentences and putting criminals back on the streets *

LA County Realignment Update: Oct. 2011 - Jan 31, 2012

3N Felon Post Release Community Supervision Stats

- 4,482 released to the County
- 1,316 have already been re-arrested for new crimes
- 64% assessed as "high risk"; 34% as "medium risk"; 4% as "low-risk"
- Large number assessed with high needs for immediate mental health services and substance abuse treatment

Custody - 3N felons no longer eligible for State prison sentences

- Strain on County population in facilities rising and draining resources
- Split sentencing and alternative sentencing.
- Average jail sentence for 3N felons - 180 days



10K Verdugo Mountains Trail Run
Brand Park
[Run the Verdugos](#)

May 9
[Taste of Downtown Glendale](#)

May 10
Jewels of Glendale Award Luncheon
11:30 am, Oakmont Country Club
(818) 548-4844

Desert of Forbidden Art - 7:00 pm
Film Screening - Central Library

May 12
Fire Service Day - 9:00 am
Fire Station 21, 21 Oak Street

May 19
Great Graffiti Clean Up - 9:00 am
Plaza Behind City Hall

May 24
90th Birthday Celebration - 10:00 am
Adult Recreation Center
201 E. Colorado

Horror Is Our Business - 7:00 pm
Book Signing/Discussion
Central Library Auditorium

May 28
Memorial Day - Federal Holiday
City Offices and Libraries Closed

May 31
The Mother of Jerusalem is Crying
Dr. Rosemary Hartounian Cohen
Discussion and book signing
Central Library Auditorium - 7:00 pm

Law Enforcement Strategies

- Compliance Visits and Monitoring: Pro-active crime fighting resources
- Regional Supervision and Enforcement - Tri-City Program and collaborative efforts with other LA County agencies
- Real Time Crime Analysis and Information: Correlations between parolee data and localized crime "hot spots" and trends
- Technology Support: Regional DNA Lab, Video Surveillance, ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader); other target hardening and accountability strategies

Community Support is Critical

- **CALL 911**
- **Get Involved:** Attend command town hall meetings; check the Police Department's [Press Release](#) site.
- **Watch out for each other:** Neighborhood Watch Programs. To start one in your neighborhood, contact your [Area Command](#)



- **Stay Informed:** Breaking/Emergency News

[Crime Mapping](#)
[Citizen Email Alerts](#)
[City Emergency Alerts](#)

- **Report Suspicious Activity-** Anonymously if necessary with [Glendale Crime Stoppers](#)

To view a copy of Police Chief Ronald L. De Pompa's presentation on prison reform, click [here](#).

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