



C-PAB Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023
Called to order at 12:00 PM

Welcome Betty Ley
Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Weissbarth

Prior to starting the meeting Betty explained that since we did not have a recorder nor someone to take notes, she requested that all senior lead officers email her their reports.

Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Motioned by Tom Weissbarth - 2nd by Norma Wenkalman.
Minutes approved.

Betty introduced the Captain's Report/Mission Update

Captain III James Townsend thanked all in attendance for the last meeting of the year plus a Mission Update: Overall Mission is down on crime. There has been slight increase in vehicle thefts:

- # 1 Vehicle being stolen is the Chevy Silverado.
- Hyundai's have been stolen due to a software that needs updating (2011-2022-year models). There was a release of a TikTok video on how to steal these vehicles.
- Mission Hills detectives and Hyundai of Mission Hills putting on an event, *Software Updates* – December 3rd (8am – 3pm). (Flyers available)
- *Miracle on Mission Toy Giveaway* – December 9th (9am-3pm) at Sepulveda Rec Center.

Be safe and be cautious.

Captain I Lisa Ruvalcaba gave a brief update on her first couple of weeks at Mission and provided safety tips as we head into the holidays.

SLO's Reports:

SLO Joe Carter Basic Car 19A1

The overall crime is down by 14%, violent crime 10%, and property crime by 14%. There has been an increase in burglaries, mostly commercial. Doing clean-ups along San Fernando Road, Foothill Blvd, etc. A meeting was held with high school principals in the area and established a good line for communication and support.

SLO Phil Ruiz Basic Car 19A43

Crime is down 16% compared to last year. With the holidays approaching there has been an increase in burglaries and theft. Recent increase of GTA's in the Mission Hills Area. Vehicles being most targeted are Hyundai's and Kia's. *Software Update* event to occur on December 3rd in collaboration with Hyundai of Mission Hills. *Stuff A Cruiser* event at the Olivo Shopping Center parking lot next week to collect toys!

SLO Brady Cuellar Basic Car 19A61

Overall crime in North Hills is looking great; it is down by 15.5% in many categories. However, there has been a small spike in robberies. This is due to some retail store theft as well as packages being stolen this time of year. Requested extra patrol to help bring crime down, be more preventative, and show more officer presence. Things that have occurred – clean up along the wash (405 on-ramp/Roscoe). Also going to be doing the “Adopting a Family Program.”

SLO Sean Smith Basic Car 19A75

Vice Sgt. Sewell in attendance and will be speaking in detail about the casino takedown on Woodman. There has been an increase in crime around Woodman and Van Nuys Corridor. Recently, there was an arrest by the Narcotics Detail. Doing clean-ups at Wakefield and Terra Bella.

SLO Tracy Ware Basic Car 19A79

Similar situation at Walgreens where they have identified someone. Walgreens is working with detectives to catch the individual with burglary charges. Crime is slightly up by 1.3% and up about 30% with GTAs. Complaints about the bridges over the wash and encampments; couple of the pursuits have ended inside the wash as a result they are working with LA County to secure the fences. There will be a **Woodman Business Watch Meeting** the first week of December. The next **Neighborhood Watch Meeting** will be held on November 29 at Branford Park.

SLO Tony Martin Basic Car 19A85

Crime has picked up a bit, especially in GTAs. They continue to assist sanitation and Public works with their cleanups and are working with CD 6 Homeless coordinators and field deputies to identify folks that need housing, and services. *Stuff A Cruiser* event at the Walmart on Van Nuys Blvd to collect toys!

Guest Speaker:

Vice Sgt. Sewell gave an overview of his first few weeks as Sgt. and the casino takedown on Woodman. Followed by Q & A.

OAD Certificates:

OAD appreciation certificates were handed out.

Quality of life:

Dave Brown provided an update.

Government Reps Updates:

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

- *Annual Christmas Tree Lighting* (Sylmar Park, December 1st at 6pm and Mission Hills, December 6th at 5pm).
- *Annual Turkey Giveaway*, (PCH/Pacoima City Hall, November 21st at 6pm).
- *Brand Park Opening* (December 2nd, 10:30am – 12:30pm).

Lorraine Diaz also gave an update from Paul Krekorian President's Office: (818) 755-7676

- *Winter Wonderland*, Sports Complex 6838 Whitsett Ave., Valley Glen. December 16th, 4:00pm).
- *Annual Turkey Giveaway*, November 18th at Tiara St Park 12 noon.

Additional Comments:

No C-PAB meeting in December, next meeting January 17, 2024, in-person masks are not required.

Announcements:

Betty reminded members to sign up to participate with refreshments for next years meetings as well as notice of intent to serve for next year.

Adjourned 1:03 PM.