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Dear Mr. Netburn:

I have completed your survey and I hope it contains valuable information for your study of the homeless problem in Los Angeles County. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (626) 256-8095.

- 1 How many and what percent of your organization's annual client load are homeless individuals and families?

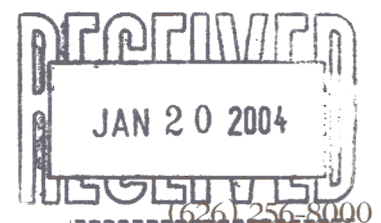
Our Department does not keep statistics on the number of homeless individuals or families that we contact on an annual basis. The only statistic I was able to verify was the number of persons we arrested who listed themselves as transient. Last year we arrested 21 persons who were transient out of 2600 total arrests or less than one percent.

2. What procedure does your organization use to identify homeless people?

We have no specific procedure to identify the homeless except by statement of the individual that they are transient.

3. How much do you estimate that your organization spends each year on services related to homeless people?

\$500 on our hotel voucher fund-money raised by our Chaplains



Ten to fifteen full-time, paid members of the Department volunteer at the Unity Center's food give away before Thanksgiving and their food/toy drive before the Christmas holiday. Each event lasts a full day.

4. What specific policies and practices produce the outcomes that your organization currently achieves in preventing and eliminating homelessness?

The Department has a Chaplain program consisting of ordained clergy from churches in and around Monrovia. The program is managed by a police lieutenant. The Chaplains have an emergency fund of money they raise themselves to provide hotel vouchers to destitute families until a longer term solution is found. Members of our Department including the Chaplains are well versed on how to assist homeless individuals and families. Our department assists the homeless encouraging them to contact the Unity Center in Monrovia and Project Achieve in El Monte to assist them with basic necessities.

5. What specific changes in resources, policies, or practices on the part of your organization would make it possible to reduce the number of homeless people in the City of Monrovia?

The Department does not foresee any positive changes in resources that would be increased to help the homeless. With the impact of the state budget the Department is bracing for significant cuts city wide.

6. What specific changes in resources, policies or practices on part of other organizations would reduce the number of homeless people in the City of Monrovia?

I do not have the expertise or personal knowledge to answer this question effectively.

7. What additional outcomes in preventing and eliminating homelessness could be achieved if specific policies and practices that you suggest in response to questions 5 and 6 were implemented.

I am not able to answer this question based on my personal knowledge of the homelessness problem.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Johnson
Chief of Police



Donald C. Lacher, Captain
Operations Division Commander