

**Devonshire Area
Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 7 PM**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Community Relations Sergeant, Sgt. Juan Guzman

Sgt. Guzman has been a sergeant for two years and was previously in Hollywood Division

He has worked in Devonshire Division twice before and is happy to be back

Year-In-Review by Area Commanding Officer Captain Burns

- Operational Challenges This Year
 - Palisades Fire Response
Though the fire lasted about one to two weeks, Devonshire officers were deployed to the Palisades for approximately six months which significantly reduced the staffing locally
 - Civil Unrest in June
Additional officers were reassigned from the division
 - Dodgers Playoffs & World Series
Required large deployment allocations, further straining resources
- Major Incidents
 - Officer-Involved Shooting (July, Corbin Ave.)
Involved an armed suspect waving a gun
Suspect was taken into custody
 - Officer-Involved Shooting (Approx. 3 weeks ago, Balcom Ave.)
Initially reported as a neighbor disturbance
Determined to be a domestic violence incident
After approximately one hour of negotiation, suspect was taken into custody.
Victim was unharmed
- Crime Statistics Overview

Overall crime is down in every category except rapes in Devonshire Division
Statistics are based on reported crimes only

 - Violent Crimes
 - Homicide: Down
 - Rape (Sexual Assault): Up slightly (mostly acquaintance cases)
 - Robbery: Down by 30% (approx. 60 fewer incidents from last year)
 - Aggravated Assault: Down by 26% (100+ fewer incidents from last year)
 - Overall Violent Crime: Down by 25.5%
 - Shootings are down by half (10 vs. 20 from last year)
 - Property Crimes
 - Burglary: Down by 20% (over 150 fewer incidents from last year)
Burglaries have dropped from 90 to 95 per month at the beginning of the year to appx. 40 to 45 cases
Burglaries are down for the first time in 3 years
Credit given Metropolitan Division investigations and ALPR cameras funded by Councilmember John Lee's office
 - Grand Theft Auto: Down by 28% (200+ fewer incidents from last year)

- Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle is down significantly
- Property Crime Overall: Down by 24%
- Devonshire and Foothill Divisions are currently the only two Valley divisions reporting reductions across most major crime categories
- Enforcement of LAMC 41.18 improving conditions by the Senior Lead Officers
CD12 now conducts five sanitation cleanups per week at encampments
Frequent cleanups prevent large encampments from re-forming
- Remaining concerns:
Homeless individuals relocating to hard-to-see areas
Increased presence near freeways, parks, or brush areas—raising fire risk
- Collaboration continues with LAFD
Fire crews notify LAPD of encampments discovered during fire responses
- 2025 has been a very positive year and Capt. Burns expects it to continue to 2026

Q & A was taken. Topics were on:

- Drones in Devonshire
- Effects of burglary crew arrests made by Metropolitan Division
- Retail thefts/shoplifting store response policies
- Tourism Burglaries/Theft by Trickery
- Holiday Season Planning – Patrol and Prevention

Senior Lead Reports

- 17A81 -- SLO Anthony Sigston
 - Multiple meetings with mall management and retailers
 - Holiday patrol plan in effect due to limited resources
 - Relying heavily on Volunteers (VCP) for presence and high visibility
 - Thefts are down but Burglaries are slightly up
 - Reminding people not to leave their personal belongings unattended
 - Continuing enforcement and education of LAMC 41.18
- 17A67 – SLO Sandra Zamora
 - Holiday schedule in full mode
Added bike detail at the Northridge Fashion Mall
 - Pack-a-Police-Car toy drive is ongoing
Additional toy donation boxes distributed throughout division
 - Several holiday events scheduled:
Granada Hills Holiday Parade – Dec. 7
Chatsworth Holiday Parade – Dec. 14
Hanukkah Celebration – Dec. 16
Cadet Banquet – Dec. 12 (seeking raffle prize donations)
PALS Toy Giveaway – Dec. 13
- 17A23 – Acting SLO Phillip Yu
 - Implementing Holiday Plan at the Vineyards and Porter Ranch Towne Center
 - Continuing enforcement and uniform presence at the Chatsworth Train Station
 - Gearing up for the Chatsworth Holiday Parade
- 17A49 – SLO Greg Andrachick
 - Doing very well, especially with the clean ups 3 days a week
The problem areas at Petit, Chase, Devonshire and Balboa – the individuals have been arrested or in custody
 - Working on SARA (Standing Analysis Response and Assessment) Project at San Jose St.
- 17A95 – Acting SLO Antonio Villegas

- Current problem at Balboa and Roscoe at the Jack-in-the-Box
The encampment is on the abandoned carwash and not on Jack-in-the-Box property
The owner has filed the No Trespass Letter and is currently waiting on the signs to be posted
Jose Mendez from CD 12 will help with the clean up
- 17A35 -- SLO John Parker
 - Last night was the All Basic Car Annual Potluck which was the last meeting of the year
 - All Basic Cars will go dark in December and start up again in January
 - Please reach out if you would like to have a neighborhood watch start up meeting next year, have any suggestions for a guest speaker or have any other concerns

C-PAB Reports/Updates:

- The City Council has recently decided not to deploy LAPD and DOT for free to community events such as parades, street fairs, etc. and will be charging for the overtime
Please let the community know that this decision was NOT made by the LAPD but by the City Council
- Captain Burns encouraged C-PAB members to make guest speaker recommendations for future C-PAB meetings

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 7 PM.

Happy Holidays!!!