



Pacific Community Police Advisory Board Minutes

Pacific Community Police Station

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Meeting was a hybrid with 9 members in person and 14 virtually on Zoom

LAPD: 7

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Guests: 4

The meeting was called to order by Ron Mito, Civilian co-chair.

Minutes: Accepted as written motion made by Ron K. seconded by Vicki.

Presentation by Matthew Barragan, Inspector General Los Angeles Police Commission, Office of the Inspector General

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Mr. Barragan has been in his position since March. He is out in the community and at department meetings throughout the city. His office is independent, reporting to the Police Commission.

He oversees all operations. In his first 6 months use of force has decreased. His office reviews investigations, collects evidence, decides what actions are in or out of policy. His office was created as part of the Consent Decree.

Q & A

Where does the Department stand with ICE? The law is clear; LAPD cannot aid ICE. Lots of work needs to be done to distinguish the difference between different agencies. These are challenging times. The job is to make improvements, not just respond.

New technology, are there problems using it, specifically drones. Right now, limited use, use air support more. Data will be analyzed, to make decisions.

Chief of Police oversees the department making policies, his office is advisory, making recommendations working with other city agencies.

Captain's Report:

New extra SLO Sam Gil designated to Venice and Dockweiler Beach only, working with Sgt. Gelvin. Mixer is being planned for the community to meet all the beach officers, Sargeant and SLO Gil. More information will be coming soon.

VCP-Volunteer Citizen Patrol coming to Pacific. Training will be required and purchase of a white uniform. All volunteers must have badges. They will drive around in electric BMWs with a supervisor assigned plus radios. They will be eyes, instructed not to engage. Possibly work special events and provide traffic assistance. Email Sgt. Cook if interested. Hope to have 12-14 in this specialized unit.

Sgt. Cook email: 36258@LAPD.ONLINE

100th Year Celebration: Sgt. Cook is the point person. COP is scheduled to attend along with other dignitaries.

Violent crime is down 11% in all categories, year to date. Aggravated assaults, many involving unhoused individuals is up.

E-bikes problem is being addresses.

Q & A

Will there be a boardwalk SLO? More support is coming. 4 SLOs are out, just added one.

Mounted and bike unit being deployed.

What is DOT doing? Right now, targeting illegally parked cars.

Captain Robles: Downward trend in violent crime and property theft. Venice experiencing an uptick. Pacific is responding with extra patrol. Road rage is real, especially at Lincoln and Rose, crashes have increased. CVS is also getting extra patrol.

SLO Reports

SLO Gil – A11's crime is down overall. Radio calls are up.

A13- Unhoused populating the Rose parking lot, it is a county lot, Sheriff's patrolling and checking. On individuals in vehicles at night.

During the day, bikes on the boardwalk are receiving education and enforcement.

A45- SLO Ramirez led a taskforce in Playa Vista issuing citations to e-bikes not obeying the law. Sanitation cleared encampment under the freeway. RVs were moved on Alla Road, only one is left out of 24. New focus area Venice Blvd. near the high school, and Abbot Kinney.

Upcoming: Property owner near Beethoven is cooperative, has posted No Trespassing signs and has plans to add fencing.

St. Mark's School is revising safety plans, would like assistance from SLO Ramirez. Nearby distribution center for food needs help dispersing clients after they have received supplies. CD #11 is aware.

Guest Speaker: West Traffic Officer Richard Oke has 10 years on the department, 4 in the Community Traffic Unit. 6/10 accidents involve pedestrians, walking out of the crosswalk, late at night in dark clothes, 2 were transients. He gets an updated traffic report weekly. He works evenings, Ryan Connel works daytime. Work with DOT on engineering problems, adding

signage, and street lights. Preventing copper theft from the lights is an ongoing problem. DUI arrests are up due to targeted enforcement.

West Bureau is down 13% in fatalities. West Bureau covers Hollywood, Olympic, Wilshire, West Los Angeles and Pacific. Strategies include using decoy cars and speed trailers. Fact, there are more cars on the road. Problem areas: 78th and Airport drivers disregarding stop signs and at Marina del Rey Middle School.

SLO Gil suggested a PSA to educate parents around school zones.

Direct message line: 213-473-0215. All messages are monitored within a week's time. Ryan Connel is Pacific's dedicated traffic SLO.

Coffee with a Cop event is being planned to be held in October.

CRO- Sgt. Cook

Events happening: 10/12 Faith in Blue

10/18 Truck or Treat at Sprouts, in the Venice Crossroads, 1:00 P.M. -4:00

P.M. Register your car/truck with Eventbrite. Flyer forthcoming

11/15 100th Celebration, stage, static displays. Clean-up scheduled in preparation for the event.

SLO- Sgt. Lovick

Patrol loans and people are in place; Patrol officers being trained to assist in community clean-ups.

Committees

Events: Officer Appreciation dinner coming up in November. Bill has volunteered turkeys.

Emergency: Joe requests everyone to read his newsletter that was posted via email.

Block Captains Meeting: Wednesday, September 24 at ARTC. Captain Eppolito will be speaking. Friends and neighbors are invited.

Transportation: Thank you for the enforcement on e-bikes.

Recreation and Park: Westchester thanks the officers for assisting with the woman sleeping on top of the new storage container. She has been moved to a shelter.

CD #5-Vanessa announced that they have a new office at 5415 Wilshire Blvd. Office is aware of unhoused in Woodbine Park. There is a no tolerance policy near parks. Clean-up has been scheduled. RVs in the area is an on-going problem that DOT is aware of. Parking has been relaxed near temples on holidays. There is on-going enforcement of party houses.

CD #11- Trey thanked LAPD for support on pilot program addressing e-bike violations. Neighborhood meeting October 8 in Playa del Rey. Hot topic: bonfires and unhoused individuals. 6:30 P.M. -8:00 P.M. hybrid meeting at the Elks Lodge. SLO Gil has been invited to participate.

Boosters: Need to raise funds. Website is receiving donations. There is also a synopsis of LAPD history available.

Announcements:

Thank you to Captain Eppolito for attending Venice Neighborhood Council meeting.
Trees being planted in North Venice, December 27, 8:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M. UCLA is sending volunteers, requesting other volunteers to assist.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Karasick
Secretary