



COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD OLYMPIC COMMUNITY POLICE STATION

1130 Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90006



Report for May 2, 2024

The May Olympic Division C-PAB met in the 2nd Floor Roll Call Room, a change necessitated by events in the City and the presence of multiple investigation teams in the Station. Captain Ponce addressed the members and guests informally and usual agenda procedures were set aside until the next meeting.

Topics discussed:

1. Captain Ponce provided insight and an overview of the ongoing USC and UCLA protests.
2. An Olympic Division officer-involved shooting occurred that afternoon, resulting in the presence of multiple investigative, advisory, crisis response and support teams that appropriated all available space in the station. Captain Ponce described several procedures and protocols in effect after a shooting.
3. A planned clean-up of a long-term homeless encampment site near 6th St. and Van Ness. Also, *Inside Safe* will act to close and house the individuals from a massive entrenched encampment at Olympic/ Gramercy,.
4. The *Coffee With The Captain* event held last month at the Anderson Munger YMCA has generated a meeting between the Mayor and the Korean-American Foundation. Also involved is the individual who spoke at the YMCA meeting about the difficulties faced by a neighborhood with an active encampment.
5. The Division has seen reduced burglary and other property crime that was especially troublesome earlier in the year. 'Best Practices' for apartment dwellers include always locking the door, even when going out for short and near-by errands such as checking mail; residents should not admit anyone they don't know, especially persons claiming to deliver packages (send the manager to the door).
6. The SLO office will see two of its long-time officers retire by summer, Joseph Pelayo and Christopher Landry. In addition, officers Susan Garcia and Erik Bruner continue to be out long-term. Nationally, officers were recruited after the passage of federal legislation in the Clinton administration and are now reaching 30 years of service creating staffing challenges of many police departments including LAPD.
7. The *Citizens On Patrol* program has been reactivated. Olympic Division has one car with another promised and is seeking volunteers. Training in vehicle operation and radio procedures will be available.
8. A community involvement program has brought eight Korean translators who work in the station.
9. Computers have in installed in the lobby for use in making on-line crime reports.

NEXT MEETING, Thursday, 6 June 2024 6:00 pm, Olympic Station.

(Meetings are normally 1st Thursdays but may change to accommodate events and schedules.)

Submitted by Robert Reeves, Secretary. Comments and suggestions should be made through the Olympic CRO.