

**Devonshire Area
Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting Via Zoom
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 7 PM**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker: Lt. Justin Scott, Devonshire Division Gang Enforcement Detail (GED)

Topic: Gang Crime and Trends

- GED includes:
 - Uniformed gang enforcement officers
 - Undercover narcotics officers focused on narcotics sales, trafficking, and illegal cannabis grows
- Primary Gangs in Devonshire:
 - Bryant Street (BST)
 - Roscoe to Nordhoff, Reseda Blvd. to Corbin Ave.; primarily hangout Park Parthenia Apartments
 - Devonshire's most active gang, linked to multiple shootings and community intimidation, involved in homicide of singer "De La Rosa"
 - Mexican mafia-affiliated
 - Canoga Park Alabama (CPA)
 - Large presence in the Valley, stronghold at Lanark Park, large footprint in west side of the Valley and not much in Devonshire
 - Established in 1940's, large membership, involved in narcotics, extortion, robbery, illegal gambling
 - Brown Pride Sureños (BPS)
 - Reseda Blvd. to Balboa Blvd., Roscoe to Nordhoff, main hangout near Schoenborn (rear alley)
 - Established early 1990's, violent crimes and trafficking
 - Mexican mafia affiliated
 - Dead End Gangster Crips (DEGC)
 - Non-traditional territory, frequent presence at Petit Park
 - Small but violent, involved in previous homicide and retaliation shooting
- Rivalries & Incidents
 - Most active rivalry: BST vs BPS (multiple shootings, ongoing retaliation cycle).
 - Gang graffiti with 13 means Mexican mafia affiliated
Graffiti with CK stands for Canoga Killer which is usually done by BST because of their rivalry/conflicts
 - Other conflicts:
 - BST vs DEGC (shooting and retaliation last year).
 - BST vs CPA (longstanding rivalry; school conflicts – Cleveland HS).
 - 2023 homicide at Pettit Park linked to gang conflict (BPS victim).
- GED Operations
 - Six officers assigned.
 - Daily patrols of gang territories and hangouts.
 - Monthly multi-division crime suppression operations ("Trident").
 - Intelligence gathering via field interviews, traffic stops, and social media monitoring
 - Intelligence contributed to rapid identification of suspects in recent shooting/homicide cases.
- Conclusion
 - Gang conflicts remain active and longstanding.
 - Violence is driven by years of retaliation cycle
 - Intelligence gathering is the primary tool for suppression.

- GED presence will always be critical to gang suppression
- Gang-related violent crime in Devonshire remains comparatively low due to the outstanding work by the GED officers
- Devonshire being a very supportive community makes a huge difference in their work
- Q&A:
 - Does Columbus Street or Landon Street Gangs come over to Devonshire?
No, they have not been crossing over to Devonshire
 - What impact has the removal of gang injunction had?
Made incarceration more difficult but did not significantly affect intelligence-based suppression
 - GRIYD (Gang Reduction and Youth Development) program in Devonshire?
Positive impact mainly through youth diversion programs (e.g., Summer Night Lights).
Limited direct impact in Devonshire due to lower gang activity levels.
 - Reporting gang activity/Gang graffiti?
Contact your Senior Lead Officer or use CrimeStoppers to remain anonymous

State of Devonshire – Captain Issa

- Captain Issa thanked Lt. Scott for the presentation and for the great work by GED
- Overall Year-to-Date Numbers:
 - Violent Crimes:
 - Rape: 0 (2026) vs 6 (2025)
 - Robbery: 18 (2026) vs 25 (2025)
 - Aggravated assault: 22 (2026) vs 34 (2025)
 - Total violent crime was down by 36.9%
 - Shots fired 1 (2026) vs 0 (2025)
 - Shooting Victim 1 (2026) vs 0 (2025)
 - Property Crimes:
 - Burglaries: 71 (2026) vs 119 (2025)
 - Motor vehicle theft: 66 (2026) vs 94 (2025)
 - Theft from motor vehicle: 150 (2026) vs 118 (2025), increase by 27.1%
 - Theft: 136 (2026) vs 182 (2025)
- Overall crime trending downward.
Theft from motor vehicles is the primary concern.
Prevention messaging: Lock It, Keep It, Hide It
- Plan to dedicate a public computer at the station lobby for filing police report
- Q&A topics:
 - Is there a recent rise in catalytic converter thefts?
It fluctuates. Focusing on suspect ID and arrests
 - Are the Burglary Thefts from Vehicles happening in one area or all over Devonshire?
It is happening all over Devonshire and not one particular area has been targeted
 - Is the Volunteer Surveillance Team being utilized for BTFV?
Yes, VST is doing surveillance

Senior Lead Office/Community Relations Office Reports/Updates

- 17A23 – Interim Senior Lead Officer Phillip Yu
 - Overall numbers are good
 - Open project at and around Chatsworth Train Station
 - Basic Car Meeting with 17A81 on Feb. 25 at the Vineyards at Porter Ranch
- 17A35 – Senior Lead Officer John Parker
 - BURG is down by 62% but BTFV is up by 36%

- Hot trend is groups checking door handles in the middle of the night
- Project of vacant property has been remediated by working with the owner and now being occupied
- Encampment at the White Oak overpass where people were being harassed has been mitigated – a few individuals have opted for housing
- 17A49
 - RV at Chatsworth and 405 was impounded and the individual was arrested
 - Enforcement at Petit Park parking lot which has been used for parking by the tenants in the apartment building
- 17A67 – Senior Lead Officer Sandra Zamora
 - Violent Crimes are up but Property Crimes are down
 - Received complaints of auto shop working on Etiwanda Ave and Rosco Blvd – will be meeting with the business owner and the City Attorney
 - Trebek Center is now under new management
 - Basic Car Meeting via Zoom on February 26
- 17A81 – Senior Lead Officer Anthony Sigston
 - Overall crime is down except for BTFV
 - Continuing Education and Enforcement around the encampments
 - Basic Car Meeting with 17A23 on February 25 at the Vineyards at Porter Ranch
- 17A95—Interim Senior Lead Officer Antonio Villegas
 - Slight increase in BURG and BTFV
Do not leave anything in the car
 - Encampment at Roscoe and Balboa has gotten smaller with the No Trespass Sign by the owner of the property but the individuals have now moved over to the train tracks
- Sgt. Guzman – Community Relations Office
 - PAL Bingo Night — Feb 27 (PAL Center)
 - Battle of the Badges Blood Drive — March 2
 - Tip-A-Cop fundraiser — March 4
 - Coffee with a Cop — March 10 (Starbucks Chatsworth & Zelzah)
 - Devonshire Open House — April 18
 - National Night Out — August 4

Q&A:

- Any changes to policies and legalities regarding enforcement at encampments?
Current protocol unchanged:
72-hour notice for posted cleanups, outreach conducted prior to enforcement,
15-minute final notice on cleanup day
Devonshire highlighted as ahead of other divisions in documentation, outreach, and coordination.
Court ruling referenced is from an older case

C-PAB Updates/Reports

- Report any suspected squatters at vacant properties to the Senior Lead Officer – one recent case was resolved due to a proactive work by the community
- C-PAB members needed at the outreach table for the upcoming Devonshire Open House and National Night Out
- Continue to send in any guest speaker suggestion
- Next meeting is March 18 at 7 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM