

SLCPD Strategic Deployment Bureau

Weekly Summary

9/28/2015

Command Staff updates:

Recent reports from different parts of the City have led some to believe that because of our efforts in the downtown area, we have displaced homeless into parts of Sugarhouse, Liberty Park, and the University area.

There may be some migration; however, we feel the reality is that Salt Lake has a large population of homeless, more than we have had before. With reports nationwide of our successes of reducing chronic homelessness with the Veteran community, housing projects, and the services readily available, we attract many displaced persons and families to Salt Lake.

Recently in speaking to a couple of panhandlers, they related this very thought. In fact, they came here in search of resources and jobs only to find that they are in a long line of those that are waiting; thus, they found themselves in the shelter and without help. We see panhandlers as far south as Draper, which is more proof that this is a County wide issue as well as a City problem. Hopefully, we can all work together more in the future as we find solutions to help move people through a back-logged system.

Once again thanks for all the tips, suggestions, and help from our partners

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Our standard of clearing out parks and sweeping the area around Pioneer Park, Main Street, and City Creek Park continue.

Narcotic officers and the Street Crimes unit arrested multiple dealers this week. They seized over \$9000.00 and took large amounts of Heroin and Cocaine off the street. Thanks to Spy Hop, Ricoh and other partners for letting us hang out and observe!!

Officers concentrated on Liberty Park for campers this week. We issued a handful of citations for camping, 15 parking citations for being parked on the jogging sidewalk, and had a Felony Warrant arrest.

Officers were asked to assist in a operation looking for burglars in the area of District 5. We were able to arrest a burglar again this week.

There were a few protests concerning the efforts of police in the area, they were held without incident.

A meeting was held last week at The Road Home about the “riot” incident that had happened. With the cooperation of all parties, it seems that the tensions are dwindling a bit in the area. We will continue to work together to keep the peace and be understanding of all the issues in the area, meeting our goal from last week.

Sgt. Cyr also met with The Road Home, School District personnel, and others to help with the waiting area for the school buses to drop off and pick up. He is implementing a plan to help The Road Home with the loitering during these times.

Goals for the coming week:

We have been asked to look at enforcement of bicycle and skateboard laws within the Central Business District, so please let your employees be aware we have complaints in that area and be mindful of the laws. We didn’t get to this last week but look forward to working it in the future.

Strategic Deployment will be used in doing different operations this week. Most will occur within the downtown area, and some on the south State Street area.

We will be sharing our bike officers this week also with Sugarhouse in dealing with some issues identified there also.

Significant case Highlight:

Officers stopped a suspect for having an unregistered bicycle, when he was found to be in possession of the below items. Suspect is thought to be a bicycle thief that was working in the area. He was carrying 2 BB guns that looked very close to real firearms. Another great stop by officers.

