



Pacific Community Police Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Pacific Community Police Station

Meeting was a hybrid with 7 members in person and 19 virtually on Zoom

LAPD: 2

C D #11- 2

Guests: 2

Excused - 2

The meeting was called to order by Ron Mito, Civilian co-chair. Self-introductions were made.

Minutes accepted as written. Motion made by Georgina, seconded by George.

Guest Speaker: Battalion Chief Robert Acedo #4 has 36 years of service having been stationed in LAX, Santa Monica and West Bureau. There are 2 Battalion Chiefs, Ken Miller is his partner. LAFD works with all neighboring cities. 80% of their calls are medical emergencies, 20% fire related. The USR unit can be deployed city wide. (Search and Rescue). LAFD has 24-hour service provided by three shifts, A, B, and C. They are calendared for a total year in training, maintaining and being chef.

Battalion #4 is made up of 7 stations: two on LAX property, #1, #8, #95, #5, #63, #62, and #67.

Joint realistic training exercise at LAX with DEA, LAPD and FAA involving 300 patients. This type of training happens every three years. At Venice Beach, LAFD trains with the lifeguards considering the different terrains of sand and water.

Q and A

How will CERT be affected by the city budget? Unknown yet. LAFD is valued by the city, 12 fires in the last week, some under the 90 Freeway.

Communication between agencies? Yes, LAFD and LAPD radios communicate on same tac channel. Unable to communicate directly with DEA and FBI. There is a liaison at the Command Post that transmits information as needed.

Trucks with hazardous materials near Clover School reported.

Is LAFD having deployment challenges? Currently predicting two recruitment classes with 50 people each. All will be trained as EMT, first aid =, basic and advanced life support. Some will go on to BLS learning to treat critical cases.

How many calls are created by homelessness? About 1/3 of all calls.

How many calls a day? The city of LA generated about 2,000 incidents a day.

Are there volunteer opportunities? Yes, CERT, now involved in vegetation abatement. Teens can join Cadets program.

Captain's Report- Captain Applegate thanked everyone for their flexibility in moving the meeting to another Wednesday allowing himself and staff to attend the Asian American Pacific Symposium. (AAPI).

Last 5 weeks have been busy. Over 100 additional officers helping direct traffic and suppress crime. 20 % reduction in crime overall. Challenges remain crime, quality of life issues, homelessness, RVs and events.

Blockwise is a community survey online with a list of questions to get statistics of how community views the police. So far, Pacific has 197 responses, 51 were people over 55. 49% feel safe, 41% think the police are fair, 63% think the police show respect. Top concern is homelessness. Problems expressed: too long a hold on 911 calls, and too much gun violence. Survey reflects the information that officers collect.

Pacific stats are steady with no dips or spikes in crime.

Sgt. Cook: Officers have been busy supporting city services and community events. Quality of life issues addressed in every basic car area. Every weekend is busy. Mar Vista is holding a community picnic at Windward School, CD #11 has an event June 21, Boosters fundraising food and wine pairing at Cantalini's, June 23, Torch run, Monday , June 7 a half marathon.

Save the dates: Carnival in front of the station, July 25-27 on Culver Blvd., September 10 Inspection, Culver Blvd will be closed off, November 15, 100th Anniversary grand celebration with an open house and lots of surprises.

Announcements:

Events: Night Out on Crime, Tuesday, August 5 in Mar Vista Park. Local safety exhibits and federal providers have been invited. Help support this event by securing raffle prizes. For example: dinner for two, bicycles with helmets, massages, etc.

Formal inspection, Wednesday, September 10, 8:00 A.M. -10:00 A.M. Partners are invited.

100 Year Celebration is being planned. Save the date, November 15. 1925 city annexed Venice which was later changed to Pacific.

Community event with Open House, station tours, static displays.

Block Captain's Meeting, June 5, 7:00 P.M. at ARTC. New update via email from Sgt. Cook.

Arrive early to see the Westchester Town Hall meeting on Zoom. Traci Park will be joining the Block Captain's meeting as the guest speaker later that evening. We realize that the meetings are back-to-back. We hope this accommodates everyone's needs.

Emergency Preparedness: Joe sent current information via email.

Transportation- No report

Park and Recreation

Mar Vista – No report

Westchester- 13 new trees were planted during Fleet Week. Senior Prom was successful! Sign up for Senior Camp.

Penmar- City van was destroyed. Looking for a secure place for the new van. CD #11 has a secure lot available.

CD#11- Matt appreciates the partnership in meeting on-going challenges. Meeting has been scheduled to discuss uptick in burglaries in Del Rey.

Try reported that more 41.18 signs have been installed along the Ballona Creek and areas in Playa del Rey. He will send Ron flyers about upcoming events and virtual town halls.

CD #5- Currently working on hoarder house in Westside Village with Building and Safety, County agencies and city attorney.

June 22 there will be a dog and cat adoption event in Cheviot Hills.

Boosters:

Save the date: Monday, June 23, Wine tasting Dinner at Cantalini's. 4 course dinner paired with wine. Only 45 people can attend this event. Fee is \$100 with a request to donate \$10.00 more to cover the cost of Paypal charges. Book online at PacificBoosters.org

July 5, Beer fest at Mo's in Playa del Rey, a flyer will be coming out soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 18, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,
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