

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Honorable Public Safety Committee  
c/o Holly Wolcott  
Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395  
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Honorable Members:

Enclosed for your review is the Los Angeles Police Department's response to Adopted Budget Recommendation R. 51 (C.F. 17-0600-S51) that was raised during the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget deliberations:

*Instruct the Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee on the cost and potential funding options to train vice officers and eventually all officers on a victim-centered approach to their response to human trafficking situations.*

With the Los Angeles County Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children, a system was created in which law enforcement officers can identify victims of sexual exploitation and work collaboratively with County agencies and community-based organizations to avoid arrest, keep them safe and provide them with the services they need to escape exploitation.

Detective Support and Vice Division, Human Trafficking Unit (DSVD, HTU), is responsible for training all Department personnel in the identification of human trafficking situations. This training takes place during Vice and Juvenile Procedures School. Additionally, the Department has developed a 40-hour POST certified Human Trafficking Course and it is open to all law enforcement officers.

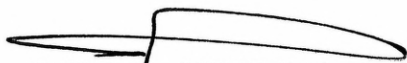
In 2018, DSVD, HTU, will be hosting a Los Angeles County Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children training, which will be geared towards officers assigned to vice, juvenile cars and patrol. Currently, DSVD, HTU, personnel conduct trainings as part of their primary duty assignment and have incurred no additional costs to train Department personnel.

It is estimated that approximately 2,000 LAPD officers (including vice officers) have been trained since 2015 in the victim-centered approach to human trafficking. The timeline to train the remaining officers is an ongoing process as new officers join the Department. There are no additional costs anticipated as DSVD staff continues to train sworn personnel.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Police Administrator II Annemarie Sauer, Fiscal Operations Division at (213) 486-8590.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK  
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Director, Office of Administrative Services