

**Los Angeles Police Department  
Van Nuys Area  
Community Police Advisory Board Minutes  
September 8, 2022  
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Attendees:

Captain I Marla Ciuffetelli  
Sgt. II Maria Pedroza  
Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana  
Senior Lead Officer Kristan Delatori  
Senior Lead Officer Mike Perez  
Senior Lead Officer Joel Gutierrez  
Senior Lead Officer George Lara  
Senior Lead Officer Mariana Romo  
Officer Evlin Akserelian

Co-Chair Andrea Jones  
Dean Hall  
Robert Danelen  
Alan Scher  
Marilynn Bradbury  
Jesse Womack

Ruth Nunez  
Mirna Chavez (guest)  
Zeferino Agraz (guest)  
Penny Meyer  
Sean Kurzweil

**Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Co-Chair Andrea Jones. She welcomed all those in attendance.

**Captain's Crime and Divisional Update:**

Patrol Captain Ciuffetelli introduced herself and provided members with crime statistics. She informed that Van Nuys Area was doing well, gave the numbers for last week compared to previous week and current week. She discussed tandem parking and provided a few tips: i.e. to lock their doors, windows and side gates. Reminded attendees to take the fob key and not leave it in their car and not leave the car running while they go inside the house. She discussed how catalytic converters are still being stolen from vehicles. She informed attendees that September is National Emergency Preparedness month and provided tips on things they would need in case of an emergency. She also spoke about Police recruitment and how the community members can help with recruitment.

**Announcements:**

Officer Perez announced Van Nuys Area will partner up with Clergy Council for our "Faith in Blue, Peace Walk" event on October 7, 2022, in front of the Police Station. Officer Perez requested the support and participation of the CPAB members.

Officer Delatori announced there will be “LAPD Recruitment” at Valley Community College on October 8, 2022.

Captain Ciuffetelli announced “Cops & Cowboys” is on October 1, 2022.

### **SLO Reports:**

**Officer Romo** - Officer Romo discussed key fobs left in vehicles. She reminded members that if they tandem park, they should not leave the keys nor anything in plain sight. There is an increase in BFMVs and TFMVs in underground parking structures but there has been a decrease in BFMVs and TFMVs at the mall parking structures. She had a cleanup scheduled on September 8, 2022 at Valleyheart Drive and Sepulveda Boulevard.

**Officer Perez** – Officer Perez informed the members that there has been a spike in estes robberies in the area and most of them involve transients. He has been working with school PD and the other SLOs to assist with traffic control in school zones during school hours. He advised the members that he is the liaison for the Clergy Council.

**Officer Delatori** – Officer Delatori discussed vacant houses in Van Nuys Division and that she is working with all the SLOs, community members, property owners and Building and Safety to avoid trespassers and squatters.

**Officer Lara** - Officer Lara informed there have been some thefts of catalytic converters along Vanowen corridor and tips on prevention. He advised that it is unfortunate that some of the residents from 405 freeway encampments are walking in the neighborhoods and going into open garages and trying doors so please lock your doors. The encampments on the 405 freeway are Caltrans and CHP responsibility. Asked members to continue using MYLA311 for bulky items to help with the cleanups in the community.

**Officer Gutierrez** – Officer Gutierrez informed that he is working with sanitation for transient encampment/treehouse on Bessemer Street and Cedros Avenue. Thanked volunteers for their communication with him about issues in the area and for helping with the cleanups.

**Officer Saldana** – Officer Saldana informed members that violent crimes and property crimes are down. Officer Saldana advised that there have been several arrests made and he is working with the community and the city council to clean up the transient encampment concern on Ventura Boulevard and Stern Avenue.

### **Committee Reports:**

Blight Abatement - (Penny Meyer) Community cleanup set up for September 17, 2022.

Homelessness – (Sean Kurzweil) Working with the businesses along Ventura Boulevard. Brought safety concerns from business owners regarding homeless.

Emergency Preparedness – (George Thomas) Not present, nothing to report.

Outreach – (Open) Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

The next meeting will be October 6, 2022, and notification will be sent to members and posted on social media.