

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY

BOARD 04/18/2024

This meeting was held in person at the Central Station Conference Room as well as on ZOOM and was recorded. Start time 1005 hours.

Captain III Jovel:

***Shoplifting** crimes continue to be an issue:

-Last year central arrested over 700 shoplifting suspects. This year we are already at 250 arrests.

-Captain advises all stake holders, building managers to update cameras systems if possible, high visibility security can help mitigate these crimes.

Significant crime incident:

*A 71-year-old female was robbed in Chinatown in broad day light by a homeless male who just arrived from San Bernardino. Suspect was held down by BID security officers until PD arrived and he was arrested.

*Homeless Violent crime continues to be a major issue in central. 25-30% of Central's Violent crime is homeless related. That's 1/3 of our crime. Homeless including both victim and suspect.

*Dog attacks in skid row continue to take place and be an issue in DTLA.

-Parking lots in downtown still have BFMV crimes taking place as well as Robberies committed against the parking attendants. Central has approx. 117 parking lots.

-Suspect will pose as attendants and ask for money causing Theft by Trickery against victims.

-Flyers (Community Alerts) will continue to be sent out to the community via email and social media keeping the community informed.

Traffic Updates:

Central Bureau has had more people killed in Traffic Accidents than homicides which is the first time that has happened.

-In the last 3 weeks there have been 3 deaths due to accidents: Newton Division, Hollenbeck Division and Northeast Division. 2 of those involved a pedestrian, and the 3rd was on a bicycle.

Protests:

*Protests are going to continue and increase as time goes on due to what is happening between Palestine & Israel as well as the elections coming up.

-Updates on protests / traffic updates are posted on X (twitter) and Threads and at times on Instagram. - Not monitored 24/7 -

-Protestors continue the same tactics of going onto the freeways, major streets and causing a traffic hazard by linking arms and sitting down. Forcing LAPD or CHP to declare unlawful protests and make arrests.

Guest Speaker LAFD Captain Commander O'Connor:

-Station 9 located at 430 7th st.

-19 fire fighters on duty 24/7 making up 3 shifts.

-This also makes up of 2 Truck Engines, 2 paramedic ambulances, 2 EMT ambulances, as well as a fast response vehicle.

*LAFD station 9 received 22,000 incidences in Jan-March of 2023.Which breaks down to a 911 call every 20 minutes.

*LAFD has a therapeutic van that gets dispatched with them to certain calls of a possible 5150 (person with mental illness who is a danger to themselves, others, or who is gravely disabled.)

-If they meet the criteria the certified clinicians will place the individual on a hold to that way free up PD and allow them to return to patrol.

Community Events, Q&A:

*DTLA / Central Community Police Advisory Board welcomes you to the **Hospitality Forum Wednesday, May 1st2024 at 12pm @ 618 S. Spring st LA CA 90013**

*Lakers, Clippers, Kings have made the playoffs. TBD how far they will all make it.

*Major Conference taking place the LA IPW (U.S. Travel Association leading international inbound travel trade show.) thousands of people expected to attend.

Citizens Police Academy:

-Students are graduating May 9th, 2024.

-Next citizen's academy will be in the Fall. Contact Officer Emma Teyechea for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 1115 hours.

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