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PRODUCTION ALERT

LAPD Issues Status Update Regarding Contract Services Section (CSS)

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has asked FilmL.A. to forward the following letter from the Emergency Operations Division to all Production Alert subscribers.

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to take the time to share with you some information concerning the status of Contract Services Section (CSS). As a member of the motion picture/television industry, you are an important stakeholder in our community and I felt it was necessary to come to you directly with this information. As you know the City is experiencing budget difficulties. One of the ways the Los Angeles Police Department is trying to address these budgetary issues is by reducing the amount of overtime hours worked by our employees. In order to do that, the Department is in the process of transferring several hundred employees back to patrol operations from other assignments like CSS. This resulted in the reassignment of some very talented and experienced personnel. CSS will be losing several staff members from the Film Unit. CSS is in the process of re-defining job duties with the remaining staff so that they may continue to support your industry.

Please remember that there are hundreds of police officers being reassigned and this goes well beyond CSS. Rest assured that CSS is still here and I look forward to our continued relationship. I will continue to keep you abreast of any future developments.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (213) 486-0680.

Regards,

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