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Today, October 27, 2010, personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Parks Bureau, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), Los Angeles City Fire Department, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), Healthbridge Children's Hospital, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation, Los Angeles County Department of Animal Control, and the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Services dealt with the problem of transient encampments in the hills above the Hollywood Bowl.



Complaints had been received regarding threats and acts of violence, thefts, panhandling, littering, people bathing in residents pools, defecation, and fires started by the transients in the encampments. Fourteen men were removed from the encampments.

Ten men voluntarily accepted emergency shelter; one was taken to a local hospital for overdue medical treatment. The remaining three were fed, and after cleaning up, given some clothes and left by their choice. The California Department of Transportation collected enough trash to fill four dump trucks left by the transients.



The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) are dedicated to the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat. The MRCA manages and provides ranger services for almost 60,000 acres of public lands. The parks are owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and provide comprehensive education and interpretation programs for the public.



In addition to its efforts to assist Sheriffs with today's operation, the MRCA will provide habitat restoration for the public parkland that has been degraded. The MRCA will also follow up with further clean up and patrol to prevent illegal encampments from reestablishing.

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