

MEETING MINUTES

Southeast Community Police Advisory Board

Regular Monthly Meeting • April 15, 2026

Date:	Tuesday, April 15, 2026
Time:	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Location:	Southeast Community Police Station
Board Chair:	Theresa Martinez, Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Martinez called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Roll call was conducted. The minutes from the March 2026 regular meeting were reviewed along with a motion to approve.

AGENDA ITEM 1 — CAPTAIN'S UPDATE ON CRIME TRENDS

Presented by: Southeast Area Commanding Officer

A comprehensive briefing on current crime trends.

Violent Crime:

- Overall Part I violent crime (homicide, robbery, aggravated assault) is down 8% compared to the same reporting period in 2025. The Captain attributed this decline in part to increased community engagement and targeted patrol deployments in historically high-incident corridors.
- Three homicides were reported in the division during Q1 2026. Detectives are actively working all open cases. One arrest has been made in connection with a January incident on Figueroa Street.
- Robbery offenses showed a modest decrease of 6%, with commercial robberies accounting for the majority of reported incidents.

Property Crime:

- Vehicle theft remains a persistent concern, with a 12% increase compared to Q1 2025. The Captain noted that catalytic converter thefts continue to account for a significant share of these incidents. A partnership with the City Attorney's Office is underway to target known fencing operations.
- Residential burglaries have declined by 9%, which the Captain credited to the division's participation in the LA City Safe Neighborhood Initiative and increased engagement with the Block Captain program.

The Captain encouraged community members to use the MyLA311 app and LAPD's online reporting portal for non-emergency incidents, noting that timely reporting significantly aids crime analysis and resource deployment.

AGENDA ITEM 2 — SENIOR LEAD OFFICER UPDATE: QUALITY OF LIFE & LA CITY 311

SLO Ybarra delivered an update on quality-of-life issues impacting Southeast communities and provided guidance on how residents can leverage the City of Los Angeles's 311 service application to address neighborhood concerns.

Quality-of-Life Issues:

- Encampments along the Metro right-of-way near Avalon Boulevard remain an ongoing challenge. The LAPD has been coordinating weekly with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and sanitation crews to conduct outreach and cleanups. Seven individuals were connected to shelter resources in March alone.
- Illegal dumping in the alleys behind residential streets in the Watts and Green Meadows neighborhoods continues to be reported by residents. The dump sites have been referred to the Bureau of Sanitation for priority abatement.
- Noise complaints, particularly from unpermitted gatherings and vehicle sideshows, have increased on weekend evenings. The division has deployed additional overnight patrol units on high-activity corridors including Wilmington Avenue and 108th Street.

LA City 311 Application Overview:

- SLO's demonstrated key features of the MyLA311 mobile application, available free on iOS and Android. They emphasized that 311 is the correct channel for non-emergency service requests including graffiti removal, pothole repair, abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, and street lighting outages.
- Residents were encouraged to use the photo upload feature when submitting reports, as this accelerates City department response times and improves case tracking. Submitted requests receive a confirmation number that can be used to monitor resolution status in real time.
- SLO's noted that 311 reports are geo-tagged, enabling City departments to identify patterns and prioritize resources in neighborhoods with high service request volumes. He urged the board to promote 311 use at neighborhood association and block captain meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 3 — ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING OVERVIEW

The Joint Regional Intelligence Center, a multi-agency fusion center operated in coordination with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and federal partners, provided a community-focused educational presentation on active shooter preparedness and response.

Run-Hide-Fight Framework:

- Reviewed the federally recommended Run-Hide-Fight protocol, emphasizing that immediate action in the first moments of an incident is critical to survival. "Run" encourages evacuation as the first priority when a safe escape route is available. "Hide" applies when evacuation is not possible — individuals should seek cover in a secured, locked space away from windows. "Fight" is a last resort measure when confronted directly.
- Audience members were reminded that calling 9-1-1 as early as possible — even from a hiding location — provides first responders with crucial real-time information to guide their tactical response.

Situational Awareness:

- JRIC recommends that individuals habitually identify exits when entering any public venue and be attentive to behavioral indicators that may precede a violent incident. Analysts noted that many incidents involve a period of pre-attack planning that, when recognized, can be reported via the nationwide See Something, Say Something campaign at 1-800-CALL-FBI or the LA Tip Line.

- Training resources, including the FEMA IS-907 Active Shooter preparedness course, are available at no cost online and were made available to board members to distribute to community organizations, schools, and houses of worship.

The Captain thanked JRIC for the presentation and encouraged community organizations to reach out to Southeast Division to schedule dedicated Active Shooter preparedness workshops for their members.

AGENDA ITEM 4 — UPDATE FROM COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

Office of Councilmember Tim McOsker, CD-15

Field Deputy provided the following updates from the Office of Councilmember McOsker on initiatives and resources affecting the Southeast communities within Council District 15:

- Capital Improvement Projects: The Council Office has secured funding for sidewalk repair and ADA accessibility upgrades along Figueroa Street between 108th and 120th Streets. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2026. Residents with street infrastructure concerns are encouraged to contact the CD-15 field office at (310) 732-4514.
- Safe Parks Initiative: In partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, CD-15 has allocated resources for extended evening programming at Watts Civic Auditorium and Harbor Park to provide structured after-school activities through June 2026. The program is designed in part to reduce youth loitering and keep young residents engaged during high-risk hours.
- Community Clean-Up Events: The next scheduled community beautification and bulky item pickup event will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the corner of 103rd Street and Grape Street. Residents may bring up to two large items for disposal at no charge. Volunteers are welcome and can sign up through the CD-15 website.
- LA County Mental Health Expansion: Deputy Nguyen noted that the Council Office has been working with LA County to expand the Therapeutic Van Program (TVP) outreach hours in the 77th Street and Harbor Division areas, addressing both mental health crises and individuals experiencing homelessness.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to public comment. Four (4) community members addressed the board. Topics raised included concerns about response times to non-emergency calls, the need for improved streetlighting on Grape Street near the elementary school, and appreciation for increased patrol presence during recent community events. SLO Webb noted each concern for follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Martinez thanked attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 — 5:30 PM, Southeast Community Police Station