

**Devonshire Area  
Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting Via Zoom  
Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker: Kate Nyman, Case Manager, Mayor's Crisis Response Team

- The Mayor's Crisis Response Team (CRT) was established in 1992 and expanded City-wide to all 4 LAPD Bureaus in 1997 following the North Hollywood Shooting
- The team consists of over 200 volunteers and six employees who operate 24/7
- The team responds to incidents including homicides, suicides, traffic fatalities, death investigations, natural and infant deaths and other investigations at the request of LAFD or LAPD
- The team's primary responsibilities are:
  - Attending to survival and comfort support/needs such as providing chairs, water, snacks, stuffed animals and coloring books for victims and family members at scenes;
  - Helping survivors activate their personal support networks
  - Acting as a liaison between LAPD, LAPD and the Medical Examiner's Office
  - Providing short- and long-term resource referrals (school counseling via LAUSD, financial/housing assistance, support groups, victim-of-crime services)Case managers follow up after the incident until the family no longer needs support
- CRT runs one annual nine-week volunteer training academy – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 PM to 9:30 PM, March to May, held downtown near City Hall or at Elysian Park
- Will provide informational flyers and volunteer recruitment materials for the community

Q&A:

- C-PAB members who have worked with CRT volunteers expressed appreciation for their compassionate work with victims and families
- How many volunteers are in Devonshire Division  
20 to 30 volunteers are out of Devonshire  
Many of the volunteers are based in the Valley
- Is the training based on per Bureau or City-wide and once trained, are volunteers assigned per LAPD Division or are they required to respond city-wide?  
Basically, the volunteers will respond in their own Division but can choose to respond City-wide  
Follow up meetings are done in your Bureau  
Volunteers are required to commit to 36 on-call hours/month in 6-hour blocks  
Training is not done per Bureau but City-wide
- Is there a uniform or vest that would identify CRT volunteers?  
Volunteers wear a blue polo, CRT jacket with a City/CRT logo, tactical pants/boots and carry an ID/serial number for checking in with LAPD/LAFD.
- How many incidences does CRT respond to a month  
City-wide call volume averages 30 to 45 incidents per month

State of Devonshire: Captain Samer Issa

- Captain Issa thanked Kate for the presentation and for CRT's ongoing support and partnership with LAPD.
- For crime statistics – crimes against persons are down by 11% YTD and property crimes are down by 20% YTD

- TFMV (theft from motor vehicle) is up approximately 3.3% YTD
- Currently a City-wide Tactical Alert is in effect because of a major warehouse fire in Hollenbeck Division with hazardous smoke conditions
- Captain Issa and SLO Tayler participated in the St. Baldricks event and had their heads shaved for the cause
- FIFA Watch Parties coordinated with CD 12 have gone smoothly  
This will continue through early next month
- Planning is underway for 4<sup>th</sup> of July events

Q&A:

- Does Devonshire Division receive data or any information from the City's Fireworks complaint website that the community is redirected to through the LAPD website?  
Captain Issa will look further into this and see how the data is managed

Senior Lead Reports:

- Basic Car 17A23 – SLO Phillip Yu  
Preparing for the Shepherd of the Church Fourth of July Spectacular  
Coordinating drone unit deployment and threat assessment liaison for large public gatherings  
Ongoing enforcement efforts along the bike path along Limekiln Canyon with SLO Sigston  
Continued project at the Chatsworth Train Station
- Basic Car 17A49 – SLO Greg Andrachick  
Petit Park Pool has reopened  
Fourth of July Barbecue is scheduled at Petit Park from 11 AM to 3PM  
Recovered a stolen box truck/trailer full of goods being sold in the park  
Impounded one RV and four abandoned vehicles  
Cameras pending installation to support gang unit enforcement  
Devonshire-wide RV impounds are nearing 100
- Basic Car 17A67 – SLO Zamora  
Crime is down by 16% YTD  
Continued crime activity along the Reseda Corridor, esp. near Parthenia/Lindley (Trebek Center)  
Barbecue Fundraiser for an officer's whose young son was diagnosed with leukemia  
Upcoming PALS Bingo Night with Aloha theme is next week Friday  
Devonshire Division may be getting a new Command Post vehicle
- Basic Car 17A81 – SLO Anthony Sigston  
Crime is down by 13% but BTFMV have spiked in recent months  
Residents are urged to keep valuables out of sight  
"Inside Safe" homeless-housing operation by Lurline/Nordhoff was canceled and is being rescheduled  
Continuing with enforcement, citations and arrests trying to curb the problems in the area  
Working on National Night Out – vendor spots are currently full
- Basic Car 17A95 – Interim SLO Antonio Villegas  
Continued enforcement along the railroad tracks at Roscoe/Balboa making good arrests  
Arrests made in copper wire thefts in that area  
Cleaned up encampments but the individuals have not returned  
Bail Deviation is a new tool being used to keep the individuals detained longer than being released in a few hours
- Homeless Coordinator – SLO Sean Taylor  
Three arrests were made in copper wire theft for arson when the suspects were burning off the insulation to prevent tracing

An estimated \$150,000 worth of copper wire was stolen with an estimated \$170,000 in repair/labor costs which also resulted in AT&T power outage

- Senior Lead Office Supervisor – Sgt. Jose Torres  
Assistance from the volunteers is always appreciated  
SLO team made three significant narcotics sales arrest  
The team is also getting deployed and dealing with special events as well as preparing for extensive deployment and planning for large-scale public events and mass gatherings
- PALS Update – Sgt. Juan Guzman  
PALS Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 14 in Moorpark – sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals  
PALS Summer Program is operating Monday Through Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM serving approx. 70 to 80 children  
Multiple summer field trips begin next week  
The PALS Soccer Program has grown to nearly 40 participants  
Looking for donations of soccer balls and nets due to losses around the field

#### C-PAB Updates:

- Please sign up for C-PAB Outreach table for National Night Out, August 4

#### Other Questions/Comments:

- San Fernando Road between the landfill and Balboa Blvd., is undergoing a major road construction which is expected to take up to a year

#### Upcoming Events

6/24 Basic Car 17A67 June Meeting via Zoom

6/26 PALS Bingo Night

7/4 Fourth of July Spectacular at Shepherd Church

8/4 National Night Out

9/14 PALS Golf Tournament

With multiple watch parties (Kick It In The Park) at the Northridge Recreation Center

Next C-PAB Meeting – Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 5 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM