

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Pacific Palisades Community,

I wanted to give everyone an update on where we are today. Most of you have been on numerous virtual meetings, whether with the Mayor's office, City Councilmember Traci Park's office, the Pacific Palisades Community Council office, or meetings with your neighbors. Your SLO Brian Espin has also been sending you daily and weekly updates, since the start of this horrific event. I want to encourage you to make sure you are getting your information from reliable resources. There are a lot of rumors going around about everyone leaving Palisades including LAPD. This is not true.

As with any catastrophic event or crime scene, when it begins numerous resources are called in. In this case, we formed a Unified Command with numerous entities, including everyone from Cal Fire, to LAFD, to LAPD, to LASD, to the National Guard, and so many other entities, throughout California, and even around the country and world. With any ongoing scene, eventually resources will be minimized based on the need and phase we are in. Fortunately, the fire is approximately 96 percent contained. We are at the phase where EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers, insurance, and private contractors are assessing the damage to properties, and how and when to begin the removal of hazardous debris. If you have not already begun the process with your insurance, please do. If you have not already begun the process of whether you are going to use the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers or a private contractor for hazardous debris removal, please begin.

Now, to clarify some of the rumors about LAPD pulling out and eliminating all checkpoints. This is not true. Due to the evacuation zones, fire, and hazardous areas minimizing, we have also minimized our perimeter. This is expected, and this is not a negative thing. In fact, this has allowed numerous residents to get back into their houses and neighborhoods, in areas that have not been damaged from the fire. As we move forward you will see a natural decreased footprint, as we are able to do so, in safe and strategic manner.

However, we still currently have checkpoints to make sure it is only residents and contractors that are being allowed into the neighborhoods. Additionally, we still have squads in the areas conducting directed patrol for any criminal activity. At some point checkpoints and resources will be reduced even more. However, again we will still plan to have squads throughout the day and night that will be assigned to the Palisades to conduct directed patrol in the area, to keep your neighborhood safe.

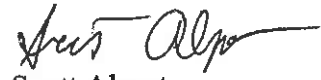
Please know, we understand your concern and the amount of stress everyone is going through. West LA and LAPD plans to be here with you, during the recovery and rebuild. This has not changed. Please stay safe!

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Alpert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Alpert