Southeast Area

Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)

September 28, 2023

1. Southeast Area Community Relations and Senior Lead Supervisor Sergeant Spangler Update:

- We have a new Patrol Division Commanding Officer, Rachel Rodriguez

This month we have seen an increase in the number of shots fired, burglary, robbery rape cases, shooting victims, aggravated assaults, and motor vehicle theft arrests. This month, we have seen a decrease in homicide rates, aggravated assaults, a decline in all property crimes (except burglary), etc.
- Sgt. Spangler wanted to note that the crimes on this report are based on what officers reported.
- No major/significant crime occurred this week of 09/28/2023

2. Special Guest Speakers: Detective Reyes Southeast Narcotics

- Narcotics is responsible for combating the illegal drug trade within the city of Los Angeles. Narcotics officers work to investigate, apprehend, and dismantle drug trafficking organizations operating in the region. They conduct undercover operations surveillance and execute search warrants to seize illegal drugs and related contraband. SE Narcotics’ mission is to reduce drug-related crime, protect public safety, and support community well-being by enforcing drug laws and promoting a drug-free environment in Los Angeles.
- Detectives informed the community of the rising rates of fentanyl use. There has been an increase of use moving into SE division, in many cases in schools! This is due to its marketing; fentanyl is being made with different stamps/colors, making it look like candy or MDMA.
- Went over fentanyl education:
  - **Potent Synthetic Opioid**: Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is significantly more potent than other opioids, such as morphine and heroin.
  - **Medical Uses**: It is prescribed by doctors for the treatment of severe pain, particularly in cancer patients or after major surgery.
  - **Illicit Use**: Fentanyl is also illicitly manufactured and sold on the black market, often mixed with other drugs like heroin, cocaine, oxy, and ecstasy. It is easily made and does not require a medical-grade laboratory to make such a drug.
  - **Appearance**: Fentanyl can come in various forms, and its appearance can vary depending on how it's manufactured and sold. Common forms
    - **Powder**: Illicit fentanyl is often found as a white or off-white powder, similar in appearance to cocaine or heroin.
- **Pills**: Illegally produced fentanyl may be pressed into counterfeit pills, sometimes made to look like prescription opioids.
- **Patches**: In medical settings, fentanyl is administered through patches that slowly release the drug through the skin.
- **Nasal Sprays**: Some legitimate fentanyl products are available in the form of nasal sprays.
  - **Highly Lethal**: Due to its potency, even a small amount of fentanyl can be lethal, and accidental overdose is a major concern.
  - **Overdose Epidemic**: The misuse of fentanyl and its analogs has significantly increased opioid overdose deaths in recent years.
  - **Risks of Exposure**: First responders and law enforcement are at risk of accidental exposure when handling or responding to incidents involving fentanyl.
  - **Naloxone**: Naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, is often used to counteract the effects of a fentanyl overdose.

- Recognizing a fentanyl overdose involves observing signs like unresponsiveness, slow or shallow breathing, pinpoint pupils, and cyanosis. If someone exhibits these symptoms, it's essential to call 911 immediately and administer naloxone, if available. Continue rescue breathing if the person isn't breathing and stay with them while monitoring their condition. Placing the person in the recovery position can help prevent choking. Time is of the essence in fentanyl overdoses, so swift action and professional medical assistance are critical for saving lives.
  - **Legal Status**: Fentanyl is a controlled substance, and the unauthorized possession, distribution, or manufacturing of fentanyl is illegal.

- Fentanyl is a dangerous drug, and its misuse can have severe and life-threatening consequences.
- Mexico is the #1 supplier of this drug, and India comes in 2nd in largest suppliers.
- Narcotics Detectives primarily work based on tips, so they encourage you to call the department with any information or use crime stoppers.
  - Information can always stay anonymous.

3. Public Announcements:
   a. Officer Hill:
      - Conference call October 5th at 1PM
      - Clergy/Community meeting will be held on October 10th at 12:45 PM
      - Clergy Walk will be on October 26th at 10:00 AM; meeting point will be at Saint Augustine Baptist Church
        - This walk will be taking over our regularly scheduled C-PAB meeting
      - Faith and Blue event will be held on October 7th from 12 PM until 3 PM (flyers to be sent out via email)
   b. Officer Roth:
      - Traffic collisions have gone down
      - Tip-A-Cop event was able to raise 7,000 dollars for the Special Olympic games
• Car seat inspection event will be held October 24th from 11 AM-3 PM at the Locke College Preparatory Academy (325 E 11th Street)
• SE Neighborhood Association Meeting going on October 21st at 1207 Hoover, Los Angeles
• Traffic Division Carnival happening October 27, 28, 29 between Manchester and 89th Street
• Officer Roth wanted to remind the community that if they see any street racing, have any tips, or need speed bumps put on neighborhood roads to call his cell or email him

c. Victoria (Children of the Night case manager):
• Reminding community that posters for victims of human trafficking are up on Figueroa Street
• Children of the Night has seen that their posters have been vandalized and asks the community to be vigilant; if they see something, say something - they are willing to prosecute for these actions
• Next meeting Clergy Walk Oct 26th at 10:00 AM; meeting point will be at Saint Augustine Baptist Church