

**Devonshire Area
Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker: LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell

- Chief McDonnell thanked members of C-PAB for their dedication and commitment.
- It has been 15 years since the Chief was at LAPD and during that time there have been many changes in policing and a lot of changes in society and the dept had to adapt and continue to provide the services that LAPD can
- Priorities and focus on:
 - Recruitment
 - Morale/Disciplinary issues
 - Officer Wellness (mental and health)
- Followed by Q&A:
 - Will Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)'s be accessible to all Officers for their safety should they have to be deployed to future fires?
 - Are we seeing a difference with the new DA? Are the criminals being held more accountable compared to the prior years?
 - What can I do to be more involved as a volunteer?
 - How realistic is it to get the numbers up for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics?
 - Will there be a role for LAPD volunteers at those events?
 - Is all the overtime going back to time?
 - Will the hiring freeze on civilian employees be lifted?
 - Will there be more PSA's to avoid misinformation/disinformation to the public?

State of Devonshire by Capt. Burns:

- During the fires, Devonshire was operating on MOF – Minimum Operating Forces
Half the units that are usually deployed on any given day were deployed in the field while the other half were sent out to the Palisades during tactical alert
- As for crimes in Devonshire, the numbers are low in all categories except for Robbery and Rape
- Most of the burglary crew in Devonshire are generally gang members from South LA that come up here in groups and hit the houses
- There is no specific pattern where these crews are targeting in Devonshire
- The robbery detectives are doing a great job – located a suspect who had committed 2 robberies just yesterday.
- Devonshire gets help from the Metropolitan Division when they are available
- Followed by Q&A:
 - Update on ALPR

Quick Overview of the Incident Management Team (IMT) and Palisades Fire by Captain Eppolito

- There are 4 Incident Management Teams and each one consists of about 15 to 20 people including captains, lieutenants and sergeant II's along with support personnel

- Was on a rotation of three different Incident Management Teams working every six days for a period of three days
- IMT was instituted about 2 years ago to handle major incidents
- The goal is that the Teams will continue to work together at the Super Bowl, World Cup and bigger events and gain practice heading into the Olympics
- The National Guards deploys about 70 to 80 individuals at traffic control points locking down the area unless you are a resident, contractor, or city official or someone that needs to be in the area
- About 300 National Guardsmen were deployed
- CHP was called in to patrol the area for crime suppression
- Fortunately crime has been very minimal
- Currently, LAPD is trying to help with the recovery by securing the area

Senior Lead Officer Reports:

- 17A23 – SLO Efen Corral
 - Ongoing issues and concerns around the Chatsworth Train Station – reaching out to Transit Services Division for their assistance to address the issues and concerns
 - Having a meeting with Shapell Properties who owns the Vineyards and Porter Ranch Town Center
- 17A35 – SLO John Parker
 - Burglaries have been down this year compared to previous years but hearing a lot of complaints regarding residential and commercial burglaries
 - The burglars are trying to enter a house even when the occupants are there but will flee when encountered without any physical confrontation
 - There is a pattern that the suspects are coming back over and over again targeting the same location, so please be vigilant
- 17A49 – SLO Greg Andrachick
 - Having uptick in gang activity especially at Petit Park – there is a lot of tagging that has also spilled over to Topanga Division
 - Focus is to get the park cleaned up before the summer, getting the trees cut and the lights fixed
 - The rec center will be open beginning of May and the cameras will be going up
 - Had clean ups at Park parking lot, the alley behind Devonshire and Balboa a few times – Narcotics have made a few arrests
- 17A67 -- SLO Sandra Zamora
 - Still working on Reseda/Parthenia and waiting to hear about the trees
 - Increase in gang activity at Reseda and Parthenia with tagging – two feuding gangs are crossing each other out
 - Please send photos of tagging and location to Senior Lead Officers
- 17A81 -- Acting Senior Lead Officers James Black and Danny Douelfakar
 - Seeing a lot of GTA's, BTFMV at the Northridge Fashion Center and commercial crimes
 - Making sure Mall security is reaching out to retail stores regarding prevention
 - Meeting with Property Management Team to see if they can increase number of cameras in the parking lot
 - Working together to make the mall a place where families can come enjoy without having the fear of crime
 - A81 has a lot of quality-of-life issues
 - Encouraging the community to be vigilant
 - Contact information
Officer Black – 44567@lapd.online
Officer Douelfakar -- 44052@lapd.online

- 17A95 – Acting Senior Lead Officer Phillip Yu
 - Also stepping in as Homeless/Special events coordinator
 - Numbers in A95 are looking good except for Grand Theft Auto
 - Advising the community to upgrade the systems for Hyundai and Kia's, install kill-switches or anti-theft devices such as the Club or auto-locks.
 - Scheduled CAO locations are:
Alabama Ave and Nordhoff St., Dearborn St./Kelvin Ave., Yolanda Ave./Eddy St.,
Independence Ave./Lassen St., Superior St./Dearing Ave.
Outreach at these locations will continue to the day of the operations
- Sgt. Torres:
 - All the Senior Leads have been busy with the Palisades Fire as well as the demonstrations downtown and the special events in the City
 - The Senior Lead Office would like the community to attend the pre-existing meetings and events that are in place such as Basic Car Meetings and Coffee with the Cops Events
 - With everything that is happening, the office may not have time to plan additional meetings which may have to be cancelled at the very last minute

C-PAB Updates:

- There are a lot of events coming up, one of them being the Community Police Academy
If you are interested in attending, please contact Senior Lead Officer Zamora
- 2025 ID stickers are ready
- Please remind the community about the LAPD Devonshire APP and the Vacation Patrol feature
- Many events are happening in Devonshire Division – flyers will be sent to members to be distributed to the community

Next meeting is March 19 at 7 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM