



C-PAB Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025
Called to order at 12:00 PM

Welcome Betty Ley

Pledge of Allegiance by Bonney Klabunde

Prior to starting the meeting Betty shared that Deputy Chief Ruby Flores has joined Operations South Bureau. At Operations-Valley Bureau, there is a new Deputy Chief – Marla Ciuffetelli.

November Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Motioned by Tom Weissbarth - 2nd by Loyce Lacson. Minutes approved.

Betty introduced the Captain's Report/Mission Update

Captain III Aaron Ponce

Thanked all in attendance and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

Mission Update:

- January 7th – the first fire started in the San Fernando Valley. Mission was on A & B Watch (12H shifts).
 - Responsible for securing 3 zones.
 - Challenges –
 - Community frustration, when can they return to their homes?
 - Pushing out community communications
- As the Palisades Fire continued to progress, a command post was set up at a HS to help with evacuations.
- Shared history of a few fires in the area and how they resembled the current fires that occurred in the LA County area.
- **PAUSE IN THE RECORDING**
- Shared several fire safety tips.
- Followed by Q&A.

Traffic Unit – Officer Peter Nguyen

- Assigned to Mission Division.
- There is 1 officer assigned to each division.
- Main responsibility – handle traffic complaints, enforcement, make suggestions for repairs, and traffic education at schools.
- Followed by Q&A.

OAD Certificates:

Betty presented Certifications of Appreciation for those that weren't present at the November meeting.

Captain III Aaron Ponce and Betty Ley

Discussed the C-PAB Meeting times as well as options:

- Zoom Option?
- Evening Meetings?
- Keep the current time?
- April C-PAB Meeting will be scheduled for the evening.
- Followed by Q&A.

Captain III Aaron Ponce

Discussed ideas for C-PAB goals:

- Should C-PAB and Mission have a project in which they can work together to enhance community safety?
 - Emergency Preparedness “Safety Fair/Preparedness”
 - Roundtable discussions on Mission’s community objectives, functions, and limitations/restrictions
 - Facilitation of collaborations with other agencies
- Followed by Q&A

Homeless Coordinator – Officer Ryan Writer

Question from the community – what does a Homeless Coordinator do?

- Act as a liaison between law enforcement, council districts, and sanitation to coordinate city cleanups and encampment issues.
- Followed by Q&A.

Government Reps Updates:

Marisol Sanchez, Area Representative for State Assembly, Celena Rodriguez provided an update:

- Working with CalTrans to remove encampments from the freeways
- Upcoming Event on March 2

Odalys Gomez, Field Deputy for Council District 6, Councilwoman Imelda Padilla provided an update:

- There were power outages in the area due to the nearby fires in LA County areas. As a result, people were without food and the council district focused their resources on addressing the food insecurity issue during those times.
- Allocated \$25,000 to provide financial relief to individuals in the district area that were impacted by the fires as their work was in the fire zones.
- Held a safety meeting with several mission officers, Casa Esperanza, and others.
- A homeless count had been conducted the day before and there were several within the district.
- Followed by Q&A.

Jose Hernandez, Field Deputy for Council District 7, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez provided an update:

- Represent the Sylmar Area.
- Various departments are collaborating to address homelessness hotspots in the area.
- Street racing is an issue in Sylmar.
- Followed by Q&A.

Additional Comments:

Next Meeting March 19, 2025 at 12pm.

Who will provide snacks?

Announcements:

Notice of Intent to Serve will need to be submitted to Officer Victor Rios to receive your 2025 sticker.

Forms were available at the sign-in table and via email.

Adjourned 1:29 PM.