



Community Policing Advisory Board Minutes  
Los Angeles Police Department  
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 P.M. via Zoom and in person hybrid meeting

**Location:** Pacific Community Room

**Call to Order:** Ron Mito, Civilian Co-Chair

**Members Present: 21**

**Excused 2**

**Guests: 1**

**LAPD Personnel - 6**

**City Employees- 5**

**Approval of prior meeting minutes** –Motion made by Ron K, seconded by Vicki, motion passed.

**Captain Report-** Expressed thanks for the holiday meal at Thanksgiving and the takeaway food at Christmas and New Year's. Need help on Tuesday to finish painting the station, Sgt. Hopkins OIC. Thank you to the 15 who showed up last Tuesday.

February 26 Formal inspection Chief of Police inspects the officers. Program will be smaller than previously planned.

In April, Open House and Pancake Breakfast.

Pacific approved for 10 more officers starting in April through September.

Dockweiler Beach has 1-2 permanent officers. Kyle Douglas is very proactive teaming up with Sam Gil. They believe in being proactive, educating the public all the time with an emphasis on Playa Vista and homeless. The Volunteer Citizens Patrol has received cars. Training will begin soon.

### **Guest Speaker: Captain Kristin Kolenda: LAPD Mental Evaluation Unit Assessment and Recommendation**

Calls are received from individuals suffering from Mental health issues. Audit of the unit started 1 ½ years ago. There were 12 concerns from the City Controller in a very biased report. Recommendations were responded to, they are not changing teams or response, will continue to provide resources to person in crisis. Chief of Police concurred. Their unit supports patrol, does a safety check on the scene, assess the situation for a possible crime. The DMH is a civilian. They can discuss with the officer if handcuffs are necessary. Most have been with the unit 10 years or more. The Use of Force policy is stricter than most states. They have training 21 times a year, two times a month with speakers in their field at ARTC. There are opportunities to attend a class. MH report stands alone separate from Use of Force report. There is tracking, surveys and projects to improve response. Like all units they are short on staff. They can divert clients to other agencies like Didi Hirsh.

Circle Team is not part of MEU; it's out of the Mayor's Office. Mental Health and drugs are hard to detect. Hospitals make the determination. Database established in 1987 for every contact. Someone who is gravely disabled or a chronic drug user could possibly be put on hold or conservatorship. Wednesday is a heavy deployment day, 4 units in the city instead of the usual 2 for the whole city. Weekends could expand to 6. The preferred team is an officer and clinician in plain clothes. The team does respond to radio calls. LAFD responds to an injured person. There is one Senior Lead for each Bureau.

### **SLO Reports:**

**A-13 – SLO Madison** as of January 29 Rose Corridor will be an LA Municipal Code 41.18 zone (homeless not allowed on the sidewalk), signs are posted. RV dwelling is city regulated. Vehicle must be empty to be towed. 22% reduction in crime. Focused on towing near Amazon Fresh, 11<sup>th</sup> Steet zone, can clean-ups.

**A-45- SLO Ramirez** dealing with quality-of-life issues 15% crime reduction in all areas. Working with other agencies on county clean-ups.

Feb. 4 Centinela West is scheduled. Also working on LMU and Home Depot problems. DOT engineers speed bumps. Trey Grogen CD #11 is a good resource. Vandalism of mailboxes is US Mail problem, need to report to them.

**A-67 and 73- SLO Pinell & Acting SLO Urrea** good citizens make their job easier. Working to keep Westchester Park safe and well as the Lagoon area. Working on homeless issues 67% decrease overall in crime. Working with Officer Gill to squash illegal fires on the beach. They will work in tandem therefore the public should copy both on any communications.

**Sgt. Cook VCP (Volunteer Citizens Patrol)** is a group of volunteers that will be trained soon, driving BMW i3 with a radio to be eyes and ears reporting, but not engaging with suspects. They work with a partner. Officers respond. Most of the volunteers have their uniforms. Hoping the program will expand.

Inspection – February 26 will be a smaller event than previously planned. Groups will be invited, CPAB, Boosters, Clergy, block captains, Neighborhood councils Westchester/Playa, Mar Vista, and Del Rey will be acknowledged for contributing to the event and the public. Starts at 8:00 A.M. with a shorter program 1 ½ hours than Divisional photo followed by lunch served by Papa Sanchez and possible Hot links at 11:00 A.M.

April 11- Save the date for E-Waste Hours 8:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. Start collecting now, especially screens.

April 25- Pancake Breakfast and Open House

May 29-31 Palms Festival and Carnival, raises money for the Cadets

### **Committees:**

**Emergency Preparedness:** Information sent out, check your emails.

**Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains** Schedule for quarterly meetings is being worked on. If you want Yard signs, contact your CD #11 representative.

**Events:** See Sgt. Cook's report

**Transportation:** Bikers on sidewalks is a concern, not being enforced. Venezia and Venice is a dangerous intersection.

**Boosters-Save the date- June 20 Casino Night at Playa Vista Centre Club.**

**CD # 5** Gratitude to the officers who assisted in housing 16 people at the Sepulveda and 10 Freeway site. CD #5 is aware of the encampment at

Woodbine Park. RVs moving from Harlow need to continue to work on this area.

**CD 11:** Matt greeted everyone with a Happy New Year. Thanked officers for their assistance at Care and Operations. 90 Freeway brush cleared. CHP and Clans Trans meeting scheduled February 11, at 10:00 A.M.

**Recreation and Parks:**

**Westchester** is having a Sweethearts Dance.

Woman's Wellness Event March 28, networking opportunity with 18 speakers.

April 4 Spring Egg Hunt at all Recreation Centers 11A.M. -2:00 P.M.

**Westwood** is hosting a Grandparents and kids event called Night in Paris, tickets are \$10.00 February 6, 5:30 P.M. -6:30 P.M.

**Penmar:** Overnight parking at Penmar Park needs to be reported to DOT.

Member concern: Fire in Del Rey was started by a homeless person who threatened to burn down the whole block of houses. There are daily fires along the 90 freeway. Citizens need to report.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Respectfully submitted,  
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