

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BUREAU

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TO: All Community Safety Partnership Bureau Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Community Safety Partnership Bureau

SUBJECT: BEST PRACTICES FOR REPASTS AND OTHER POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Safety Partnership Bureau (CSPB) is committed to providing professional and compassionate law enforcement service to the diverse communities and cultures within Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Neighborhood Engagement Areas. It is understood, however, that the passing of community members, and the services that follow, can be sensitive times that require a comprehensive community plan to ensure a safe space is created for those impacted and seeking to gather.

Since the foundation of the CSP model is built upon partnering with non-law-enforcement entities to better serve the community, steps must be taken to ensure all concerned partners are united when planning for events. Such partners include, but are not limited to, The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD), Watts Gang Task Force, City Council district offices and various community-based organizations, as well as local schools, neighborhood residents and faith-based organizations.

Below is a list of recommended actions that should be taken to ensure the vision and values of CSPB are met, while working cohesively with our partners to better serve the community during large or potentially sensitive events:

- Community members/partners should be encouraged to notify CSPB of any event that may impact the community at large;
- Upon being made aware of an upcoming repast or other similar community event, the concerned CSP Team Leader shall notify the CSPB chain of command as soon as practicable. At a minimum, the information should include the name of the deceased, date and time of the repast or vigil, the anticipated location and number of attendees, and any concerns the advising party may have regarding safety;
- The concerned Officer in Charge, CSPB, shall verify the information and promptly notify community partners, GRYD and impacted geographic Area Command(s), as well as outside law enforcement agencies that may also be affected. The Captains of the impacted Area(s) should also be invited to be involved in the planning process from the outset, particularly as it pertains to the deployment of resources;

- CSP Team Leaders shall document a response plan related to any potentially sensitive event on an Incident Command System (ICS) Form 201 and submit to the CSPB chain of command for review;
- When feasible, a meeting should be scheduled at least one week prior to any large/sensitive event, and all concerned community partners should be encouraged to be in attendance. At the meeting, conditions will be set and agreed upon by all entities on the partnership team;
- Locations for events should be selected in a manner that satisfies all community and partner interests but does not infringe upon the rights of fellow residents and/or property owners;
- Community partners should be encouraged to be both present and engaged at any/all community events to assist with the communication of expectations and the mitigation of issues prior to any police enforcement;
- Ground rules and expectations related to a code of conduct for those who attend events should be set in advance. This includes applicable laws and municipal codes, as well as responsibilities related to post-event clean up; and,
- Each event shall be debriefed thoroughly and include community feedback. The main points/lessons gleaned should be shared with the partnership team and community stakeholders to identify best practices or areas to improve in preparing for future events.

As always, CSPB will rely on diplomacy and community partners to mitigate issues if they arise. If problems persist, enforcement actions may be taken to ensure public safety while demonstrating fair and impartial treatment of the community members we are sworn to serve.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Captain Ryan Whiteman, Community Safety Partnership Bureau, at (213) 486-8265.



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