Highlighted Activity for May 8-10, 2017

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 453 service events, resulting in 73 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

Vehicle Burglary
May 8 at 7:31 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 700 block of W. Foothill. The victim went out to his vehicle and found a window broken. The inside of the vehicle had been ransacked, but it appears that no items were missing. A second vehicle also had its window broken. The investigation is continuing.

Missing Persons Located
May 8 at 3:38 p.m., two suspicious subjects were reported in the 100 block of N. Madison. Officers were dispatched and they contacted the subjects. A computer check revealed both subjects were missing persons. The two juveniles had run away from a group home in Altadena. The subjects were taken to the police station and were picked up by staff from the group home.

Traffic Collision / Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Arrested
May 8 at 4:16 p.m., dispatch received multiple calls regarding a single vehicle traffic collision. Callers stated that the vehicle crashed into an Edison pole. Officers responded and conducted an investigation. The investigation determined the driver of the vehicle was too intoxicated to operate a vehicle safely. The driver was arrested for DUI.

Driving Under the Influence
May 10 at 2:14 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle speeding south on Canyon, running stop signs. The vehicle was stopped and through investigation, the driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for DUI.

Robbery
May 10 at 6:25 a.m., a robbery incident was reported at a fast food restaurant in the 300 block of W. Huntington. The victim reported that an adult couple came into the business and over to the booth where he was eating. They attempted to take the victim's bag. The victim grabbed onto his bag and a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the victim was injured when one of the suspects struck him. The suspects fled the location. The investigation is continuing.

Shoplifting
May 10 at 5:07 p.m., loss prevention personnel from a business in the 400 block of W. Huntington phoned police to report a shoplifting incident. A male, adult suspect was concealing items in a backpack inside the store and they thought he was going to leave without paying. When officers arrived, the suspect had already left the store with the merchandise. The officers obtained a description of the suspect and conducted an area search. A suspect matching the description was located and detained. He was positively identified by loss prevention personnel and was arrested.

Grand Theft
May 10 at 10:10 p.m., a grand theft of firearms was reported in the 900 block of W. Duarte. The victim reported that 11 firearms were stolen from his residence. The last time he saw the firearms was in June of 2016.

Tip of the Week

Monrovia Police Department Conducts Successful Distracted Driving Effort - Safety Message Strongly Enforced
Monrovia, CA—During the month of April, motorists caught violating California's distracted-driving law received a clear message from law enforcement during the high-visibility enforcement campaign.

"Using a hand-held phone for calls, texting or apps while driving is something we all know is dangerous and wrong, but too many drivers are doing it anyway. So when we see it, we show zero tolerance," said Lieutenant Rob Wilken, Monrovia Police Department.

The Monrovia Police Department issued 96 citations to violators of California's distracted-driving law during the recent enforcement period. The law provides that it is illegal to hold and use a cell phone while texting, calling or using apps while driving. It must be affixed to the vehicle and may be operated in hands free mode using voice activation or used with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger.

"Distracted driving kills too many people for us to ignore the facts and pretend it's okay—it is never acceptable to text and drive," said Lieutenant Rob Wilken. According to the latest data from the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people were killed, nationwide, and another 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015.

Offenders caught texting and driving will face tickets totaling at least $162, and higher for a second violation. Though the high-visibility enforcement effort is over, law enforcement officers will continue watching for distracted drivers to make sure all motorists keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel.
This campaign is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Stop Graffiti Bounty Program

One of the methods the Monrovia Police Department is using to combat graffiti in the community of Monrovia is the Stop Graffiti Bounty Program. If a citizen reports an incident of graffiti in the City of Monrovia that leads to the arrest of the suspect, the citizen will receive a $100 bill. Help keep Monrovia looking great!

Contact Phone Numbers

For Emergency Dial 911
Police Department Business Line ....(626) 256-8000
Community Policing Sergeant ....(626) 256-8020
Watch Commander ....(626) 256-8030
Cell Watch   (626) 357-CELL (2355)
Graffiti Removal .... (855) 557-1007
Shopping Cart Removal ....(800) 252-4613

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA provides animal control services for the City of Monrovia.
For emergency animal control issues call:
Monrovia Police Department..(626) 256-8000
For non-emergency animal control issues call:
Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA dispatch ....(626) 792-7151, Ext. 108
For Dog License, Spay & Neuter Services call:
Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA...(626) 792-7151
Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers.. (800) 222-TIPS (8477)