



C-PAB Meeting Minutes November 20, 2024
Called to order at 12:00 PM

Welcome Betty Ley

Pledge of Allegiance by Bonney Klabunde

October Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Motioned by Norma Wenkalman, 2nd by Tom Weissbarth.

Minutes approved.

Betty gave out OAD Certificates.

Guest Speaker – Detective Royce & Detective Case

- Oversees burglaries and thefts.
- For the year, there have been about 300 burglaries – down 10%
- One of the biggest issues has been retail thefts.
- With the recent change to Prop 36, we hope to see things rolling back.
- Community Safety Recommendations –
 - Leave lights or the TV on – give the appearance that someone is home
 - Avoid home package deliveries from being stolen – have them delivered to locations that have lockers
- Followed by Q & A.

SLO's Reports:

SLO Joseph Carter Basic Car 19A1

Provided an update on crime in Sylmar (westside):

- Overall crime is up 4% for the year - violent crime is slightly up.
- Crime on the eastside is up 30%.
- Received complaints regarding Party locations.
- Received complaints regarding Off-Road vehicles – last week (1 side-by-side and 2 quads were impounded).
- Continue to work closely with CD regarding RV cleanups.
- Followed by Q&A.

SLO Phil Ruiz 19A43

Provided an update on crime in Mission Hills:

- Overall crime for the year is up by 9%.
 - Last year there were 440 crimes reported.
 - This year there were 482 crimes reported.
 - Theft is the highest category.
- Community Safety Recommendations:
 - Home lighting (sensors)
- Retail Safety Meeting – Thursday, November 21st.

SLO Brady Cuellar Basic Car 19A61

Provided an update on crime in North Hills:

- Crime is up – thefts, robberies, shootings, homicide. Overall, based on the year, it is slightly lower than last year.
- There's been gang activities at schools.
- Working closely with CD6 regarding encampment cleanups.

SLO Tracy Ware Basic Car 19A70

Provided an update on crime in the Arleta area:

- The homeless shelter on Woodman and Nordoff is officially open.
- Overall violent crime is slightly down – 26%.
- Property thefts are up - 19%.
- Community safety recommendation – secure your belongings.
- A search warrant at a residence was fruitful – it resulted in a casino setup with 15+ monitors, slot machines, etc.
 - 18 people were arrested – 3 taken for felonies.
 - The owner was fined.

SLO Tony Martin Basic Car 19A85

Provided an update on the crime in the Panorama City area:

- Overall crime has gone down - 29%
- Property crime has gone down - 13%
- With the holidays coming up, patrols will be ramping up near the retail areas in the afternoon.
- With the passing of Prop 36, retail areas will be ramping up extra security in case of a rush of thefts before Prop 36 takes effect.
- Community Safety Recommendation – avoid being a victim by securing your purchases during the holidays.
- Montgomery Ward is coming down. New construction takes place in June/July 2025.
- Miracle on Mission – December 6th.

Betty introduced the Captain's Report/Mission Update

Captain Aaron Ponce

- Good News! - COMSTAT, Department's Review by Deputy Chiefs from the Detective Bureau.
- Chief of Police Priorities:
 - Rebuilding Department Morale
 - Recruitment & Retention
 - Building Partnerships – Communities & Business
 - Building Community Engagement & Trust
 - Leading the way in national policing – innovation, creativity, continuous improvement
 - Crime & Disorder
 - Rebuilding the department.
- Car Show – November 23rd
- Miracle on Mission – December 6th
- Cadet Graduation – weekend!
- Proactive work at Arleta – Casino at a residence, search warrant was successful.

Captain I Lisa Ruvalcaba

- Looking forward to the Cadet Graduation – Mission was commended for their efforts.

Government Reps Updates:

Marcela Quintanilla, Field Deputy for Council District 6, Councilwoman Imelda Padilla provided an update:

- Staff changes have taken place within CD6.
- The “Welcome to Arleta” sign was on the agenda for the Arleta Neighborhood Council. Green was chosen as the color, and the sign will be up before the end of the year.
- Several new encampments have been identified and they will be assessed for removal.
- Followed by Q&A.

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

- Recent encampment cleanup along the Sepulveda Bridge.
- \$7.75 million was secured to staff another fire engine at Panorama City.
- A ceremony was held at Montgomery Ward to initiate the demolition.
- Miracle on Mission event is coming.
- Followed by Q&A.

Marisol Sanchez, Area Representative for Council District 7, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez provided an update:

- Thanked officers that were at the Veterans Day parade.
- RV Cleanup has taken place.
- Care + is scheduled for November 26th.
- CD7 introduced a motion to temporary close the walkways – Northeast of [REDACTED] Avenue and Northwest of Interstate 5 Hwy for 18months to address safety issues.
- Tree Lighting in Sylmar on December 6th.
- Followed by Q&A

Additional Comments:

Next meeting January 15, 2025 in-person.

No meeting in December due to many traveling for the holidays.

Announcements:

None.

Adjourned 1:10 PM.