

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 13, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commission Member Pickens, Chairman Vierra

Staff

Members: Deputy City Manager, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Public Safety Manager, 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

Commission Member Smith

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9, 2012

On a motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Chelette the Commission approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 5-0-0-2; AYES: Brown, Chelette, Fuller, Gaupel, Smith NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Pickens, Vierra

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime statistics for May 6, 2012 through June 9, 2012 and provided the weekly crime event average and median for the same time period. Information regarding total arrests and part 1 arrests and the correlation to the number of individuals on probation and parole for May 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012 was given. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided information for the most active reporting districts for part 1 crimes for May 6, 2012 through June 9, 2012. Crime trend information for specific part one crimes for a 52 week time period was given, a spatial trend analysis comparing April 2012 to May 2012 was discussed, and a part-one crime forecast for June was discussed. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided a list of the top ten repeat calls for service for the period of April 29, 2012 to May 26, 2012.

2. ARREST STATISTICS

Lt. Raulston presented statistics for graffiti comparing May, 2011 and May 2012. Lt. Raulston discussed recent TOP/CORE parole operations conducted at 36 locations which resulted in 29 arrest including 7 parolees. Additionally the TOP/CORE team conducted a truancy sweep which resulted in 25 arrests including 16 truancy citations. The LANCAP team has been redeployed to the PM shift; recently arrested a gang member for the sale of methamphetamine and a parolee for theft of metal from a vacant Wendy's. The Burglary Suppression Team recently conducted an operation which resulted in the recovery of stolen property. A burglary committed in February has been solved by using DNA from the suspects flip flops.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

Discussion of the aerial surveillance program currently being tested; Vice Chairman Fuller requested that an updated be given at the next Criminal Justice Commission meeting. Drop in graffiti is attributed to excellent police work

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Rob Lund provided fatality investigation statistics for May; statistics for DUI arrests, DUI collisions, total accidents and citation activity were provided; the CHP recently conducted a distracted driver surveys revealing compliance of approximately 98%.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

The increase in DUI arrests is a result of DUI programs, an increase in drunk drivers as well as strategic and aggressive policing; phone calls from motorists who see drunk drivers are also a tool that helps law enforcement find these types of drivers.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

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

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

The effect of the State's budget issues on the courts and local offices, the realignment regarding criminals being sentenced to state prison but serving their sentences locally was discussed; it appears one local civil court will be affected by State's decision to close courtrooms.

5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

This item combined with number 6.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Addressing the Commission at this time:

Lyle Talbot – read a letter he wrote to the local newspaper.

The Public Safety Manager discussed a recent Business Watch meeting that was held with the Downtown Blvd Association; the Business Watch program is receiving applications from businesses for the program on a daily basis; El Dorado neighborhood meeting held recently has resulted in an increase in the presence of the Sheriff Department; the meeting was well received in the neighborhood; the Public Safety Office is working with the school district to develop a truancy plan; the plan will make it less cumbersome for Deputies to manage truancy and may involve the Antelope Valley Youth Court program.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included:

The City Attorney is working on the sex offender initiative recently put forth by the committee; will be working on a presentation to City Council. Vice Chairman Fuller congratulated the Public Safety Manager and the Public Safety staff in engaging the community.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the Commission at this time:

David Paul – discussed recent loss of a family pet and his human accountability project;

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Chelette thanked Captain Jonsen and the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department for their presence on the Antelope Valley College campus; thanked Council Member Crist for his work in helping to provide a cart for the campus security to use.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Fuller adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:51 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, June 13, 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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