

**Devonshire Area  
Community-Police Advisory Board Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

New member Intro:

Juan Lopez, representing the Winnetka Park Area, active Winnetka Rec neighborhood watch member

Featured Guest Speaker – Capt. Anthony Espinoza, new Patrol Captain

- Been with the Dept. for 22 years and worked with West and South Bureaus, first time in Valley Bureau  
Previous assignments have been in Vice, Narcotics, Internal Affairs, and Patrol
- Goals: Make Devonshire Area a safer community for everyone by crime reduction and continue to engage with the community through volunteer work
- When assigned to Information Technology Bureau, Captain Espinoza was the liaison for Los Angeles Police Foundation and worked on special projects  
Currently working with the Recruitment Education Division to achieve the goal of 700 new and diverse group of recruits for this year
- Very impressed how Devonshire, being one of the older buildings, has been very well kept thanks to those who contributed – feel very blessed to be in Devonshire
- No specific projects in mind at this moment
- Interested in the Bike Unit – Used to be on the Bike Unit in West LA  
Not only high visibility but works better when searching for missing persons on a fire trail or when engaging with the homeless population  
People find it easier to engage when they see an officer on a bicycle than a patrol car

State of Devonshire by Capt. Burns:

- Violent crime, Homicides, ROBB and AGG, are up by 18.5% YTD and fluctuating at the rate of 18 to 20%
- 2 homicides in 2 days (unrelated)  
The first homicide was at Corbin/Nordhoff Way at homeless encampment  
Second homicide was at 9400 Corbin Ave in the hallway of an apartment building  
Both cases are still under investigation  
Homicides last year was 1, this year there are 5 so far
- Received funds from CD 12 for overtime
- Starting September 3 when LAMC Section 41.18 can be enforced, LAPD may be able to take some enforcement action and hope to find housing for the Homelessness population and move them off certain areas of the sidewalk  
Waiting word regarding enforcement protocol and will plan accordingly
- Challenge is housing availability is limited in CD 12
- Officers Taylor and Knapp, both former HOPE team officers, are compassionate and always working in a humane manner to help the homelessness receive resources and housing and at the same time trying to make the streets safer for everyone

#### Discussion/Comments on Sheriff Villanueva's town hall in Devonshire

- Will LAPD reinstate the HOPE Team?
- Will the Sheriff's Dept. send in their HOST Team to Devonshire?
- What do you do when there are people who believe and accuse LAPD using force to make the homeless to move?
- Who can the community write to ask to bring back the HOPE Team?

#### Visitor Self-Intro:

Jill – from east of the 405 freeway in Mission Division and on Mission Area's Quality of Life Committee, invited by Dave Brown

#### SLO Reports/Updates:

##### Sgt. Swihart:

- General email for all the Senior Leads is [DEVONSHIRESLO@lapd.online](mailto:DEVONSHIRESLO@lapd.online)  
Please use for any SLO's that are out of the office
- Officers Corral, Sellers, Peteque and DelValle are still out  
Officer Luis Ojeda, on loan from Patrol, is filling in for A67  
Currently the SLO's are handling 2 Basic Cars each
- Tomorrow is Fro Yo with the SLO at the Granada Hills Menchie's from Noon to 2 PM
- Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for September 16
- PALS fundraiser has been postponed
- Thank you for all coming out to National Night Out

#### Crime Updates -- July 18 to August 14, 2021

##### A23 -- Total of 39 crimes

Part 1 crimes: YTD ↓20.7% 405 crimes (2021) vs 511 crimes (2020)  
Top Crimes: BURG (11) GTA (11). AGG (6)  
Top Days: Fri (8) Thurs (7) Sat (7)  
Top Times: AM1 (11) PM2 (11) AM2 (10)  
Top vehicles: Chevy PU/SUV (4) Honda (4) GMC (3)  
Trend: Pickup Trucks and theft of catalytic converters throughout the City  
Busy RD's: 1701 (7) 1752 (7) 1722 (6) 1723 (6)

##### A35 -- Total 33 crimes

Part 1 crimes: YTD ↓17.3%. 406 (2021) vs 491 (2020)  
Top Crimes: BURG (9) GTA (7)  
Top Days: Mon (9) Tues (7)  
Top times: AM 1 (13) PM 2 (8)  
Top Vehicles: Honda (2)  
Busy RD's: 1735 (7) 1705 (4) 1727 (4)  
Trend: BURG and GTA – please trim shrubs and trees around the house, close/lock windows, gates  
GTA's -- Do not leave fob in car  
Place fob in a faraday pouch when you bring the key indoors to block low frequency signals which some suspects are using to unlock the car

##### A81 -- Total Part 1 crimes are ↑5.3% YTD

Violent crimes: ↑48.1% YTD  
Homicide ↑200% Rape ↑25% ROBB ↑39.1% AGG ↑50.9%

Property crimes: ↓1.6%

BURG ↑8.3% GTA ↑35.1% BTFMV ↓7.2% Other Thefts ↓14.7%

Had a meeting with the property management of the apartments and condos on Corbin between Plummer and Norhodff

AGG and Homicide are occurring along the encampments

Advising the businesses near encampments to have a plan with their employees not to leave anything out in the open, like the front desk and not provide an opportunity for transients to walk in and take their belongings, not to sit in their cars focusing on their phones for a long time – just be aware of your surroundings

Advising Businesses with a gymnasium for children or a soccer center for children to make sure there is a plan for the children to stay away from the encampments

Having a cleanup at Winnetka Park with the RAP Team and LAHSA and try to move them and get them services

Had a cleanup several weeks ago at Penfield Alley but a few individuals have moved back in Chamber of Commerce meeting for business owners on Wednesday, August 25

Nordhoff/Independence cleanup scheduled for next week

Officer Zamora will be on vacation from next Friday...please reach out using the [devonshireslo@lapd.online](mailto:devonshireslo@lapd.online) for assistance during that time

A95 -- Total violent crimes: ↑25.9% YTD

Rape ↑50% AGG ↑41.9% No increase in ROBB No Homicide

BURG ↑28.9% GTA ↑1.1% BTFMV ↓33.1% Other Thefts ↓34.6%

Total Part 1 crimes: ↓12.0% YTD

There was an increase in GTA along the 405, namely along Aqueduct and Blucher

Working with Mission Area to combat this problem on both sides of the Freeway

Please lock your cars, remove all valuables and try to park where there is a surveillance camera

A67 -- Officer Luis Ojeda has been in Devonshire for 8 years and served on the Gang and Vice units

He is currently on loan from Patrol and will be covering A67 until mid-October

You can reach him at [37498@lapd.online](mailto:37498@lapd.online) desk(818)832-0827 work cell (213) 677-9131

Total Crimes: ↑0.7% YTD 444 (2021) vs 441(2020)

Top Crimes: BURG (14) GTA (16)

Top Days: Thurs (9) Fri (9) Sat (6) Sun (9)

Top Times: AM1 (23) PM1 (10)

Top Vehicles: Chevys (Pickup and SUV) Nissan and Toyota

Busiest RD's: 1785 (16) 1794 (14)

There have been window smash burglaries along Reseda and Parthenia

Please empty out the cash register and show the empty till and remove valuable merchandise including tablets from sight to remove any temptation

SLO office can provide No cash in cash register signage

Please lock your cars and/or remove fob and bring it with you

A49 -- Total Part 1 Crimes ↓16% YTD 431 (2021) vs 513 (2020)

Top Crimes: BTFMV and BURG

Top Days: Weds (9) Fri (7)

Top Times: AM1 and PM2

Top vehicles: Chevy Pickups/SUV (4) Honda (4)

Busy RD's: 1745 (7) 1756 (6)

## C-PAB Updates:

FYI, if you can help in the SLO trailer while the SLO's are out on medical leave/vacation, please let them know by using [devonshireslo@lapd.online](mailto:devonshireslo@lapd.online)

Thank you to C-PAB members who came out to NNO and engaged with the community

- PEH  
Thank you to Officer Zamora for the relentless and consistent work around Winnetka Park  
Asked CD 12 reps (Josh Yaegar and Matt Hernandez) to clarify what LAMC 41.18 is and how CD 12 will be instrumental in enforcing this when it goes into effect on September 3  
The Committee would like to start drafting a letter asking to reinstate the HOPE Team  
What happens when people refuse services?  
Will there be a mandate?
- Traffic Safety  
VCP continues to share data with VTD where high incidences of speeding are documented and has led to successfully issuing speeding tickets  
Recent area was Devonshire/Reseda  
If you know of areas where cars are going at a higher speed, or any stop sign runners, please let Bill Cotter know so he can set up a schedule for VCP  
Street Racing Task Force does not want volunteers or VCP to be spotters or help with the speed racing task force as speed racers are becoming increasingly violent  
Instead, please report when you see the street racers starting to gather or racing  
VCP has noticed a lot of semi's driving up Balboa Blvd  
GHNNC's Public Safety Committee is going to ask for No Thru Commercial Trucks signs to replace the No Commercial Trucks over xyz lbs sign to avoid having to weigh the truck at a weigh station
- Devonshire APP  
Forming a committee to go over the Devonshire APP to see what needs to be fixed or updated
- C-PAB polo shirts  
Still in very early stages  
Would like to know how many people are interested

## Other events:

- Devonshire Area Business Owners Zoom meeting with the Captain and Officers will take place on August 25 at 11 AM. If you know any businesses. Operating in Devonshire Division, please contact Richard Fisk
- C-PAB plans to have a table at the Granada Hills Street Faire on Saturday, October 23.
- Seeing many tinted car windows which is a huge public safety problem -- tinted car windows are still illegal but there is no manpower to enforce it unless the vehicle is stopped for another issue and the officer cites the violation  
When windows are tinted, officers use the PA system and ask to either roll down the windows or ask the occupants to step out of the vehicle
- If you have time, please join the weekly Police Commission meetings and voice positive feedback and/or legitimate concerns during the public comment period

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: September 22, 2021 7:00 PM

The meeting has been pushed back for a week in observance of Yom Kippur