

Rampart Community Police Advisory Board

Minutes for the meeting of September 5th, 2023

Location of Board Meeting: 637 S Lucas Ave, PIH Health, LA, 90017

Individuals in Attendance: 13

Members:	LAPD	Guest:
Sandi Cochran	Captain James Roberts	Andy Corona
Jim McQuiston	Sgt Garcia	Rakel May
Stephanie Galvez	SLO Matt Zeigler	George Plascencia
	SLO Robert Solorio	
	SLO Susie Gras	
	SLO Patty Braendle	
	SLO Carlos Diaz	

Attendees Roll Call taken:

Chair Person Bertha Woolridge call the meeting to order. Attendance taken.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM, by Chair Person Bertha Woolridge.

Minutes Approved:

The month of August, 2023 meeting was National Nite Out, no minutes to approve.

- Introduction of attendees.
- 1. Captain Jay Roberts introduced himself and spoke about crime. Captain Roberts provided perspective on escalating crime. Homicides YTD 2023: 16 vs. 12 YTD 2022, Robberies down 17% YTD 2023, however up 2 % YTD 2021. Aggravated Assaults YTD 2023: 832 vs 769 YTD 2022, an increase of about 10% and an increase of 17% YTD 2021. Pertaining to Shots Fired, 18% less incidents of people shooting each other, in the air, or at structures but we have had 4 more instances where people were hit, YTD 2023 vs YTD 2022, and 16 more instances where we were YTD 2021. It should give you a general feeling of where Rampart is with violent crime.

Property Crime, we are down for Burglaries this year but up over 2 years ago. We are down with motor vehicle theft, but we are up over 25% YTD 2021. As it pertains to shoplift and theft, we know that it is through the roof. We have 25% more REPORTED thefts this year and 63 % more REPORTED than YTD 2021.

Perspective of Crime in LA. It was the highest in crime in 1992, 1094 homicides in 1992. We had nearly 40,000 Aggravated Assaults in the City of Los Angeles in 1992. Contrasting it to late 1990's/ early 2000's, crime started to drop and plummeted right around 2013. In 1992, we had 1094 homicides, by 2013, we have nearly 4 million residents in the city, and we went down from 1094 to 251. From 40,000 Aggravated Assaults in 1992, to 7,900 YTD. In 1992, 68,000 cars stolen, in 1992 vs 2013, 14,000. When we were bragging in 2014 that we hadn't seen crime this low since the 50's, it was legitimate.

In 2017, we are back up to 17,000 Aggravated Assaults from the 40, down to the 7600 up again to the 17,000. So, it bounced. We are faltering, we are doing better in some areas than last year in some areas in the city, and worse in other areas. But, by perspective, we are way better than we were back then.

Quality of Life issues, homelessness, encampments, we all know what that is, it wasn't even on the radar back then as it is today. So, that's the appearance, the fear of the incidence of crime. And we are feeling it.

We had a homicide this period on 08/25/23, at Wilshire/ Alvarado (hot corner), on-going problems in the area: MTA platform, east end of Mac Arthur Park, street vending, and the narcotics use in the alley east of Alvarado, north of Wilshire. All that to say, 2 gang members shot on 08/23/23, one killed, the other wounded, but has since recovered. The suspects are outstanding. Operation Central Bureau Homicide working on it. A lot of activity that intersects at that corner.

2. Officer Brian Peel/ CTD provided the traffic report enumerated below.

Rampart Stats from to July 30 to August 26, 2023

Primary Collision Factor:

21954 VC Ped upon roadway

21453 (A) VC Red or Stop at limit line

21952 VC Failure to yield on sidewalk

Severe Traffic Collisions: 4 compared to 4 N. C.

Total Fatal Collision: 0 compare to 1 -100%

Total year to Date: 7

DUI Related:

7 compare to 4 +75%

DUI Related: A:

0 compare to 1 -100%

DUI-K injury:

0 compare to 0 N.C.

Hit and Runs:

23 compare to 31 -26%

Felony Hit and Runs A injury:

2 compare to 2 N.C.

Hit and Run Property:

10 compare to 17 -41%

Vehicle Vs Ped:

3 compare to 8 +63%

Vehicle Vs Ped k Inj:

0 compare to 1 -100%

Bicycle Involved T/C:

4 compare to 3 +33%

Bicycle Involved K t/C:

0 compare to 0 N.C.

3. CD1 Field Deputy George Plasencia serving Echo Park area in Rampart Division. CD1 re-starting food distribution efforts. Food/ diaper distribution t 629 S Union Ave in the pkg lot of Home Depot, Sept 15th, 10AM-2PM. Another food distribution effort at Alvarado Terrace Park at the end of the month, 10Am-2PM. Business Cards/ On-going events left for gallery to take.

CD1 sub-contracts LA Conservation Corps for quality of life issues for overgrown vegetation, storm drain cleanups. CD1 coordinates with DOT for pkg clearances. CD1 relies on 311 system for getting work orders like broken street lights, sidewalk issues, etc.

4. Rampart SLO Officer Diaz: No new CPAB membership. SLO Diaz addressed quality of life issues—homelessness, street lights. SLO Diaz educated CPAB on who their Field Deputies are in their perspective areas. SLO Diaz attached Field Deputy/ Homelessness Coordinator info to agendas passed out to CPAB attendees. Additionally, CPAP was instructed to email their respective representatives and to CC their assigned SLO so we are aware of the communication between constituents and council districts. It avoids duplication of communication on the SLO end.

- New Business:

- Rampart Boosters Luncheon on October 25th at noon in the Rampart Community Room
- Next CPAB Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3rd, 6pm, 637 S Lucas Ave, Good Samaritan Hospital, Grace Ford Salvatori Auditorium.

5. Questions and Answers:

- a. There were questions for Captain Roberts regarding crime. There were also questions for Field Deputy, CD 1, George Plasencia. Questions were answered.

9. Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 PM