

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 11, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Fuller called the meeting of the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Chelette, Gaupel, Pickens, Smith, Vice-Chairman Fuller

Absent: Commission Member Brown, Chairman Vierra

Staff

Members: Assistant to the City Manager, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Assistant City Clerk

Additional

Attendees: Council Member Crist, Deputy District Attorney Steven Frankland, California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Rob Lund, Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain Bob Jonsen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pickens

PRESENTATION

David Paul gave an overview of a project he created called ‘The Human Accountability Project’; the goal of which is to “make law a national system of electronic traffic control”; the idea is to provide a technological means to reward or penalize drivers for the way in which they drive.

Addressing the Commission at this time:

Michael Rives –agrees with Mr. Paul in promoting respect for traffic laws.

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2012

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

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT AERIAL PLATFORM SYSTEM (LEAPS) UPDATE

The City Manager presented an update on the Law Enforcement Aerial Platform System (LEAPS); goal is to have an effective, affordable program that makes Lancaster a place where people do not want to commit crime; the program includes having a plane in the air 10 hours a day. Flight testing of the program is complete; continuing to work on communication between the plane and the ground; after testing it was determined a more robust antenna is needed; Aero View came up with a plan for the antenna and received FAA approval for a prototype and is awaiting delivery of the equipment. City is close to launching the program. The City Manager stated he is pleased with the commitment of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department to incorporate the program into their day-to-day operations; will be turned over to the Sheriff's Department once it's operational.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

Financial aspects of the program relating to revenue was discussed; headquarters for the company will be here; City will market the program jointly with the vendor; every contract sold gives the City a discount on the hourly rate; the first year of service is at no charge to the City of Lancaster.

2. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime statistics for June 10, 2012 through July 7, 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 June 10, 2012 through July 7, 2012. Crime trend information for specific part one crimes for a 52 week time period was given, a spatial trend analysis comparing May 2012 to June 2012 was discussed, and a part-one crime forecast for July was discussed.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

The Commission and staff briefly discussed second quarter crime statistics; crimes appear to be trending up in frequency over the 1st quarter; year to date frequency statistics are down for crimes against persons and up for crimes against property; this information reflects crime frequency, not crime rate. Difficult to compare safety of Lancaster to safety of Palmdale and Santa Clarita due to difference in variables.

3. ARREST STATISTICS

Commissioner Brown arrived at the meeting at this time.

Captain Jonsen stated the statistics for the second half of the year will be deciding factor for the end of year crime statistics; active year so far; noticing activity increases with the temperature; more than 2000 calls for service in first 10 days of July; increase in calls for services results in increase in arrests.

4. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Lund provided statistics for non-DUI fatal collision investigations, DUI arrests, DUI collisions, total collisions and citation activity for June as well as statistical information for the 4th of July holiday period.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

Relation between the increase in citations and decrease in collisions may be attributed to the pro-active and strategic approaches in officer's daily work.

5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Deputy District Attorney Steven Frankland provided statistics for felony and misdemeanor complaints filed in the Antelope Valley for June 2012 and for year to date; compared statistics for the Antelope Valley to several other District Attorney offices.

Mr. Frankland stated he will be on military orders for approximately one year beginning in August and may deploy to Afghanistan in September; his Deputy will be attending the CJC meetings in his absence. He asked the Commissioners to keep him and his troops in their thoughts and prayers.

6. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

This item not discussed

7. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

This item not discussed

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gaupel requested an update from the Los Angeles County Probation Department be placed on the next CJC agenda regarding AB109 statistics.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Fuller adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:54 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, August 8, 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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