



Hollywood Area C-PAB

Co-Chairs: Captain Ray Valois & Ferris Wehbe

Meeting Notes

August, 17 2022, 2:00 pm

I. Hollywood Station Command Update

Ray Valois, Captain III, LAPD Station Commander – Hollywood Division

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Hollywood Division crime update:

- YTD 7 homicides so far this year vs 4 last year. Of the 7 homicides, 6 have been solved and arrests have been made. None of these were stranger crimes.
- Rapes are down slightly from 80 last year to 78.
- Robberies are up 16% over last year, with 404 compared with 347 last year.
- Aggravated assaults are down 7.5% compared to last year. Last year there were 683, so far this year we have only had 632.
- Overall violent crime numbers are flat.

Recently CM Mitch O'Farrell (CD13) made a motion to the City Council to get LAPD an additional 2,300 overtime hours specifically to address violent crime in Hollywood Division.

Captain Yasir Gillani

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Heads up regarding CicLAvia Sunday August 21, 2022

Be aware that even though the event starts at 9:00 am, starting 5:00 am Sunday the off ramps from the 101 in Hollywood will be shut down and traffic will be impacted by the closure of Hollywood Blvd.

(Hollywood Blvd from Virgil to Highland)

Visit the CicLAvia website for more details and the route map: <https://www.ciclavia.org/>

II. Government Officials Updates

The following representatives in attendance gave quick updates:

Hector Vega, Deputy District Director - LA City Council Member Mitch O'Farrell's Office (CD13)

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They are anticipating more beds becoming available later this week.

Question from a community member: If areas identified as "sensitive" under the revised LAMC 41.18, are on the border between Council Districts (CD4 and CD13) how will the Council Offices be dealing with the new 500 foot rule?

Hector: The ordinance will take effect 30 days from the Council Vote (which was on August 2nd). There will still be the process of coordinating Care Plus cleanups with LAPD (giving 72 hour notice). LAPD enforcement is the same regardless of what district the encampment is in.

Mehmet Berker, Field Representative – LA City Council Member Nithya Raman's Office (CD4)
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The Bureau of Street Lighting has been doing work in the Cahuenga Pass. Sunset / Martel encampment is continuing to get outreach.

III. Committee Reports

Brett Cohen, LAPD Volunteers & Reserves Coordinator

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Officer Cohen introduced Lamar who is a star Hollywood Volunteer. He provides administrative support and other volunteer contributions.

The uniformed volunteer patrol launched a new effort in the Hollywood Entertainment District last week. They were distributing awareness flyers provided by Hollywood United Neighborhood Council that advise visitors to "lock it, hide it, keep it." They also participated in a community foot beat patrol with SLO Brian White.

Coming up, there will be a radar detail in the Hollywood Hills West area with Officer Buck. The LAPD Reserves will be doing some investigative work.

SLO Mika Gonzales, Emergency Preparedness

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The Los Angeles Fire Department is collaborating with the Los Angeles Police Department to provide disaster preparedness training for community members and organizations. This training is being facilitated through the Community Emergency Response Team Unit. Anyone who is interested in the training should contact their Senior Lead Officer and let them know.

Ethan Higuera, Social Media Committee

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LAPD Hollywood has two social media platforms under: **@LAPDHollywood**
Twitter currently has 38,700 followers, and Instagram has 19,600. Please share with friends and neighbors to help grow these numbers.

The most recent PSA about cell phone thefts inside Hollywood nightclubs got about 9,400 views. If anyone in the community wants to participate, volunteer or has ideas of PSA topics, please reach out to the Social Media Committee co-chair, SLO Paul Jordan: 32285@lapd.online

SLO Brian Oliver, Outreach Committee

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Hollywood National Night Out Event on August 2nd was a huge success and thank you to SLO Heather Mata and community member Alexa Iles-Skarpelos for organizing it.

There were two Active Shooter Trainings, one at Southern California Hospital in Hollywood and one at the Disney El Capitan Theatre. It's about a hour long training to help people deal appropriately with an active shooter incident. It can be done with large or small groups, businesses, apartment complexes etc.

We are also asking for suggestions of people you think would be great additions to join the CPAB board.

IV. Questions & Feedback from the Community

Question from a community member: The number of rapes (78) in Hollywood the Captain shared is shocking, why is that number so high?

SLO Brian White: Many of these incidents originate in the Entertainment District and are associated with people patronizing the bars and nightclubs and the high level of alcohol consumption is a big factor. Officer White advises people stick together when going out to clubs and bars because there's safety in numbers.

Question From A Community Member: Can you provide some clarity around the 500 foot rules (LAMC 41.18) as it relates to day cares. Does that mean the Carlos encampment will be cleared?

Shannan Calland: That location will be cleaned because of the proximity to the Delaney Wright Preschool. They are waiting for availability of beds so that they can move people from that encampment indoors.

Question From A Community Member: What can you tell us about the recent incident of an elderly man who was sucker punched, then robbed outside a Hollywood area restaurant (as he was sitting on the restaurant patio) in the middle of the day?

Captain Valois: That incident occurred on August 1st. The suspect was taken into custody, he was arrested and booked for robbery and charges were filed.

Question From A Community Member: Why are there zero beds available (for unhoused) please explain?

Mehmet Berker: One of the challenges is that the State is winding down the Project Room Key program, which was established during the pandemic to house people in hotels and motels across the city. On top of that there are issues with existing shelter sites having quarantine / social distancing issues.

V. Announcements & Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 21, 2022 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)
CicLAvia "Meet the Hollywoods" Event

Sunday, August 28, 2022 (8:00 am – 8:00 pm)
Thai New Year Festival Event

September 10, 2022
World Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness Day

Link to view the meeting recording:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/zyfuceb6qximqmr/August%2017%202022%20%20video%20Recording_640x360.mp4?dl=0

Meeting Adjourned at 2:53 pm

AUG Meeting Attendees
(alphabetical list)

Mike Aguilera-Gaudette
Bill Anderson
Nyla Arslanian
Mehmet Berker
Deborah Brosseau
Hollace Brown
Shannan Calland
Elsie Chua
Lea Clement
Brett Cohen
Cesar Corona
Chad Costello
Brandi D'Amore
Adam DaSilva
Judy Dowden
Craig Epstein
Ellen Evans
Orrin Feldman
Brian Folb
Yasir Gillani

Mika Gonzalez
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Helen Jacks
Mark Jarmus
Paul Jenkins
Charles Jin
Augusta Johnson
Val Keegan
Josh Kurpies
Vadim Levotman
Diego Lopez
Sebastian Lozano
Alonzo Machuca
Heather Mata
Connie McCreight
Jeff McDonough
Brendan McMannus
Galo Medina
Nicole Miner
Brian Oliver

Jorge Placencia
Joe Rehfeld
Fran Reichenbach
Lynn Roth
Jesse Rubalcava
Carole Ruggier
Keith Samuels
Marty Shelton
Cherilyn Smith
Jimmy Valenzuela
Ray Valois
Hector Vega
Ethan Weaver
Ferris Wehbe
Janet Weiland
Brian White
Jodi Wing
Ofer Zahavi
Hoss Zargaran