

Los Angeles Police Department
Harbor Community Police Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2021

1. Welcome and CPAB introductions:
 - a. CPAB Co-Chair Mona Sutton conducted an introduction along with James Baeza and they introduced Lt. Paul McKechnie.

2. Crime Update:
 - a. Lt. McKechnie provided a brief update on crime trends in the Harbor Area and also spoke about the recent uptick in ghost guns being recovered in the Area and that the Department was launching a gun violence reduction campaign.

3. SLO Updates:
 - a. San Pedro Areas – SLO Dan Brown
 - i. SLO Brown covered general crime trends for San Pedro and spoke about the rise in Aggravated Assaults.
 - ii. He covered the Northwest, Central and Coastal San Pedro Areas.
 - b. South/West Wilmington – SLO Jacque Lopez
 - i. SLO Lopez covered general crime trends and highlighted an impact arrest related to a serial robbery suspect in her area.
 - ii. She also covered North Wilmington and advised that she was working with Officer Solorzano who is covering for SLO Nick Ferrara.
 - c. Harbor City / Harbor Gateway – SLO Frank Lopez
 - i. SLO Lopez covered the recent uptick in robberies in his area and also talked about some of the quality of life areas in the Harbor City and Harbor Gateway areas.
 - d. East Wilmington – SLO Roger Perez
 - i. SLO Perez spoke about how overall violent crime had decreased in his area.
 - ii. He spoke about the extra patrol in Greenbelt Park and the homicides occurring in his area.
 - e. Gang Reduction – Youth Outreach – SLO Maligi Nua
 - i. SLO Nua provided a brief about the Summer Night Lights and some upcoming events.

4. Questions:
 - a. Question regarding the issue of traffic fatalities in the PCH corridor between Eubank and the Harbor Freeway.

- i. The request was for extra traffic enforcement, which was noted.
 - b. Question regarding the percentage of Aggravated Assaults involving homeless individuals in the San Pedro Area.
 - i. Lt. McKechnie advised that it is only a part of the overall picture.
 - c. Request for additional patrol around the Pacific Inn in Coastal San Pedro with the ATVs. The request was noted for Watch 5.
 - d. Question regarding the rules for car clubs.
 - i. Lt. McKechnie advised that as long as the groups are following traffic laws, there should not be issues.
 - e. There was a question related to gun laws.
 - i. Lt. McKechnie spoke about ghost guns and that this is an evolving area due to recent court rulings. But building an unregistered gun is illegal and makes it a ghost gun.
 - f. There was a question regarding the issue with Fireworks in the East Wilmington Area.
 - i. Sgt. Sohn advised that she would work with the community member and SLO Perez to address their concerns.
 - ii. A follow up question was regarding sanctioned fireworks shows in the Harbor Area.
- 5. July 15th Meeting: Mona Sutton and Sgt. Sohn canvassed the participants to see if people were in favor of in-person or hybrid for next month. Overall, people requested hybrid.
- 6. Closing: Mona Sutton – Thank you to all for coming out tonight and we meet next month and this is a chance to ask questions.