

Police Reports

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

One male adult was arrested at 0223 hours at Imperial Highway and Main Street for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a suspended license.

Grand theft report was taken at 1258 hours room the 1900 block of E. Grand Avenue. A ring and \$200 US currency were taken.

Violation of a court order occurred at 1600 hours in the 300 block of Concord Street.

An on-line lost property report was taken at 1745 hours from Imperial Avenue and Main Street. A RIM Blackberry was lost.

One male adult was arrested at 2145 hours from the 600 block of Vista Del Mar for possession of a controlled substance, under the influence of a controlled substance and misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 2248 hours from the 400 block of Valley Street for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and was subsequently issued a citation.

One male adult was arrested at 2325 hours from Imperial Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard for one outstanding LASD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

One male adult was arrested at 0244 hours from Rosecrans Avenue and Manhattan Gateway for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0331 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Imperial Highway for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 0335 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Imperial Highway for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0549 hours from Imperial Avenue and Main Street for one outstanding LASD misdemeanor warrant.

One female adult was detained at 0912 hours from the 800 block of Sheldon Street and was transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

Criminal threats report was taken at 0925 hours in the 200 block of East El Segundo Boulevard.

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1212 hours in the 1700 block of East Pine Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into victim's vehicle and took items.

One male and one female were arrested at 1931 hours in the 500 block of West Sycamore Avenue for domestic violence.

One male adult was arrested at 1845 hours

in the 600 block of Penn Street for battery and resisting a peace officer.

One male adult was arrested at 2311 hours in the 200 block of East Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 2153 hours in the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue for suspicion of receiving stolen property.

Grand theft report was taken at 2114 hours in the 2300 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole victim's camera.

Lost property report was taken at 0018 hours in the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue. The reporting party lost their wallet.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Traffic accident with injuries occurred at 0721 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Street, two vehicles involved.

Forgery report was taken at 0849 hours in the 2000 block of East Rosecrans Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 1024 hours in the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue for criminal threats and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Dog bite occurred on 09/17/09 at 1000 hours at Grand Avenue and Kansas Street. Victim's dog was bitten by another dog.

One female adult was arrested at 1750 hours at Sepulveda Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue for two outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

Forgery report was taken at 1704 hours in the 700 block of Washington Street. Suspect used the victim's credit card.

One burglary report was taken at 2134 hours in the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into victim's vehicle and took items.

Two male adults and one female adult were arrested at 2202 hours in the 500 block of North Sepulveda for robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

One male adult was arrested at 0201 hours in the 600 block of Sheldon Street for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at 0338 hours at Vista Del Mar and Hyperion for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Misdemeanor hit and run occurred at 0536 hours at Rosecrans Avenue and Nash Street. A red pick-up truck hit a newspaper stand.

El Segundo Schools Score Higher on API Testing

By Brian Simon

All El Segundo Unified School District campuses increased their scores on the 2009 Academic Performance Index (API) as a result of their spring 2009 STAR test scores, according to results released last week. The four participating schools also again ranked in the state's top percentile, while each easily exceeded the state's benchmark goal of 800. El Segundo schools have already achieved their target goals and need only maintain levels above 800.

On a district level, El Segundo Unified surged 15 points compared to 2008, increasing its score from 862 to 877. El Segundo High School registered the largest individual jump, with a 22-point increase from 839 to 861. Richmond Street Elementary School broke the 900-point barrier by moving up 15 points from 894 to 909. Center Street Elementary School rose 10 points from 883 to 893 2008, while El Segundo Middle School finished three points higher at 884. "We're very pleased and excited about the academic progress our students have demonstrated on these scores," said Superintendent Dr. Geoff Yantz, who called the District's success a collaborative effort that included the dedication of teachers, staff, PTA members and the general community in addition to the students themselves.

Developed as a cornerstone of the state's Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999, the API is California's system for measuring school performance and tracking improvement, and is based on standardized testing. The index assigns a score for each campus, ranging from a low of 200 to a high of 1,000. By state mandate, schools that have yet to reach 800 are assigned annual growth targets. If a school doesn't meet its target growth, it is put on a list of low-performing schools and may get special assistance or grants to foster improvement. Schools that fall short consistently can be subject to strong local or state sanctions, including re-assigning the principal, reorganization or even school closure.

El Segundo schools continued their upward momentum despite significant state academic budget cuts. "At the beginning of every school year, each school site disaggregates all the test scores in order to zero in on areas of concern that need extra support," explained Janice Hickey, District Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services. "That way, they are able to pay particular attention and emphasize, for those who need it, that area of the curriculum."

As an example, El Segundo High targeted

Hispanic/Latino students as well as those considered socio-economically disadvantaged. That focus led to gains of 37 and 44 points respectively for those subgroups. "You can see from the scores for those subgroups that we had some amazing results," said Hickey. "We couldn't be happier about our progress, but of course there is always room for improvement, which is what we are always after."

As was the case in the previous year, the District partnered with UCLA, hiring a consultant for writing programs in the elementary schools and working intensively with teachers to support instruction. Middle school and high school teachers also received training on MyAccess, which allows students to type essays directly into a software program that instantly scores and assesses their efforts by giving them pointers and suggestions for improvements. A constant diagnostic for students and teachers, MyAccess can be used at the schools and/or at home. Teachers can even input prompts for a specific topic. Students without home computers can use the program during class time (at one of the schools' computer labs or at the library).

"UCLA and MyAccess were certainly helpful and we hope to have both of those programs implemented again next year," said Hickey. "Our fourth and seventh grade writing scores increased phenomenally and we will continue to pursue writing across the curriculum as a District goal, as well as the implementation of 21st Century skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. And of course, we will continue to focus strongly on math."

Meanwhile, the District faces the prospect of even more severe budget cuts over the next year—a scenario that worries Hickey. "For example, we won't get funding for after-school intervention classes to help those students who need it most, and that could potentially show up on test scores," she said. "So the money to a certain extent does influence the outcomes."

The next set of standardized tests will take place in late May, with the results published at the beginning of the 2010/11 school year. "Which is not optimal, since kids sometimes have difficulty seeing the connection between performance and scores with that huge a lag period," Hickey noted. "A lot of people hope the budget cuts will mitigate some of the excessive testing all the kids are put through. But regardless of what transpires due to budget problems, we will do everything in our power to help our students succeed and to maintain their high level of academic achievement."

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