

TRANSIT BUS DIVISION



ACTIVITY REPORT

MAY 2000

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QUALITY COMMUNITY SERVICE

On May 10, Lieutenant Duane Hayakawa volunteered to be a judge at the LACMTA 2000 Bus Rodeo in Santa Anita. The rodeo is a popular event that gives the LACMTA bus operators the opportunity to test their driving skills against each other. On May 20, Officers Jack Richter and Jason Schwab attended the LACMTA Bus Rodeo with a TBD police car for display. Officers fielded many questions by attendees and passed out DARE bumper stickers, balloons and pencils. It was obvious to all that the officer's presence was a positive added attraction, as they were considered one of the most popular displays.

Officers Refugio Garza and George Oto met with Senior Lead Officer Sam Gong at the Chinatown Public Safety Association. Officer Gong informed Garza and George Oto that he has had recent reports of Colombian National pickpocket suspects working the Chinatown area. The suspects are preying on elderly Chinese LACMTA bus patrons as they ride through Chinatown. As a result of the information obtained from Gong the Pickpocket Detail will be increasing its efforts in the Chinatown area.

CRIME

Narcotics Arrest

On May 2, Officers Adam Altamirano and Danny Jones conducted a bus boarding on Montebello bus line No. 40 and observed Larry Rivas, DOB 12-17-77, age 23, rolling a marijuana cigarette while riding on the bus. Rivas was cited and released for 11357 (b) H/S. (cite No.048900)

Suspect: Rivas, Larry **DOB:** 12/17/77 **Charge:** 11357 (b) H/S

Sexual Predator Arrest

On May 2, Officers Reguio Garza, Lori Alcaraz and George Oto were working the Third Street and Vermont Avenue corridors for sexual predators near the Virgil Middle School. Garza boarded LACMTA Bus No. 2112, Line 316 traveling Eastbound on Third Street and sat directly behind a male Asian who was directing his attention to young female students as they boarded the bus. The suspect, later identified as Francisco Mercado, age 56, tapped numerous female students on the shoulders and pointed for them to sit down next to him. One of the young females complied and Mercado subsequently rubbed his groin area against the shoulder of the victim as she was seated. Mercado then moved towards the rear doors of the bus and rubbed his groin area against a second female student victim. The victim's ages were eleven and twelve years old. When the bus came to a service stop at Third Street and Witmer Street, Mercado immediately exited and was arrested without incident. At the time of the arrest it was discovered Mercado's pants were unbuttoned. Two counts of Lewd Acts with a Child were filed on Mercado.

Suspect: Mercado, Francisco **DOB:** 01/23/44 **Charge:** 288 (A) PC

Indecent Exposure Arrest

On May 11, Officers Chang Kim and Maggie Sherman were working in an undercover capacity in the San Fernando Valley. As the officers drove past a LACMTA bus stop located at Tampa Avenue and Plummer Street they observed a male white, later identified as Russell Christie, age 68, seated on the bus bench masturbating. Officers immediately exited their vehicle and placed Christie under arrest without incident. Christie was booked at Devonshire Station. Indecent Exposure charges were file on Christie.

Suspect: Christie, Russell **DOB:** 06/27/31 **Charge:** 314 PC

Pickpocket Arrest

On May 11, Sergeant Bruce Vermaat and Officer Greg Debes were working surveillance in the Fairfax corridor for pickpocket suspects. While Northbound on LACMTA Bus No. 2801, Line 4, Sergeant Vermaat observed a middle aged male black, later identified as Anthony Newson, age 48, seated near the front of the bus in the senior citizens section. Newson had a newspaper folded across his lap and a sweater draped over both arms. Newson was paying close attention to the waistband area and purses of each elderly patron who boarded the bus. Sergeant Vermaat placed himself in a position to observe Newson. Newson then invited an elderly female to sit down next to him. As the bus became very crowded Newson attempted to reach into the purse of the elderly female. Newson was unsuccessful due to the position of her purse. Newson exited the bus at Fairfax Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, ran across the busy intersection and immediately boarded LACMTA Bus No. 2801, Line 4. Officer Debes was able to board the bus with Newson and place himself in a position to watch him. Once again Newson sat in the senior citizen section paying particular attention to the waistband areas and purses of elderly patrons. As the bus completed a service stop at Santa Monica Boulevard and Western Avenue, Debes observed Newson reach into the left rear pants pocket of an elderly male, remove his wallet and place it into the folded newspaper which he was carrying. Newson quickly exited the bus and was subsequently arrested. During the booking process it was discovered Newson is currently on parole and has a sixty-page rap sheet with approximately twenty prior arrests for grand theft person. Grand Theft Person charges were filed on Newson.

Suspect: Anthony Newson **DOB:** 03/15/52 **Charge:** 487 (C) PC

VANDALISM ARRESTS

Vandalism Arrests YTD 56
Vandalism Citations YTD 184

LACMTA Division 3

Soto and Cesar Chavez **Line 252** **Bus No. 6726**

Pickpocket Detail Officers Chan Kim and Maggie Sherman arrested Steve V., DOB 02-05-86, Age-14, for 602/594 (A) 1 P.C. After he wrote "NAPOL" on the bus window with a purple marker. The subject was cited and released.

LACMTA Division 7

Melrose and LaBrea **Line 10** **Bus No. 2125**

Officers Wharton, Nestor Ayson, Roshon Thornton, and Ramon Martinez, arrested Jesus Velasco, DOB 04-07-82, Age 18, for 594(A) 1 P.C. Velasco removed the plastic film from the bus window and placed a slap tag with "ONEX" on it. Velasco was cited and released, Daniel W., DOB 04-10-85, Age 15 was cited and released for 594.2 (a) P.C., possession of vandalism tools. David R., DOB 07-07-84, Age 15, was cited and released for 594.2 (a) P.C., possession of vandalism tools.

subject was booked at Eastlake Juvenile hall.

LACMTA Division 15

Laurel Canyon and Van Nuys Blvd Line 230, Bus No. 3712

Officers Jesus Carrillo, Nestor Ayson, Omar Bazulto, and Ramon Martinez arrested Manuel R. DOB 08-20-84, Age- 15, for 602/594 (A) 1 P.C., after he etched "HAKF" on a bus seat. The subject was cited and released.

JUVENILE FUNCTIONS

No significant activities to report this period.

TRAINING

TBD Officers Train New and In-Service Bus Operators

During the month of May Officers Guillermo Valdez instructed 231 LACMTA Operators and Supervisor, in the below subject matter areas:

Communications: Alternatives to MTA communications, providing suspect descriptions, priority in crime reporting and how operators can reset their Silent Alarm System (SAS) if an accidental activation occurred.

Police / Sheriff Tactics: How calls for service will be handled. Average response times, Low Risk vs. High-Risk stops, and the S.L.O.W. acronym. (Operator responsibilities)

Additional Knowledge: Types of crimes (Felonies, Misdemeanors, and Infractions). Procedures for private person's arrest, Police Service Request, Team Completion Officer Bus Boarding, and Undercover units available for MTA service. After completion of the course presentation, a test package and class critique is given to the class. The training consists of lectures and videotapes via a "Power Point" presentation. The course lasts three and half-hours and has been extremely well received. The training is given to reduce response time, enhance quality of service, reduce crime and the fear of crime and enhance communication between bus operators and law enforcement personnel.

SIGNIFICANT STATISTICAL DATA

There were 72 Code 3 and 2H TBD calls from May 1 to May 20, 2000. Of the 72 calls, 7 did not have either an at-scene or a cancellation time to calculate the response time. For the remaining

65 calls, there was a mean average response time of 14.27 minutes from the time the call was received until a unit arrived at scene or the call was cancelled. For the same time period, there were 36 Silent Alarm System (SAS) calls of which four did not have either an at-scene or a cancellation time to calculate the response time. For the remaining 32 calls, there was a mean average response time of 13.56 minutes from the time the call was received until a unit arrived at scene or the call was cancelled. The response times for this month decreased, possibly due to the greater number of daily field units resulting from reduced mandated training.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Search Warrant

On October 3, 1999, at approximately 1715 hours, LACMTA bus No. 6449, Line 60, made a service stop at 7th Street and Santa Fe Avenue. A female walked up to the front of the bus, stood on the bumper and spray-painted the word "TRIBE" onto the front windshield. On March 3, 2000, Officer Evan Guevarra, was assigned the investigative responsibilities of the aforementioned graffiti vandalism crime. During the investigation, Officer Guevarra identified "TRIBE" as Shamdasani, Nikki, DOB 09/16/78. Additionally, Officer Guevarra obtained copies of magazines and newspaper articles of "TRIBE" admitting to being a habitual vandal. One of the articles displayed a photo of "TRIBE" vandalizing the above-mentioned bus. On May 18, 2000, the case was presented to Superior Court Judge, William R. Pounders, and a search warrant was issued for "TRIBE" residence. On May 24, 2000, at approximately 0810 hours, a search warrant was executed at "TRIBE" residence. Officers recovered over 490 articles that linked Shamdasani to the moniker "TRIBE". On May 25, 2000, the case was presented to the City Attorney's requesting an Arrest Warrant. The arrest warrant was denied and a letter mailed to Ms. Shamdasani requesting her voluntary appearance at arraignment. The assigned DCA stated it is the City Attorney's policy not to issue warrants for non-violent crimes. An appeal of the latter policy is forthcoming.

PILOT PROGRAM/TASK FORCE

Miracle on Broadway

The downtown foot beats were reduced to two from three due to the continued training days for Rapid Deployment, Tabletop Exercises and Field Exercises in preparation of the Democratic National Convention

Bandit Van Task Force

On May 18, a Bandit Taxi Cab Task Force was deployed during this deployment period in the Rampart Area. The Task Force included three sergeants, six uniformed officers and nine plain-

clothes officers. The purpose of the Task Force was to issue traffic citations to individuals who were operating as taxi cab drivers without the necessary permits and for committing numerous traffic violations. The task force was created to address the numerous complaints the Department received from the community, Los Angeles City DOT and LACMTA. Six violators were issued citations for 654.1 PC (Operating in the City without Valid Permits). Although no arrests were made, it became evident that the Task Force was having a positive effect. Officers received numerous comments by local citizens that the "bandit driver" was becoming less blatant. The Task Force will continue to operate until the problem is solved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Significant Statistical Data
GHOST Monthly Vandalism Arrests
LACMTA and Municipal Lines Bus Boardings Recap



V. M. PROCTOR, Captain
Commanding Officer
Transit Bus Division

**TRANSIT BUS DIVISION
MONTHLY STATISTICAL DATA**

MAY 2000

| | AM | DAY | PM | GHOST | PPD | TOTALS | YTD |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-----|--------|-------|
| ARRESTS | 34 | 59 | 69 | 7 | 4 | 173 | 945 |
| Felonies | 16 | 9 | 40 | 0 | 2 | 67 | 332 |
| Misdemeanors | 17 | 42 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 88 | 506 |
| Juvenile | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 62 |
| Vandalism | | | | 5 | | 5 | 29 |
| Juvenile Vandalism | | | | 2 | | 2 | 27 |
| CITATIONS | 54 | 133 | 98 | 55 | | 340 | 2233 |
| Traffic | 52 | 112 | 85 | 0 | | 249 | 1891 |
| Graffiti | | | | 27 | | 27 | 73 |
| Juvenile Graffiti | | | | 19 | | 19 | 111 |
| Other | 2 | 21 | 13 | 9 | | 45 | 73 |
| SAS ALARMS | 3 | 75 | 28 | | | 106 | 423 |
| MTA BUS BOARDINGS | 1670 | 1599 | 2335 | 363 | 511 | 6478 | 31505 |
| ¹ Time | 280 | 280 | 401 | 387 | 200 | 1548 | 7997 |
| MUNICIPAL BUS BOARDINGS | 56 | 732 | 923 | 18 | 0 | 1729 | 5575 |
| ¹ Time | 9 | 122 | 155 | 21 | 0 | 307 | 1072 |
| FIELD INTERVIEWS | 93 | 136 | 60 | 52 | 2 | 343 | 1705 |
| FIELD PERSONNEL | 21 | 33 | 28 | 15 | 9 | 106 | 527 |
| ² PSR | 1 | 15 | 22 | 8 | 0 | 46 | 168 |

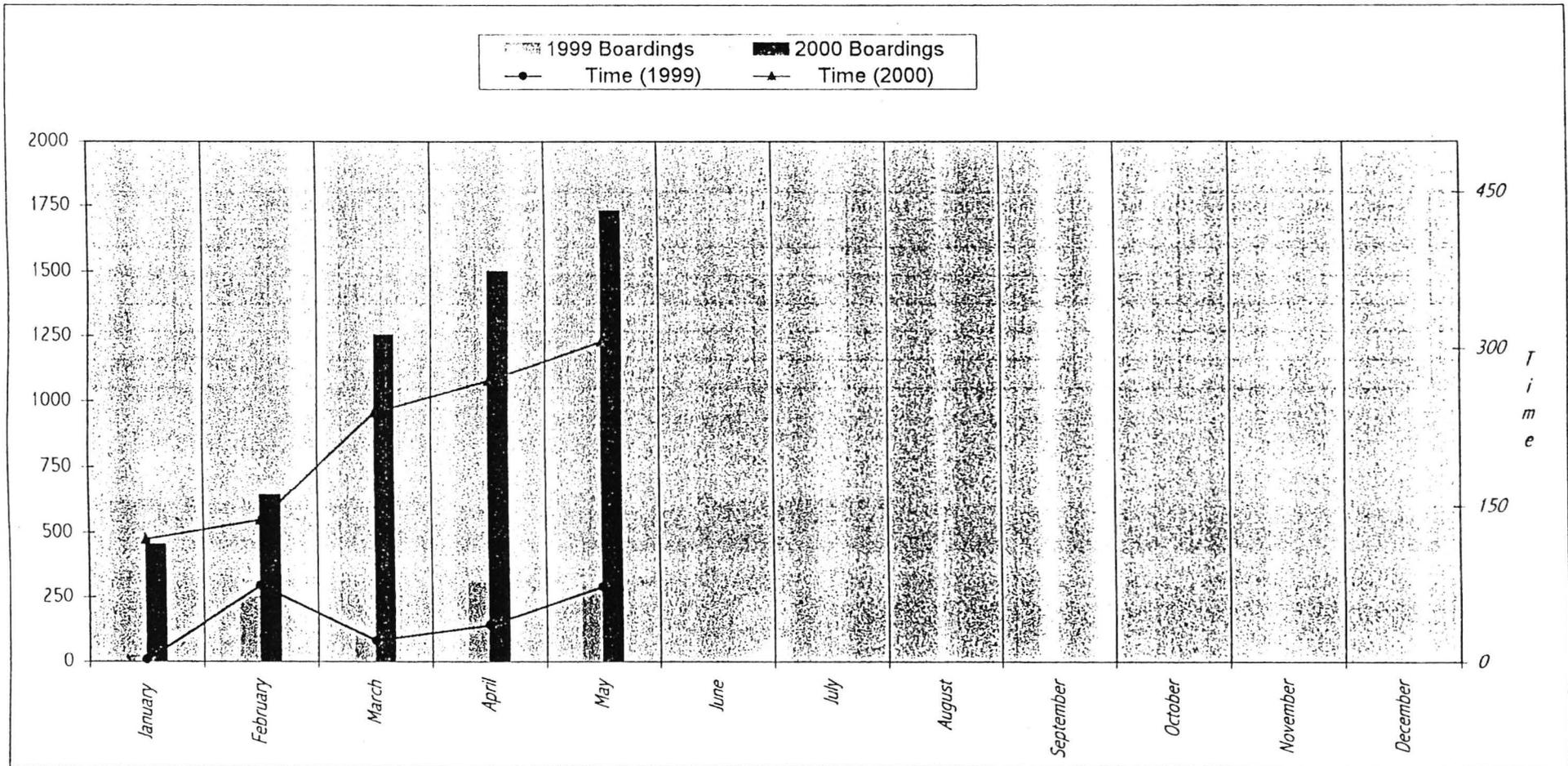
¹ Bus boarding time rounded to the nearest hour.

² Total number represents the number of PSR's received in the reporting month.
YTD number represents the number of PSR's completed.

GHOST
VANDALISM ARRESTS
MAY 2000

| NAME | AGE | MONIKER | CREW | BUS LINE | BUS DIVISION |
|------------------|-----|--------------|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| MARC C. | 14 | MASTA/MARC | ODD | 2 | BUS NO.2079/DIV7 |
| EDUARDO D. | 17 | WOODY | CITY WIDE KINGS | | PED |
| ABDUL SALEEM | 22 | GIANT/CERKUS | CITY WIDE KINGS | | PED |
| DANIEL W. | 15 | SEVERE | D.W.K.(DOWN WITH KILLING) | 10 | BUS NO. 2125/DIV7 |
| DAVID R. | 15 | SIRES | D.W.(DOWN WRITERS) | 10 | BUS NO. 2125/DIV7 |
| JESUS VELASCO | 18 | DEEZ/ONEX | TWK | 10 | BUS NO. 2125/DIV7 |
| JOSE G. | 17 | FITO | J2HS | | PED |
| DANNY Q. | 15 | WICKED | TAO (TAGGING ALL OVER) | | PED |
| JULIO BRIONES | 21 | ROD | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| CESAR GARCIA | 19 | CERKO | TWC (TRANSIT WRECKING CREW) | 14 | BUS NO. 1439/DIV7 |
| DONALD WHITEHALL | 18 | NONE CLAIMED | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| ROGER V. | 14 | PUBES | TWC (TRANSIT WRECKING CREW) | 14 | BUS NO. 1439/DIV7 |
| IGNACIO M. | 16 | MASTER | DC (DESTROYING COMPETITION) | | PED |
| ELVIS A. | 16 | NONE CLAIMED | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| JORGE M. | 14 | BUST/GWIZ | DC (DESTROYING COMPETITION) | | PED |
| JORDAN LUCAS | 18 | JCS/ASIS | UKC (USING KRYLON CONSTANTLY) | | PED |
| JOHN M. CABREANA | 18 | GEZZ | WDC (WORLD DOMINATION) | | PED |
| ARTHUR R. | 16 | DEBT | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| FELICIANO S. | 15 | MAWE | TFO (TOURIST FUCKING OVER) | | PED |
| JOSE M. | 11 | RASKALL | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| MANUEL R. | 15 | STRESS | HAFK (HARD AND KRAZY FAMILY) | 230 | BUS NO. 3712/ DIV15 |
| ISAAC C. | 15 | ECON | WEC (WICKED EVIL CHILDREN) | | PED |
| OSWALDO A. | 17 | MATE | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| RICARDO R. | 15 | AFTER | 1R | | PED |
| JOSE R. | 17 | KOE | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| ALAN R. | 17 | SLIPS | ALWAYS BEEN DOWN | | PED |
| JAVIER BARBOZA | 19 | NEK | A.B.D.(ALWAYS BEEN DOWN) | | PED |
| CASEY KNUTSON | 21 | MARCIAN | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |
| MICHAEL SULLIVAN | 21 | MAXX | NONE CLAIMED | | PED |

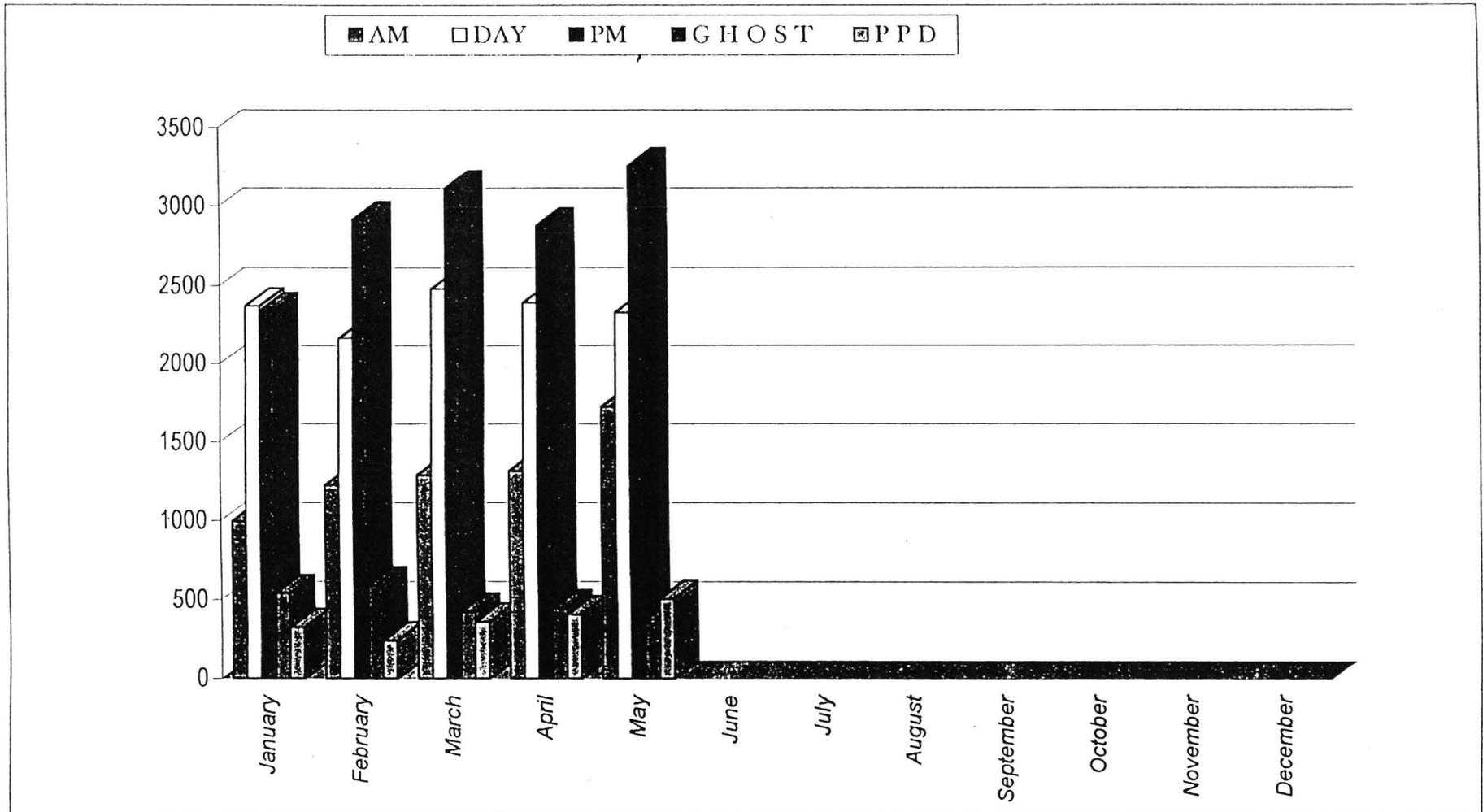
MUNICIPAL PROVIDERS 2000 BUS BOARDINGS



| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | YTD |
|----------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| 1999 Boardings | 20 | 250 | 112 | 303 | 287 | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 Boardings | 454 | 643 | 1252 | 1497 | 1729 | | | | | | | | 5575 |
| Time (1999) | 2 | 74 | 21 | 36 | 73 | | | | | | | | |
| Time (2000) | 119 | 137 | 239 | 270 | 307 | | | | | | | | 1072 |

* Time rounded to the nearest hour.

**TRANSIT BUS DIVISION
2000 *BUS BOARDINGS**



| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | YTD |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| AM | 1000 | 1230 | 1294 | 1320 | 1726 | | | | | | | | 6570 |
| DAY | 2371 | 2166 | 2480 | 2390 | 2331 | | | | | | | | 11738 |
| PM | 2340 | 2915 | 3114 | 2877 | 3258 | | | | | | | | 14504 |
| GHOST | 542 | 593 | 429 | 450 | 381 | | | | | | | | 2395 |
| PPD | 330 | 248 | 367 | 412 | 511 | | | | | | | | 1868 |
| TOTALS | 6,583 | 7,152 | 7,684 | 7449 | 8207 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37,075 |

* Represents TOTAL Bus Boardings MTA and Municipal Providers.

Los Angeles Police Department
 Transit Bus Division
 Top Ten Calls/Bus Boardings

May, 2000

BUS BOARDINGS

ALL WATCHES

| LINE # | # BOARDINGS |
|--------|-------------|
| 81 | 331 |
| 420 | 294 |
| 30 | 283 |
| 204 | 255 |
| 45 | 229 |
| 20 | 206 |
| 40 | 190 |
| 4 | 189 |
| 33 | 175 |
| 70 | 153 |

AM WATCH

| LINE # | # BOARDINGS |
|--------|-------------|
| 30 | 90 |
| 33 | 87 |
| 4 | 81 |
| 20 | 81 |
| 204 | 81 |
| 40 | 72 |
| 94 | 67 |
| 81 | 62 |
| 60 | 56 |
| 207 | 48 |

DAY WATCH

| LINE # | # BOARDINGS |
|--------|-------------|
| 420 | 95 |
| 81 | 87 |
| 45 | 62 |
| 40 | 57 |
| 30 | 56 |
| 70 | 45 |
| 68 | 41 |
| 204 | 41 |
| 4 | 38 |
| 207 | 35 |

PM WATCH

| LINE # | # BOARDINGS |
|--------|-------------|
| 81 | 168 |
| 420 | 143 |
| 30 | 111 |
| 45 | 95 |
| 204 | 74 |
| 20 | 71 |
| 424 | 70 |
| 522 | 70 |
| 233 | 64 |
| 40 | 55 |

CALLS FOR SERVICE

ALL WATCHES

| LINE # | # OF CALLS |
|--------|------------|
| 20 | 21 |
| 204 | 17 |
| 18 | 14 |
| 207 | 13 |
| 40 | 12 |
| 4 | 11 |
| 420 | 10 |
| 33 | 9 |
| 16 | 9 |
| 2 | 8 |

AM WATCH

| LINE # | # OF CALLS |
|--------|------------|
| 40 | 5 |
| 204 | 5 |
| 207 | 3 |
| 30 | 2 |
| 420 | 2 |
| 4 | 2 |
| 234 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 |
| 20 | 1 |
| 105 | 1 |

DAY WATCH

| LINE # | # OF CALLS |
|--------|------------|
| 20 | 16 |
| 33 | 5 |
| 204 | 5 |
| 94 | 5 |
| 28 | 5 |
| 30 | 5 |
| 200 | 4 |
| 18 | 4 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 68 | 4 |

PM WATCH

| LINE # | # OF CALLS |
|--------|------------|
| 18 | 9 |
| 207 | 7 |
| 204 | 7 |
| 420 | 6 |
| 16 | 6 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 4 | 5 |
| 81 | 4 |
| 20 | 4 |
| 40 | 4 |

Total MTA Boardings
 Total Muni Boardings

6,478
 1,729

2000 YTD
BUS BOARDINGS

ALL WATCHES

| LINE | # BOARDINGS |
|------|-------------|
| 81 | 1358 |
| 420 | 1326 |
| 204 | 1291 |
| 30 | 1100 |
| 40 | 1049 |
| 45 | 1038 |
| 20 | 853 |
| 4 | 823 |
| 33 | 779 |
| 424 | 747 |

AM WATCH

| LINE | # BOARDINGS |
|------|-------------|
| 30 | 318 |
| 40 | 250 |
| 204 | 249 |
| 4 | 246 |
| 45 | 243 |
| 70 | 243 |
| 20 | 242 |
| 94 | 242 |
| 33 | 241 |
| 81 | 219 |

DAY WATCH

| LINE | # BOARDINGS |
|------|-------------|
| 81 | 438 |
| 420 | 433 |
| 45 | 330 |
| 40 | 324 |
| 204 | 303 |
| 30 | 296 |
| 68 | 275 |
| 210 | 240 |
| 70 | 227 |
| 207 | 227 |

PM WATCH

| LINE | # BOARDINGS |
|------|-------------|
| 420 | 601 |
| 81 | 586 |
| 204 | 489 |
| 40 | 421 |
| 30 | 419 |
| 20 | 368 |
| 45 | 363 |
| 424 | 303 |
| 2 | 299 |
| 522 | 291 |

2000 YTD
CALLS FOR SERVICE

ALL WATCHES

| LINE | # OF CALLS |
|------|------------|
| 20 | 75 |
| 204 | 72 |
| 4 | 54 |
| 207 | 46 |
| 420 | 44 |
| 40 | 39 |
| 18 | 37 |
| 210 | 34 |
| 2 | 34 |
| 30 | 30 |

AM WATCH

| LINE | # OF CALLS |
|------|------------|
| 204 | 11 |
| 20 | 10 |
| 420 | 10 |
| 60 | 8 |
| 40 | 8 |
| 207 | 6 |
| 4 | 6 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 10 | 5 |
| 33 | 5 |

DAY WATCH

| LINE | # OF CALLS |
|------|------------|
| 20 | 39 |
| 204 | 23 |
| 4 | 21 |
| 18 | 19 |
| 207 | 18 |
| 26 | 16 |
| 210 | 16 |
| 28 | 13 |
| 33 | 13 |
| 561 | 13 |

PM WATCH

| LINE | # OF CALLS |
|------|------------|
| 204 | 38 |
| 4 | 27 |
| 20 | 26 |
| 420 | 23 |
| 207 | 22 |
| 40 | 22 |
| 2 | 19 |
| 210 | 17 |
| 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 16 |

Total MTA boardings
Total Muni boardings

31,503
5,567

