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The Honorable Budget and Finance Committee
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Honorable Committee Members:

The Budget and Finance Committee recently requested that the Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 be amended to instruct the Department to report on revisions to our COMPSTAT system used for tracking the community engagement efforts of sworn personnel.

For the Los Angeles Police Department, community engagement is not limited to a specific unit, geographic Area, or bureau. In keeping with the Department's Core Values of "Service to Our Communities" and "Quality Through Continuous Improvement," several Department entities have worked to make strides towards quantifying community engagement through the COMPSTAT system. The Office of Operations (OO) Evaluation and Administration Unit and the Public Engagement Section (PES) met with COMPSTAT Division and the Community Safety Partnership Bureau (CSPB) to assess our capabilities and the feasibility of quantifying community engagement. These entities will continue to work in unison, ensuring the Department's success in attaining this goal.

Due to this City Council motion, the Department has sought input from Commissioner Calanche of the Board of Police Commissioners and her working group, comprised of citywide Senior Lead Officers (SLO) who are working to define community engagement. They are collectively working to develop a plan for the training of SLOs in the 21 geographic Areas to build their capacity to work in partnership with community members. This effort seeks to identify and address root causes of crime and violence, and fortify well-being in the community by organizing community-led problem-solving activities designed to increase safety, transparency, and build trust.

Tracking Community Engagement

An officer's activities are tracked through the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system that is installed on the Department Mobile Data Computers found in police vehicles. One of the major facets of the CAD system is increased transparency in accounting for the time officers spend engaging with the community.

Office of the Chief of Police (OCOP) Administrative Order No. 19, *Disposition Guidelines for Computer Aided Dispatch – Established*, dated October 22, 2020, established the disposition codes for CAD. Major components contained in this section are C6CM (Code-6 Community Meeting), MEUCOM01 (Community Outreach), C6ME (Code-6 Community Engagement), and the “Recap” option of CME (also pertaining to Community Engagement).

Notice

To ensure patrol officers from all geographic Areas are informed and reminded to use the “Community Engagement” Code-6 disposition code, an OCOP Notice has been drafted advising them of the appropriate use of C6ME. The Notice outlines the importance of community engagement utilization codes and details the ways that the CAD system accounts for these efforts. This will further equip officers working in a patrol setting with the Department’s intent to not only track, but encourage the practice of community engagement. The distribution of this Notice will reach the largest segment of the Department, with the highest number of public and community contacts.

Tracking of Community Engagement

During each COMPSTAT inspection, the Area reports on the amount of Scanning Analysis Response Assessment (SARA) projects in progress. A SARA project is the result of community collaboration in a Neighborhood Engagement Area (NEA) where police, residents, businesses, stakeholders, and other partners seek solutions to issues affecting their community. The NEA is identified by each Area Crime & Community Intelligence Center (ACCIC), which analyzes crime data to recognize neighborhoods experiencing crime and low community engagement within the last year. Data-Informed Community-Focused Policing is a framework that incorporates meaningful collaborations between the police and neighborhoods, in addition to analysis of crime reports (crime data). Police legitimacy and trust building are at the heart of patrol work and are not viewed as additional functions. This concept ensures that police use community engagement more than enforcement and, when enforcement is necessary, it is accurately focused.

The Office of Operations, in conjunction with COMPSTAT Division, is working to develop a profile that includes the amount of time officers are utilizing for community engagement, community outreach, community meetings, and SARA projects. All Areas will be responsible for reporting the applicable community engagement figures on the modified profile. The prospective date of activation for the new COMPSTAT profile page is March, 2022. This will allow time for COMPSTAT to design the profile and receive approval by command staff. The final step will be the provision of training for personnel at the Area level, as necessary to capture and catalogue the relevant data.

Significant Community Interactions Form

The Department’s COMPSTAT Division sends the Significant Community Interactions Form to the geographic bureaus and Areas for completion and review at their respective COMPSTAT inspections. The form requests that each Area provide a short description of five community interactions and explain their significance. This is an opportunity for the Area to showcase positive occurrences of community engagement and not solely focus on crime reduction efforts.

Community Safety Partnership Bureau

Community Safety Partnership Bureau is collaborating with COMPSTAT to create a format that suits CSPB operations. On October 6, 2021, the two entities met and assessed the capabilities of the system for tracking and quantifying community engagement. Each of the Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) will retain a profile addressing various methods of engagement. The COMPSTAT Division is currently working on creating the profiles for CSPB.

Community Based Evaluations (CBE) will be part of the CSPB COMPSTAT inspection. The Community Safety Advisory Council (CSAC) which is comprised of stakeholders, clergy, City Council District representatives, CSPB, etc., will provide an update on their efforts towards addressing issues outlined in their site-specific Strategic Safety Plan. This conveys the importance of shared responsibility and accountability within the CSAC. The Office of Operations hopes to mirror the success of these efforts and implement best practices in concert with the Community Police Advisory Boards of the geographic Areas.

The first addition to CSPB's new COMPSTAT profile is a four-week summary for each of the CSPs. The summary includes each day of the deployment period and lists the number of supervisors, SLOs, and officers deployed. The remainder of the summary is broken into two categories: "Community Engagement" and "Public Safety." The community engagement section is comprised of partnership advancement and trust building/procedural justice efforts. The public safety section contains strategic enforcement and other efforts. The "other efforts" sub-section encompasses Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) referrals, radio calls, and divisional engagement. To address the numerous organizations CSPB works with, there is also a profile section for Partnership Advancement. This profile is fragmented into four sub-sections related to the groups focused upon by Community Based Organizations. The overall profile compares the amount of organizations CSPB works with currently; once sufficient data is accumulated, a comparison with the prior two years will be generated.

A portion of this profile is dedicated to tracking the number of CSAC meetings. This sub-section of the profile outlines the number of meetings year-to-date and will provide a comparison of the number of meetings to previous years.

Safe Passages and School Check details are also tracked in a profile sub-section, broken-down by days of the week for four weeks, reflecting the Department's deployment calendar. This feature will catalogue efforts towards trust-building and procedural justice.

Conclusion

The Department will diligently monitor the conception and development of this new CSPB COMPSTAT model and thereafter, routinely assess the capabilities of the new model and implement adjustments that may work more effectively on a Department-wide scale. An example of this concept is beginning each COMPSTAT inspection with the community engagement efforts of an Area, prior to Part I crimes, to further advance our Data-Informed Community-Focused approach.

The Department will continuously seek innovative approaches to community engagement. The changes to the Department's COMPSTAT will not only ensure that community engagement efforts are tracked, but will also ensure that the culture of the Department continues to put the community we serve at the forefront of our daily activities.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Evaluation and Administration Unit, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.

Respectfully,

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MOTION

I MOVE that the Budget and Finance Committee report on the Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2021-22 be amended to instruct the Police Department to report on revisions to the Department's CompStat system to track community engagement efforts of sworn personnel.

TOTAL CHANGE \$-0-

Change such other affected totals, subtotals, summaries, scheduled or supporting data as are necessary to conform to modifications hereinabove made.

PRESENTED BY:



JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



ADOPTED (15)