Council Member Bonin Thanks BSS

On January 29th, Council Member Mike Bonin met with Street Services Supervisor II Hugo Valencia and local community leader/organizer Haldis Toppel to thank them for working as a team to organize the resurfacing of Marquez Av. Ms. Toppel provided invaluable support as she orchestrated detour routes, distributed notifications, posted schedules, and identified areas to park equipment. Mr. Valencia stayed in constant communication with Ms. Toppel to synchronize the resurfacing efforts which eliminated inconveniences to local residents and disruption to local business. Because of their collaborative efforts, the project was completed in just four days.

BSS Keeps L.A.’s Runners Safe

The Investigation and Enforcement Division of the BSS permitted and regulated the New Year's 5K Marathon. The event attracted thousands of people from around the world to the streets of downtown Los Angeles on Saturday Jan 4, 2014. The revenue generated from the runners’ entry fees benefited local charities including “A Place Called Home”, which helps at-risk youth in South Los Angeles. The event was a resounding success and concluded without any incident.

UFD Has a Busy January

The Urban Forestry Division of the BSS was busy this month, responding to hundreds of emergency situations. For example, UFD responded to an emergency at 7500 BLK of 83rd Street, Playa Del Rey where a magnolia tree suffered a major limb failure. In another incident, UFD staff rigged a dead palm tree to safely remove the tree located at 7200 W. Hollywood BLVD. Staff also removed a dead tree at 1027 Hartsell. The limbs had to be roped and lowered to minimize damage to the street and the resident's yard.

BSS Completes Another Safe Routes to School Project

The Engineering division of the BSS has completed phase I of the Safe Routes to School Project at Micheltorena Elementary School in Council District 13. The improvements led by Council Member O’Farrell aim to enhance safety and promote walking and biking to school. Phase I of the Project includes: installation of 2 new bump-outs, 1 new curb ramp, relocation of 1 stop sign onto a bump-out, installation of bike corral and installation of 13 new street trees.