

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 12, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commission Members: Gaupel, Pickens

Staff

Members: Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Assistant City Clerk

Additional

Attendees: Council Member Crist, California Highway Patrol Captain Steve Urrea, City Manager, Deputy City Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Vierra

PRESENTATIONS:

Lieutenant Pat Nelson gave an update on the Law Enforcement Aerial Platform System (LEAPS); discussed assistance of the aircraft with the apprehension of suspects; aircraft allows coordination with ground units to monitor location of suspects until ground units arrive on scene.

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fuller the Commission approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 4-0-1-2; AYES: Brown, Chelette, Fuller, Vierra NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Smith; ABSENT: Gaupel, Pickens

CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 11, 2012

CC 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 8, 2012

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime and arrest statistics for August 5, 2012 through September 1, 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 1 crimes for August 5, 2012 through September 1, 2012. Crime trend information for specific part one crimes for a 52 week time period was given and a spatial trend analysis comparing August 2012 to July 2012 was discussed. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided a list of the top ten repeat calls for service for the period of August 5, 2012 through September 1, 2012 and discussed a part-one crime forecast for September.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:
Location of where the incidents of arson are occurring.

2. ARREST STATISTICS

Los Angeles County Sheriff Sgt Teresa Dawson provided statistics for LANCAP, the TOP/CORE teams and the Assault/Robbery teams; additionally information regarding graffiti/tagging was provided. Sergeant Dawson discussed activities the Lancaster Station recently participated in and discussed other community projects the Station will be involved in. An upcoming prevention campaign will be aimed at robberies to include educating the public on steps they can take to avoid incidents of robbery.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

The Commission congratulated the Sheriff's Department for the outstanding job done with security at the AV Fair. A brief discussion took place regarding the ages of the individuals involved in graffiti and tagging. Additional discussion included the LEAPS program and its involvement with actual arrests; at this time the Sheriff Department is unable to determine the plane's specific involvement; the goal of this system is to assist ground units and to utilize the plane for emergent calls and can be used to determine the amount of personnel needed at a call; the plane allows the Sheriff's Station a better use of its resources.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

California Highway Patrol Captain Steve Urrea provided statistics for fatal collisions, total collisions, DUI related collisions and DUI citations for the year to date; additionally statistics related to the Labor Day weekend were provided. CHP in the Antelope Valley currently has staff working in 3-twelve hour shifts; will be changing to 2- twelve hour shifts; the Department hopes to increase resources with more officers on the street.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

Reason for increase in statistics may be related to more travelers which in turn can be related to gas prices; also could be related to volume of traffic.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

This item not discussed

5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst introduced members of Public Safety who provided information regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program, upcoming City events and the Antelope Valley Youth Court program. The local Universities are providing additional value to the City by having interns who are working towards their Master's Degree assist in the Public Safety Office.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst stated the Los Angeles County Probation Department will be presenting an update at the October 10, 2012 Criminal Justice Commission meeting. The Commission was requested to provide questions to the Public Safety Manager so Probation can be prepared at the next meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vierra adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:45 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

BRITT AVRIT
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COMMISSION SECRETARY

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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