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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPONSE
TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION ON STREET TAKEOVERS**

Dear Ms. Vappie:

Thank you for the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) position letter and staff report on street takeovers. This issue continues to be of great concern for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the communities we serve.

We understand that the COC has adopted the Commission's staff report recommendation #2, which states:

LASD should submit a written quarterly report to the Commission on street takeovers-related public safety activities that includes, but not limited to:

- a. Street takeovers traffic statistics**
- b. Brief overview of street takeovers-related crimes**
- c. Collaborative efforts with other traffic/law enforcement agencies**
- d. Brief overview of street takeovers elimination measures employed**

The LASD has begun capturing statistics, crimes, and the collaborative efforts underway as a result of street takeover issues that have developed within the communities we serve. Attached, you will find the data assembled for 2023 (through September 3, 2023).

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The LASD responds to street takeover incidents through its patrol units that are available to address reported incidents. For example, Compton Station has been actively dealing with street takeover issues. In those instances where additional resources are needed, the LASD can deploy Mobile Field Force units to supplement the enforcement efforts of patrol units to effect arrests, issue citations, and impound vehicles specifically related to street takeovers. Should additional resources be needed, the LASD can request units from the California Highway Patrol to assist in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Compton Station continues to deploy their Special Assignment Office (SAO) deputies to focus on street takeover drivers and spectators. The station has also been proactive in issuing citations for violations that include spectating or participation in street takeover events, as well as towing/impounding vehicles (see attached). LASD also has the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP), which closely works with resources from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in the enforcement and prevention of street takeover events.


During the month of May, Carson Station conducted three separate street takeover operations, which resulted in four felony arrests, 43 misdemeanor arrests, 43 notices to appear in court, and 54 towed vehicles.

Similarly, Lakewood Station has assigned the Paramount Special Assignment deputies to initiate proactive enforcement related to illegal street racing and takeovers. They are assigned to weekly enforcement for this activity; the day of the week varies between Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. The team's year-to-date results for this type of enforcement has resulted in 17 arrests, 31 notices to appear in court citations, 32 notices to appear in court citations for spectators, 212 administrative citations for spectators, 12 impounded vehicles, and two vehicles that were confiscated for forfeiture proceedings.

In addition to LASD's current efforts to eliminate street takeovers, citizens are reminded at community events to report all related incidents. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



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