Southeast Area Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) December 2024 Meeting Minutes

Commanding Officer Announcements:

Crime Update: Last week, crimes were down overall, but we have a 34 percent increase in robberies, an 11 percent increase in aggravated assault, and a 9 percent increase in burglaries compared to last year. Our officers are out on the streets doing their best to make arrests and reduce violent crime. Between May 1st and May 14th, we've had 39-gun arrests, 37 ghost guns recovered, and 52 guns recovered in total.

Our busiest day last week was Monday with 16 crimes reported. Most crime occurs from midnight-6am and from noon-6pm. Please call 911 if you suspect any criminal activity or see anything strange.

Community Question: What are the ghost guns?

Response:

Ghost guns are man-made guns. They are polymer weapons that can be made or ordered online, and they don't have serial numbers so they can't be tracked. Ghost guns are an issue not just in southeast but also all through the city because they are inexpensive to manufacture.

SLO Update: Officer Tyson Hamaoka

Hi everyone, I'm the SLO for the westside of the southeast division. Right now, we are primarily focused on 3 things: encampments, parking enforcement, and neighbor disputes.

Encampments:

After this call I'm going to 99th and Flower and Century and Flower to an encampment that has been a problem, in fact this has been the third time that we are cleaning up. There is an elementary school 2 blocks to the North, so the encampment has been causing issues for parents and students. We'll get that cleaned up today. In the last couple weeks, we also cleaned the train tracks between Compton and Avalon with Pacific Union, and we had a cleanup on the Avalon corridor. In addition, we cleaned the brush to keep the roads safe. We are out on the streets everyday but always feel free to text or contact your SLO so we can provide resources and services.

Parking enforcement

Prior to the pandemic you could submit requests for abandoned vehicles to be moved online. That service is back again so please let me know if you would like a link to the site. There is also an 800 number to request the removal of abandoned vehicles. Both the link and the 800 number will be on the flier I send to Officer Dawson. Please only report abandoned vehicles, cars or trucks that may have dust and cobwebs that have been left a long time. If you suspect criminal activity in the vehicle, for instance, narcotic activity or gang activity, then please call your senior lead officer because parking enforcement is not equipped to handle those situations.

Neighbor Disputes:

There has been a big uptick in neighbor disputes recently. The vast majority of these disputes don't involve actual crime. Some involve parking or noise or interpersonal conflicts. As officers, we can only enforce situations addressed by the municipal and penal code; however, our city attorney's office does offer mediation. They have trained mediators that can help individuals sort out their differences in a neutral location. I have a pamphlet from the city and will send it to Officer Hill so he can provide more information if you need it.

Special Guest: Donald Williams, the founder and executive director of the Dad's Project

Hi everyone, I'm Don Williams from the Dad's Project. We are an organization committed to helping develop accountable dads that are active in their children's lives and education. We provide workshops, training and events for fathers with the goal of empowering children in the home and at school. We know that COVID has hit families hard so we also do what we can to distribute supplies: PPE, food, google WIFI, diapers, and clothes. We also recently launched our Dad Project Fit, which is a program to help dads exercise and eat right and to make sure that their kids are getting the proper nutrition.

We also have a program called Women and Mothers (WAM) that is for our leading ladies who lead the communities. It's a safe space for moms to support each other.

Our programs generally meet in the 1st weekend of the month. Officer Dawson Hill has fliers for our meetings. We've had a lot of exciting press recently; we were featured on ABC7 and we got picked up by the Kelly Clarkson Show, so we are now

expanding and offering programs in Louisiana and looking to offer programs in Colorado and Texas. We could not have done this without the support of the LAPD a the Clergy and Officer Hill.

To reach us please go to <u>www.dadproject.org</u> where you can provide your email. Also please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Public Announcements:

Pastor Burrus: Our men's clothing drive was a success. Thank you to everyone who came out to donate. All the clothes went out to the Mentor organization and the men are dropping off the clothes today.

Officer Hill:

Our next CPAB meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, January 21st, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at LAFD Fire Station 64's Community Room (10811 S main Street, LA, CA 90061)

If you have any questions, please email me at 39599@lapd.online. If I can't answer your question, I'll forward it to the appropriate person.

Also, please become our friend on Facebook at LAPD Southeast Volunteer and LAPD Southeast Community Police Station.