

STREET TALK

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A Day in CicLAvia

This month Council District 4 hosted the country's largest open streets event. CicLAvia, a tri-annual LA event closes streets to car traffic so constituents can walk, skate, bike, play and explore the iconic Wilshire Boulevard. The event covers a 6-mile radius and serves as a way to promote public health and active transportation.



This year the Bureau's very own Street Maintenance Division helped with pre-sweeping the streets and making street repairs to ensure a smooth bike ride.

Our Investigation & Enforcement Division assisted by coordinating the event with the other city agencies.

BSS Participation in SoCal Fire

This December, the Santa Ana winds struck again causing the Creek fire in portions of Council District 7 and the shutdown of Sepulveda Blvd as a result of the Skirball fire. Bureau Staff was there to support the emergency response efforts. In partnership with Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), the BSS responded to the Creek Fire by opening Sunland yard to LAFD as a staging and refueling area for fire trucks and barricades.

In addition, BSS Supervisor Stephen Duprey & Superintendent Aida Valencia staffed EOC in order to coordinate the delivery of BSS resources.



A Winter Wonderland in Council District 9

On December 13, on Central Avenue in sunny Council District 9, a Winter Wonderland was in effect. Made possible by Council Member Curren D. Price, the event featured raffles, a children's arts and crafts village, and a snow slide.



Families from all over the city showed up in sweaters and big smiles to enjoy this event. Finally, after the festivities, the event's snow was plowed out by our Street Maintenance Division.

A Time to Reflect: 2017

This year was another exciting year for the Bureau and once again through the dedication, innovation, and commitment of our employees, our City services stood out. The 2017 calendar year brought with it many achievements such as welcoming our newest Assistant Director Stephanie Clements, transitioning the first group of the Vocational Workers to Civil Service status and implementing numerous initiatives that enhanced the services we provide.

This year, the dedicated men and women of the Bureau proved time and time again that they are always ready to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. Our response to the many challenges in 2017 including the recent fires, are a testament to that. As we approach the New Year, we remain true to our mission of delivering quality street services in a timely and efficient manner for the great people of Los Angeles.



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