

**Devonshire Area  
Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @7PM**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Introducing Officers:

Officer Tony Sciarrino, Community Traffic Safety Unit Officer from Valley Traffic Division

Sgt. Eric Swihart (36964@lapd.online) has stepped in as the CRO/SLO Sergeant while Sgt. Torres is out on IOD

Featured Guest Speaker:

Vahid Khorsand, West Valley Area Representative, Los Angeles Mayor's Office  
(vahid.khorsand@lacity.org)

Brief background: Grew up in Granada Hills, was a business owner for 15 years and was involved with the community such as non-profit organizations until appointed to the Mayor's city-wide planning committee

Mr. Khorsand went straight into Q&A where questions/concerns were raised.

- Homeless situation -- What progress has been made ?
- LAMC 41.18 – if passed, it will take effect ten days later  
Lack of clarity on how the LAMC will be enforced and by what agency
- Parking Enforcement seems to be inconsistent throughout the City – need clarity
- What is the plan? What is the answer to the enforcement when restrictions are lifted?  
When a plan is presented, the process/action that will follow to solve the issue needs to be explained
- Care Plus service for clean ups as well as other services will be
- Money in the Budget does not have enough to look after 60,000 homeless people
- Spending money and building housing are not going to solve homelessness
- What happens to the individuals who refuse housing when beds are available?
- Occupancy of the beds are over 95% City-wide

State of Devonshire by Capt. Burns

- Homicide at Chatsworth and 405 in a RV—following up on evidence and suspect
- Crime is still up
- Video of shoplifting at TJ Maxx in Granada Hills—suspect may have also committed similar crime in Pasadena
- LA County is back to wearing masks indoors and meetings are back to Zoom  
Any events will be done where there is access to or in an outdoor area

SLO Reports/Updates

- Sgt. Swihart     Looking to have Coffee with the Captain/SLO's on August 19, Thursday  
More information to come later  
Officer Louis Ojeda will help the SLO's the next DP

This year's National Night Out will be scaled down at the PALS Youth Center  
Volunteers needed for set up starting between 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM  
Movie is Moana and will be shown at the soccer field  
Flyer is coming out soon

Coffee with a Cop was a success with a great turn out

- A81 6 Part 1 crimes – 1 ROBB 2 AGG 1 BURG 1BTFMV  
Down 2.0% in Property Crimes Up 40.3% in Violent Crimes  
Up 25% in Rape, Up 47.4% in ROBB, 39.5% in AGG  
Most of these crimes are related to the transients in the Winnetka Area and the Northridge Fashion Center  
Holding Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch meetings when requested
- A95 9 Part 1 crimes -- 1 AGG 1 BURG 4 GTA 3 BTFMV  
Up 50% in Rape, Up 48% in AGG, Down in all property crimes  
Overall down 18.5% but Up 26% in violent crimes  
Officer Corral will most likely be out until the end of the year
- A23 Part 1 crimes are down 10.3%  
353 crimes in 2021 vs 440 crimes in 2020  
AGG is up by 21.9% (39 in 2021 vs 32 in 2020)  
ROBB is up by 5.6% (19 vs 18)  
GTA is up 52.6% (58 vs 38) -- Big concern
- A35 Part 1 crimes are down by 17.9%  
362 crimes in 2021 vs 441 in 2020 YTD  
ROBB is up by 44.4% 13 vs 9  
AGG is up by 3.7% 28 vs 27  
THEFT is up by 3.1%. 101 vs 98
- A49 Part 1 crimes are down by 13.2%  
382 crimes in 2021 vs 440 crimes in 2020  
ROBB is up by 46.7% 22 vs 15  
Homicide is up by 100 % 1 vs 0  
GTA is up by 7.8% 69 vs 64  
THEFT is up by 17.1% 89 vs 76  
Over all Up in ROBB's and AGG's
- A67 6 Part 1 crimes  
1 AGG (brandishing a firearm at a road rage incident)  
2 BTFMV 1 GTA. 1 ROBB 1 THEFT  
Part 1 crimes is down by 2.1%  
GTA is up by 10.8%  
BTFMV is up by 7.4%  
AGG is up by 32.4%  
ROBB is up by 9.1%  
YTD Violent crime is up by 27.1% and Property crime is down by 6.1%

Thank you to Officer Dimich who was covering for Officer Peteque for the past 3 ½ months  
She will be returning to Patrol

- Valley Traffic Division Officer Tony Sciarrino ([33749@lapd.online](mailto:33749@lapd.online))

Speed Racing Task Force was a success – CHP handled the West Valley and VTD handled the East Valley

Any speed racing complaints can be sent to Officer Sciarrino who will forward it to Sgt. Jody McGhee of the Speed Racing Task Force

VTD's Community Traffic Safety Unit handles traffic complaints

Fatalities in Devonshire Area YTD -- 7 in 2021 vs 8 in 2020

Total of 14 fatalities in 2020

Currently 11 open traffic complaints mostly for speeding

Working with SLO's on getting motorhomes to move

A 72-hour notice is given to the motorhomes

#### C-PAB Committee Updates:

- Fire Watch Committee Report  
No fire incident was reported by the volunteers
- People Experiencing Homelessness Committee Update
  1. City Council will vote on anti-camping and ban on sidewalk ordinance on July 28 and will need a simple majority to pass  
The ordinance if passed will not take effect for another month or two
  2. Additional beds for PEH in CD 12 – 100 unit supportive/permanent housing was approved at the corner of Devonshire and Eton in Chatsworth. Completion Nov. 2023  
Others in Devonshire Area are Travelodge, Trebek Center and Topanga Apartments(still a go)
  3. City of LA is considering withdrawal from LAHSA and is currently reviewing alternatives  
Urban Alchemy currently working in CD 13 is being studied
- Traffic Safety Committee Update  
Continuing to work with Captain Neiman

#### Upcoming Events:

August 3, Tuesday, 6 PM to 8 PM

August 11, Wednesday, 6:30 PM

August 28, Saturday, 8PM to 11 PM

National Night Out @ PALS Youth Center

VTD Traffic Safety Meeting

<https://lapd.zoom.us/j/89010405844>

A Midsummer's Night Food Festival

LAPD Devonshire PALS Fundraiser

Val Martinez Memorial Bike Ride will take place this Saturday, July 24

Appx 300 cyclists will be riding through Devonshire Area between 10 AM and Noon

Next Meeting: August 18, 2021, 7:00 PM