Community Police Advisory Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Location: Zoom only  
Call to Order: Ron Mito, Civilian Co-Chair  
Members Present: 14, 1 excused.  
LAPD Personnel: 6

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Approved with the following corrections: Tranc spelling should be Tranq, under Transportation Rob should be accredited with the comment about the road diet being extended. Ron K. wants to add National in front of Night Out on Crime under events. Georgina made the motion to accept, Vicky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker: Sgt. II Felicia McAdams, Beach Detail
   Newly promoted to the position. She has already arranged for a training day including patrol, SLOs, City Attorney, BID, and lifeguards. Procedures and guidelines were reviewed. Goal is to be proactive, not reactive. Communication between shifts has been improved, not just incidents being documented, but shared verbally so next detail can circle back.
   There will be a maximum deployment on Memorial Day including bike, ATV, and foot beats. Safety tips, like no drinking on the beach will be handed out. Anticipate 3 Sergeants supervising three shifts, A, B, C for four weeks, 23 hours of coverage. Circle, St. Joseph’s, and Urban Academy are part of the team. There has been an uptick in homeless on the beach. If they don’t want to accept services, they cannot be forced.
   Dockweiler Beach is part of Beaches and Harbor, 6 miles of beach going all the way to Santa Monica. They oversee code enforcement. Electronic board will address traffic jams, informing beachgoers if the parking lot is full. The goal is to spread out officers to provide a presence. Venice Sub-station window has been replaced. Sub-station will open on Memorial Day.
Concern about the tents on Toes Beach in Play del Rey. Parking lot being paved. Enforcement is being done like citing for curfew violations. Unable to remove property.

**Captain Applegate’s Report** - Started his report with accolades for Sgt. McAdams, who has been in her position for only 10 days. Task lists are already done. It’s a big job which she is taking very seriously. Captain Applegate has been busy: attended the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association meeting, Boosters Meeting, Police Academy graduation, Beach detail orientation, Jewish Community Symposium with Sgt. Cook, Gateway LA Board meeting, Del Rey Neighborhood Council meeting, Western Regional alliance, Police Memorial at PAB.

Ceremonies were held in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to honor 239 officers fallen in the line of duty, 2 more officers were added in 2022: Fernando Arroyos and Huston Tipping.

Two weeks ago, there was a significant arrest of a sophisticated burglary crew. Crew targeted specific properties taking cash, jewelry, high end clothing and handbags. They were arrested in Arcadia. Crime is down since this arrest.

Narcotics is requesting Crimestoppers tips. These tips help lead to arrest of individuals selling drugs. Pacific leads the city in catalytic converter theft. Prius cars are targeted. Dense population, open garages are significant factors. Task force tonight saturating the area with police presence.

Challenging because these thefts are considered misdemeanors, non-violent crimes. They are often done by career criminals, sometimes gang members, often armed. Citizens should report, but not engage with individuals.

Venice BID truck was burned on Harcourt, another truck was affected. LAFD is investigating whether it was arson. Footage from cameras in the area are being viewed.

Shooting on Fiji Way and Lincoln was a homicide, driver was a victim of road rage. It is an isolated incident. There is a memorial on the strip in the middle of the lanes. Overtime is being used to bring in motor officers to address traffic concerns.

George added in the chat Biz Feed Pulse Poll
https://bizfeed2023.co7.qualtriccom/jfe/forms/sv_eK14cNAb40z304K

SLO Ramirez is still not cleared for active duty. He is visiting his doctor at the end of the month.

Concern over increase in fireworks, especially near the bike path. Campaign will start soon educating public that fireworks are illegal in Los Angeles. It is hard to catch people in the act. Social media and banners will be used.

**Sgt. Cook** Catalytic converter etching tomorrow. Only 2 appointments left. Email is the best way to contact him: 36258@LAPD.ONLINE

**SLO Castaneda A-13** Task forces are running Burglaries are up 43 -2022, currently 51 year to date. 18% increase in theft from motor vehicles.

41.18 trying to comply and enforce, working with CD #11. Report issues with non-emergency number 1-877-ASK-LAPD and send a picture. Dockweiler Beach is busy. Pacific is being proactive, using overtime details to suppress crime.
Bolero incident: man had an altercation with a crew of 20, was transported to a hospital. Man did not want to make a report, refused medical attention. Report listed unknown victim in a battery.

Concern about new campers at Westchester Park near the Senior Center. Trying to get bigger and better signage. AM patrol has been made aware of new campers.

SLO Villery-A-25- Burglary and thefts from motor vehicles is up. Last year 56, this year so far 77. CARE was at Bundy, and Barrington underpass today. He is aware of the pop up at Rose Corridor. Cautions everyone to be aware of your surroundings.

SLO Acosta A11 & 13,
A11 is having a good year so far crime is down 38%.
A13- Part I is down 24.9%. Violent crime is down 60%, Aggravated assaults are down 88%.

Palms in the last 5 weeks has had Part I crimes go up 20%. Arrest of a known criminal went well. Jasmine south encampment will have visits from CARE.

Saturday is Community Day in front of the Expo Station, Councilwoman Park will be there at 1:30 P.M.

There will be a sweep of inoperable vehicles with another one scheduled next week. LADOT is the lead agency on impounding RVs.

Inside Safe being implemented at Venice and Tuller. SLO working with Building and Safety on partially secured burned building.

SLO Pinell- A67- Working with the new leadership at HHLA to prevent juveniles from causing chaos. GTA increase at Century and rental car areas. Burglary crew caught in Westport Heights has caused crime to diminish.

Thefts of packages are up. People need to arrange for neighbors to pick up or instruct driver to hide from street view.

Shoplifting is up at Marshalls, and WWS Shoe store. Officers Davis and Gill arrested a repeat offender.

Boosters: Ron K announced that there will not be a carnival this year.
Fund raiser planned September 23 at the LA Police Museum with a band, silent auction, and other activities. Save the date. The funds raised will used to support Station and youth activities.

Need help in securing auction items: suggestions are: sports tickets, certificates for restaurants.

Claudia Martin, Neighborhood Prosecutor- There has been a restructuring of the criminal branch and community agencies. Last week Gang, Domestic Violence units were reassigned to a different criminal branch, now at LAX. More duties have been assigned. Assignments are triaged. May 8 date of reassignment. Move to be re-evaluated in January. 17 years ago, Ms. Martin attended her first CPAB meeting. Her position is a positive asset to the community.
CD #11 – Ashley thanked Captain Applegate and the Senior Lead officers for their support. It is much appreciated.

LMU: Capt. McAllister – No report

Member concerns: included in SLO reports.

Committees:

Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains: Tentative date is May 30, in person.

Emergency Preparedness: Joe sent out information to be shared with your groups. May is National Bike Month.

Events:
National Night Out on Crime, Committee will be formed soon.
June 7th, John Otani is running against George Gascon. Talk to George about this event.

Transportation: Talking to CD #11 about the 4 North-South streets that feed into Venice Blvd. DOT advised that signal timing needs to be improved.

Recreation and Parks – Astrid reported uptick in activities at Westminster Park. 9-week Summer Camp will be held with extended care, and field trips.
Rose restrooms closed due to fire damage. Trying to get them repaired and made safer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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