

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
October 10, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Vierra called the meeting of the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commission Members: Chelette, Smith, Vice-Chairman Fuller, Chairman Vierra

Absent: Commission Member: Brown, Gaupel, Pickens

**Staff**

Members: Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Public Safety Manager, Assistant City Clerk

**Additional**

Attendees: Council Member Crist, California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Rob Lund, Deputy City Manager, CJC Liaison

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Smith

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Eric Ufendu from Los Angeles County Probation Department gave an update on the progress of AB109; statistics for parolees (PSP's) released in Lancaster and the Antelope Valley through July 2012 were provided; staffing numbers were given; the process for intake and assessment as well as the agencies involved were discussed ; Department of Social Services and Department of Mental Health are involved in the intake and assessment process; Public Health is expected to co-locate in November and additional space is needed to handle the additional personnel expected.

Discussion among the Commission and Mr. Ufendu included:

Ratio of parolees to officers; anticipated number of parolees County-wide; increase in PSP's will increase the need for parole officers; affect on resources with the influx of mental health needs; need for additional space; reporting requirement for parolees; Department is looking to break the PSP's into groups – sex offenders, high risk, low risk offenders; GPS monitoring is assigned to one deputy only; Parole Officer has discretion to determine reporting requirements depending on the individual; random drug testing; release area is determined on where the individual lived prior to their arrest.

## **APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Smith the Commission approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 4-0-0-3; AYES: Chelette, Fuller, Smith, Vierra NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Brown, Gaupel, Pickens

### **CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12, 2012**

#### **COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES**

##### **1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE**

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime and arrest statistics for September 2, 2012 through September 29, 2012 and provided the weekly crime event average and median for the same time period. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided information for the most active reporting districts for part-one crimes for September 2, 2012 through September 29, 2012. Crime trend information for specific part-one crimes for a 52 week time period was given and a spatial trend analysis comparing September 2012 to August 2012 was discussed. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided a list of the top ten repeat calls for service for the period of September 2 2012 through September 29, 2012 and discussed a part-one crime forecast for October.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

Decrease in crimes may be attributed to a strong period of growth in the area from 2010 to present which included filling up housing, leveling off of this may be attributed to decrease in crime; those individuals who were committing the crimes have been recognized by the Sheriff's Department; burglary team solves significant amount of their cases.

##### **2. ARREST STATISTICS**

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lieutenant Raulston provided statistics for graffiti and compared September 2011 to September 2012; the TOP/CORE teams along with Kern County Sheriff, Kern County Parole and Kern County Probation Departments recently searched 49 locations in California City. Resulted in 21 felony arrests, 8 misdemeanor arrests, 2 guns and meth for sale; Robbery Suppression Team recently investigated a home invasion robbery which resulted in recovery of most of the property and 2 adults and 2 juveniles in custody; Recently the Reserve Task Force conducted a jay walking operation which resulted in 25 citations and 1 felony arrest.

##### **3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE**

California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Rob Lund provided statistics for fatal collisions, total collisions, total citations, DUI related collisions and DUI arrests for September and year to date; additionally statistics related to a check point conducted over the Labor Day weekend were provided. The Arrive Alive program has finished and statistics related to this program will be provided in the future.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

With the holidays approaching, check points and saturation operations will be conducted.

**4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE**

This item not discussed

**5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Public Safety Manager discussed Public Safety staff has been attending Business Watch meetings and will work with the Chamber of Commerce to solicit members for participation in the Business Watch program.

**6. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE**

The Public Safety Manager introduced two new members of the Public Safety Office; the goal is to bridge the gap between criminal issues handled by the Sheriff Department and transition into quality of life issues handled by the Public Safety Office; progress of the program will be updated in the future; introduced several CSO's who work hard every day and are not generally seen. A meeting with the School District and the Public Safety Office regarding implementation of truancy diversion program will take place soon; recently members of the Public Safety staff, CERT volunteers, Los Angeles County Fire Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff Department conducted visits to homes to solicit more volunteers for CERT; the goal is to have a CERT certified volunteer in every neighborhood in the City. The Public Safety Manager invited Commissioners to future emergency desk top scenarios and discussed the Volunteer Graffiti Program recently introduced Citywide to solicit volunteers from the city to help with graffiti.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

Commissioner Chelette requested reports regarding incidents at the college and the high schools - types of crimes committed, arrests made, etc. He requested this information be broken out from the report provided from the Senior Criminal Justice Analyst. The upcoming events for Antelope Valley High School's centennial celebration were discussed.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Michelle Egberts – discussed re-entry program; believes the City should be proactive regarding re-entry programs; suggested the Commission create a re-entry task force.

Richard Macias – read a portion of the penal code regarding individuals released from prison and the recidivism rate; requests the City to look at programs to address the recidivism rate.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Council Member Crist discussed the re-entry programs currently in place in the City such as the Weed and Seed program and the Paving the Way program; the Weed and Seed program also assists juveniles.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Vierra adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 11:00a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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BRITT AVRIT  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

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DAVID VIERRA  
CHAIRMAN

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**  
LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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