Community-Police Advisory Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Time: 6:00 P.M. Hybrid Meeting
Call to Order: Ron Mito, Civilian Co-Chair
Members Present- 22
City Employees-3
LAPD Personnel- 11

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Approved as submitted with the correction of Battalion 4 does include Playa del Rey. Neighborhood Watch overlaps with Neighborhood Councils to form a safety net. NTP program included a class on Neighborhood Security and situational awareness. Link is: www.ntp-la.org
Block captains meeting date has been changed to November 16, 2023.

Captain Applegate’s Report- 
He has been busy with community events. He attended Westchester/Playa safety meeting discussing occurring crimes. These contacts help re-evaluate and brainstorm better use of resources and prevent crime. He hopes to connect with neighborhood watch and neighborhood councils to continue to build the partnerships.
Santa sleigh’s travels are being scheduled. Mar Vista Farmer’s Market will have a toy drive.

Sgt. Lovick- In addition to his many duties, he is also the Terrorism Liaison officer. Officers get training and share information with the other geographic areas. He gets daily updates, which include details of the Hamas-Israel conflict, narcotics activities, and maritime smuggling activities. Information is shared at roll call. There is a big bulletin board outside of roll call room with information also shared with the Watch Commander.

See something, say something is still in effect. Add IWATCH app to your phone. Be aware of your surroundings. Peace officers count on the community to be eyes and ears on the ground. Report suspicious activity and behaviors.

Pacific has several critical sites which are routinely patrolled. LAX is the largest airport, power plant and the Marina. SLOs have a site survey. Information is shared with other areas.
FBI is reporting that hate crimes are up nationwide as well as in Los Angeles. Soft targets are hospitals and schools. Major crimes unit does the investigation.

Be prepared and have a plan. Survey your neighborhood, Who’s on my team? Have a Go bag in your car and at home. Be prepared for any disaster. Have an out of state contact for family members to call. First responders are not going to be available during a disaster.

**Senior Lead Officers:**

**A25**- Vehicle thefts are down along with GTA. However, burglaries are up 64.5%, crews are still working the area. Reported times to watch 12:00-5:00 A.M. and 5:00P.M. -9:30 P.M. Houses undergoing fumigation should request extra patrol.

**A-49**- Rise in stolen property. 30% of the stolen cars have keys in them. Of the burglaries 3/6 have property in plain view. Lock, Hide it, keep it. Year to date there have been 10 less crimes than last year. Door knocking is happening again. If expecting packages coordinate with neighbors or use a locker. Sanitation was at Globe and Venice. 45 of the “residents” accepted housing. There are fences up to prevent repopulation.

**A27**- He has supervised 3 cleanups in the last 10 days. Burglary crews working the area. Get in by smashing rear windows. A black Charger waits on the street. Patrol has made 27 great arrests. GTA is trending down. 986 crimes, year to date.

**A45**- Crime is 12.6% down, property crime is 6.1% up Hondas are the most stolen car. Be sure to lock car doors. Part I, 4.5% increase equals 49 crimes. Sanitation did a cleanup at Mar and Washington. Upcoming scheduled clean-ups at Coral Tree near Home Depot, Culver and the 90 Freeway.

Black Friday is coming up, park in well-lit area, keep parcels out of sight in the vehicle. Packages can be delivered at work, neighbor ’s house or off-site lockers; Amazon, Whole Foods and 7-11 have them.

**A13**- Welcome Sam Gil. Year to date 3 homicides, arrests made on 2. R Robberies are up on the Lincoln corridor. Rise in vehicle thefts.

**A11**- Vending task force on Oceanfront Walk. Working with Animal Services in Oakwood, Mar Vista, and Westchester to enforce lease laws. Abbot-Kinney is experiencing more burglaries. Meetings scheduled once a month with owners. Tuesdays look for her on Oceanfront Walk with various resource agencies. Ozone Park closes at 10:00 P.M. Stolen cars have been recovered from that parking lot. Vending is a challenge as there are no penalties, not even an infraction. More education is needed. Working with CD #11 to revisit the laws.

**A67**- Clean-ups on the Centinela Corridor, hazardous RV was impounded. Thankful of the support from CD#11. Osage Ave. RV moved. Officers experience the traffic on the westside, too. Motors are out daily citing for violations. Expect worse traffic because of
the holidays. Population swells to 6 million during daytime hours, reduces to 3 million at night. Working with LASHA to get resources where they are needed.

**A73-** Out while recovering from an injury.

SLO job is different than it was 2 years ago. Captain Applegate stated encampments are looking better. Removal is resource intense, but if done right will be more effective.

Toy Drive boxes are ready to go out after Thanksgiving. Toys should be in by Dec. 16. Let Sgt. Cook know of any good locations. Playa Vista Runway will have a box, Playa Vista, no.

**Member News**
Rob Kadota is now an American League Certified Bike Instructor. He can teach bike safety classes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events:** Sgt. Cook -Thanksgiving next event, November 22. Hot food should arrive by 3:00 P.M. Restaurants confirmed are Casa Sanchez, Gulp, and Marie Callender for pies. There is enough help scheduled.

Quake Heroes, Dec.1, 6-9 P.M. Westchester YMCA

**Emergency Preparedness:** Information previously sent out via email.

**Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains:**
Block Captains: Thursday, November 16 at the ARTC, 7:00 P.M.

**Transportation:** Steve reported that RV parked near corners are making visibility a problem, especially turning onto Washington. In the chat: https:www.latimes.com california /story/2023-10-21/losangelesmetro -transist-ambassadors

**Boosters-**
Holiday tree and wreath sale is closed.
Muscle Beach Toy Drive is Dec. 3, all are invited
Monetary donations are encouraged ,there is a link on the Boosters website.

**E Waste collection** in April. Please save old electronic devices, especially ones with screens.

**CD #11 –** Under the 405, all individuals have been housed. Report location of any people still roaming. Sean grateful for SLOs being on site during clean-ups.
Under the 405 is cleaned out, beautification project will be collaborative between CD #11, Culver City and CD#5 is being planned, work postponed because of 10 Freeway fire. Community will have input.
CD #11- Trying to expand adopt a freeway to include underpasses. Need to make it part of the community.

**LMU: Capt. McAllister** – No report

**Recreation and Parks** – Flyer distributed for Breakfast with Santa, and classes available at Westchester Senior Center.
Saturday, Dec. 9, 11-2 P.M. Open House with many city departments. Flyer will be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th, 2024**

**Happy Holidays!**

Respectfully Submitted:
Pat Karasick