CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT
Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Sheri Herman at 6:15PM
First combination in-person and virtual option meeting

SLO/CRO REPORTS

SLO AHEDO 15A3 – So far, his area has the lowest crime this year compared to last year. Burglary from Motor Vehicles is still up, mostly the stealing of catalytic convertors. There was a robbery at The Home Depot. Our Detectives have a lead on the suspect.

SLO GONZALEZ 15A27 – His area has seen an increase in home burglaries. Suspects knock on doors, if no one answers, they will jump the fence and break into side or back windows. The homes in his area have no Ring or other type of cameras so there is no video to help identify the suspects. With the Mayor receiving money to help with the homeless situation with giving out vouchers the area around Vineland and Victory. About 30 vouchers were handed out and were gone but most returned the next day. Waiting for the City Council to approve the “No Tent” zone so officers can start enforcing it.

SLO SAWAMURA 15A21 – Addressed the home burglary issues. Many times, it is an organized group involved. They have a lookout parked down the street. A suspect dressed in a dark hoodie which helps deter identification on camera knocks on the door, if no one answers, they go around to the back and breaks into the home. She discussed some tips that may help deter them that she has given out into her area in the past.

SLO DELBAR 15A67 – His area has been hit with a lot of catalytic convertor thefts. CORE Plus has been in his area about once a week to work with the homeless issue. Discussed an issue about a woman was walking down the street and a car pulled up and asked for directions. She went over to the car and suspect offered her a necklace and she declined. He managed to rip off her necklace and gave her the one he had previously offered. Caution people not to get close to anyone when approached in this situation.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Legislative Committee – Now that we have new elected officials, they are making the rounds to meet with their new reps to develop lines of communications.

Clergy Council – Continues to send out flyers and develop relationships with the various faith leaders throughout the NHWD area. Our Committee chair has been invited to attend the Mayor’s meeting of select clergy of the San Fernando Valley.

Outreach – Will be working on different types of Outreach events with our SLOS subject to their availability. They will be going through our handouts to update them and request new ones from the Department.

Emergency Preparedness – Discussed our participation at the West Valley Emergency Disaster Fair

CEASE – Continuing with our normal undercover and uniformed patrols, Foot Beats, Radar.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

Board member Jonathan Zimmerman attended the Alternatives to Traffic Enforcement Focus Group put on by the Transportation Planner at LADOT. Out of the 5 people that attended in his group, Jonathan was the only one supporting law enforcement to make traffic stops. The rest wanted unarmed people, other than police to make them as all basically were in favor of more traffic stops.
Captain Mohammadi brought up the issue of comparing traffic stops from 2021 to 2022. There was a 22% decrease in traffic citations being given out due to the following reasons:

1. Decline in the number of personnel.
2. New policy of Pre-text stops where officers can only stop for moving violations and not able to cite equipment violations.

2023 Goals for our Outreach and volunteering inside the station since the pandemic is over, attend the Neighborhood Council meetings and give reports, help with phones at Front Desk and Detectives.

Benefits of making our voices heard at the Board of Police Commission meetings as well as the City Council meetings since we represent the majority of the NHWD community.

Continue to promote the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive, our free etching of catalytic convertors, Coffee with a Cop and the PALS Golf Tournament.

Discussed the categorical use of force that happened with an armed suspect and encouraged to watch the Critical Incident Report when it is released.

There is a 15% reduction in violent crime.
Main area of concern is being a target for being robbed of jewelry, cell phones, etc so be cautious of your surroundings.
Burglaries are up overall 1%.
Other crimes are down.
As of mid-February, our officers have gotten 40 guns off the street.

Board member Rabbi Feiglin thanked us for the extra patrol due to the incident that happened at another synagogue in the city even though the suspect was caught.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM