

Southeast Area

Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)

September / October 2024

District 15 Rep (Miguel Hernandez)

There are 12 new cross walk sites five with in Watts schools. Streetlight repairs are ongoing. There are 1500 open 311 reports in the district. Please use 311 to make reports because reports get closed quicker using 311. Hot walking crosswalks are activated. There are flashing beacons added to busier streets. People are cutting down stop signs so that they can sell the metal from that as well. I know that they're continuously looking to develop different techniques to make some of this stuff tamper proof. Bureau Street Lighting is sending weekly reports as far as repairs. The last week 8 lights were replaced right above the Watts tower. We will be getting more speed bumps installed.

Commanding Officer Updates (Captain Ortiz):

We had a recent fatal pedestrian accident on Central and 88 street on August 16. Be mindful of when parents are taking and picking up their children from school. They are rushing in and out causing frustration which is causing arguments and violence. One parent got bump with a car. We had an increase in robberies by 10.3% compared to the previous year. The latest robberies involved incidents at 7-11 99th and Broadway and at a Market on 90th and Main St. There was, several street takeovers, again, on the 19th. This one was in San Pedro and Manchester, but throughout that evening, it kind of bounces around throughout, the different divisions within our area. This one happened to be a Corvette. The officers did go in pursuit, and ultimately became involved in a foot pursuit and took the two individuals into custody.

If you see anything on social media or these types of events occurring, please, call 911. They're very dangerous outcomes, because in these gatherings of hundreds of individuals, oftentimes you have shootings. People are pointing lasers as well.

There was double homicide that occurred here on the 20th. This happened at 86th and Figueroa. You have two individuals that are inside an establishment, and you have two other individuals that come in the establishment and fire rounds killing two individuals.

Supervisor for Southeast Narcotics. (Detectives Reyes)

As of today, we have only two illegal marijuana locations. At one point we had 37. There are about six actual legal marijuana locations in Southeast. If you drive on the 110 in the morning, you can always smell it in the air. The reason I bring those marijuana cases up

because no matter what kind of narcotics we're dealing with, fentanyl is starting to get laced with everything.

I know there's ways that we get information from the community, but if you guys do have neighbors, somebody that comes and tells you that they have a problem with the narcotics location, please reach out to us, because it's easier and faster. If we get the information directly from the senior, leads, from the captain or from your mouth, that's the fastest way we can work on it.

Southeast Narcotics: Detectives Luna and Hania

Drug education and awareness is important. Common drugs at schools are cannabis, amphetamines, and prescription pills. Fentanyl is synthetic and use in medicines. Can be, fatal in very small dosages. Community engagement is very important when it comes to reporting such issues with illegal drugs. Anonymous tips are important to help build cases and make arrests. It is important to recognizing the signs of drug overdose and the availability of Narcan for emergency situations.

Some experts say Fentanyl is becoming an epidemic in America, and it's killing kids across the nation. In schools, they're starting to abuse pills like Adderall and Ritalin for the effects. Synthetic opioid, meaning that it's fake, but it's actual used in medicine. It's primarily used to treat patients with severe pain after surgery, even for women who are about to give birth and cancer patients. That's really what it was made for.

Fentanyl is being made in labs, mostly in Mexico, and they're getting the prescriptive chemicals from China and India, primarily from China.

Adderall is a medicine you see in schools and colleges, a lot. What it does is increases serotonin, which is like a feel-good hormone. People get addicted and basically get high. They start abusing it, and they think they're abusing Adderall, oxycontin, valium or prescription drug. If it's, from a black market you're buying it on the street, it's most likely laced with fentanyl, and that's just causing all this, these overdoses. If you ever see that and it's not from prescription, don't touch it.

Upcoming events:

Community Police Academy Date to be announced.

Next CPAB Meeting will be held at the Faithful Saint Mark Church (9502 S Figueroa) on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned.