

**Devonshire Area
Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting Via Zoom
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7 PM**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker: Incoming Devonshire Area Commanding Officer, Captain Lucas

- Capt. Lucas was previously assigned to Devonshire as the Watch Commander (2018) and the Detective Commanding Officer (2019)
- Familiar with the crime trends and problems in the Division and community concerns
Will continue to work with patrol, specialized resources and community stakeholders and work on public education and enforcement and Devonshire's crime missions
- Currently assigned as Assistant Commanding Officer at Force Investigation Division (FID) -- its primary responsibility is to handle all in-depth investigations into all categorical use of force by the department
This includes all the officer-involved shootings, law enforcement-related injuries, carotid restraint holds, canine contacts with hospitalization, in-custody deaths, and negligent discharge of a firearm
- Before being assigned to FID, he was the Captain at Valley Traffic Division and prior to that the Patrol Captain at North Hollywood Station

Q/A:

- What is first on your list when you start at Devonshire?
Will continue to look at community concerns regarding homeless encampments and the crimes surrounding those locations and staffing levels and maintain personnel strength
- Any goals for the volunteers at Devonshire?
Captain Lucas knows the value of the volunteer cadre – Will support volunteer programs and recruitment

State of Devonshire: Captain Samer Issa

- Overall crime trends are down
- Theft from motor vehicles remain a concern but is improving
- There has been an increase in catalytic converter thefts, especially targeting Toyotas
For prevention of thefts from motor vehicles (BTFMV), remove valuables from vehicles and use secure parking where possible
- Open House/Pancake Breakfast/Car Show is this Saturday
A citizen will be recognized for rescuing a motorist from a burning Tesla at the event

Senior Lead Reports:

- 17A23 – SLO Phillip Yu
Increased activity in the field and multiple-vehicle impounds
Ongoing SARA (Scanning, Analysis Response, Assessment) project at Chatsworth Station (Devonshire St. and Canoga Ave.) with strong collaboration with patrol officers
- 17A35 – SLO John Parker
Focus on GTA and BTFMV
Residential BURGs are down by 64% YTD
Community concerns regarding development projects
Emphasis on catalytic converter theft protection/prevention

- 17A49 – SLO Greg Andrachick
Encampment clean up at Petit Park has been completed with multiple arrests and housing placements
Strong support from CD 12 in keeping former problem areas clean
Over 60 RV's have been impounded recent operations and there has been a significant improvement across the Division
New law allows faster disposal of RV's
Great work with all the officers and CD 12
Basic Car Meeting with 17A95 on April 21 at 7PM via Zoom
- 17A67 – SLO Sandra Zamora
Increase in AGG's along the Roscoe corridor, between Wystone and Lindley
Increase in GTA's scattered around A67
Next Basic Car meeting for 17A67 is on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 6 PM at the United Methodist Church
- 17A95 – interim SLO Anthony Villegas
Down to one individual at the encampment at Roscoe/Balboa
Parking enforcement issues at Schoenborn and Lindley are being addressed
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- Homeless Coordinator – SLO Sean Taylor
The Cielo which is a permanent supportive housing project for 99 unhoused individuals has opened in Chatsworth
Travel Lodge remains as temporary housing (maximum stay is 6 months)
As of April 1, 2026, due to the contract with the Sherrif's expiring, LAPD has taken over the radio calls for the three county facilities in Devonshire – Mental Health Center at Nordhoff/Comanche, Social Security Office and DPSS at Plummer/Canoga
- Sgt. Torres – Supervisor
With the high volume of deployments in May, volunteer participation is highly appreciated
More information to come
- Comments/Questions:
Street Racing reported on Corbin/Sessnon, between the hours of 10 PM and 2 AM
E-bike violations and unsafe driving behaviors (speeding and wheelies) are being noted by many on Mason Ave
Golf cart misuse in residential streets
Possible abandoned vehicles within gated communities
Possible PA system hacking at the Vineyards

Announcements:

- Southern California Preparedness Foundation has scheduled a Free Ham Radio Class at the LAPD Devonshire PALS Center on Saturday, May 9— contact radioclass101@gmail.com for more information

Upcoming Events in Devonshire:

Basic Car 17A49 and 17A95 April Meeting	April 21
Coffee with a Cop	April 28
Basic Car 17A67 April Meeting	April 29
Rancho San Antonio Car Show	May 3
CPK Fundraiser for Devonshire PALS	May 4
Mother's Day	May 10
Basic Car 17A35	May 12
Outreach at Mandarin Baptist Church	May 15
Salute to Recreation Family Festival	May 15,16, 17

Community Yard Sale at Devonshire PALS	May 17
St. John Eudes' Carnival	May 22, 23, 24, 25
Greek Festival	May 23, 24, 25
Basic Car 17A67 Meeting	May 27
St. Baldricks	May 30
FIFA World Cup Soccer Viewings	June/July weekends
National Night Out	August 4

- Next C-PAB Meeting – May 20, 2026 @7 PM
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM