

LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 12, 2013

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, Pickens, Valaskantjis, Vice-Chairman Fuller, Chairman Vierra

Absent: Commission Members: Brown, Smith

Staff

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

Additional

Attendees: Vice Mayor Crist, California Highway Patrol Commander Gretchen Jacobs, Head Deputy District Attorney John Morris, Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain Pat Nelson.

INVOCATION

None given

LEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Vierra

PRESENTATIONS

Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain Pat Nelson discussed statistics relating to the number of AB 109 individuals released in Lancaster as compared to other cities/stations - Lancaster has the greatest number in LA County. Captain Nelson discussed statistics for absconders (those PSP's who fail to report as required) and the amount of work/time involved in locating these absconders. Statistics for parole compliance and the number of deputies assigned to monitor the AB 109 parolees was also discussed.

Public Safety Manager, Lee D'Errico discussed the differences between the recent non-revocable parole program and the AB 109 program, management of the program related to individuals released under AB 109, recidivism, and the Probation Department's involvement in managing AB 109 parolees. Mr. D'Errico discussed the impact on the community, the lack of supervision of these individuals and the Day Reporting Center. Additionally, discussion took place regarding the formation of a committee to analyze the impact on the community.

Discussion among the Commission and the presenters included clarification regarding the number of deputies being utilized and the impact AB 109 has on staffing; discussion of the State's involvement took place and the Commission requested that Mr. Ufondu be contacted to find a time when he can give a presentation regarding his program. Chairman Vierra stated he is interested in being a member of a committee. Consensus was had regarding forming a committee and coordination of the committee will be handled with Mr. D'Errico.

ARREST STATISTICS –

At this time Deputy Miguel Ruiz provided the month of May statistics regarding the T.O.P./CO.R.E. Teams including information for narcotics seized. Statistics for the Burglary Suppression Team were given. Deputy Ruiz discussed specific burglaries which took place at night when residents were at home; with the public's assistance an arrest was made regarding these burglaries and the team received a Commendation for their hard work on this case. Statistics for the LAN-CAP Team were provided and Deputy Ruiz discussed a recent investigation involving Lancaster Code Enforcement Officers and the LAN-CAP team which resulted in the recovery of illegal weapons, ammunition and narcotics. Statistics for the NARCO Team were given including a recent highly successful week which resulted in the seizure of a large amount of narcotics.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included clarification of the AVCFI – Antelope Valley Crime Fighting Initiative and the responsibilities and actions for this program were given. Responsibilities include truancy sweeps and the serving of warrants; the initiative is a coordinated effort with the City of Palmdale.

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 8, 2013

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

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Discussion and possible action regarding reuse of Mira Loma County Complex

Chairman Vierra discussed a meeting that took place involving Sheriff Baca, Mayor Parris, Commissioner Smith, City Manager Mark Bozigian, Mr. D'Errico and himself relative to the potential use of the Mira Loma County Complex. The complex is scheduled to be used for a women's facility.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included the level of offenders to be housed in the facility. Staff and the Commission thanked Sheriff Baca for personally making the trip to discuss the changes.

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime and arrest statistics for April 28, 2013 through June 1, 2013 and provided the weekly crime event average and median for May and June. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided total Part 1 Crime Counts by month which compared 2012 and 2013 and provided information for the most active reporting districts for part-one crimes for April 28, 2013 through June 1, 2013. Crime trend information for specific part-one crimes for a 52 week time period was given and a spatial trend analysis comparing May 2013 to April 2013 was discussed. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided a list of the top ten repeat calls for service for the period of May 2013 through June 1, 2013 and discussed a part-one crime forecast for June. The impact of Youth Court has had on individuals re-offending was also discussed; 87% of those who complete the program do not re-offend.

1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE CONTINUED...

Discussion among the Commission and staff included the accuracy for the crime forecast and an award the City received from IBM for the program the City has in place. Discussion of the Youth Court Program took place; a presentation regarding the Youth Court will be given at the July CJC meeting. The number of individuals including staff and interns was discussed as well.

2. ARREST STATISTICS –

This update was given earlier in the meeting.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

California Highway Patrol Commander Gretchen Jacobs provided statistics for injury, non-injury and fatal collisions, DUI collisions and DUI arrests, enforcement contacts and arrests and statistics related to pursuits for May 2013. Commander Jacobs stated a general recruitment seminar for the California Highway Patrol will be held at the Arcadia City Council Chambers in September. Additionally the CHP will have a 3-day active online application period. These recruitments typically result in 10% of applicants being eligible to go through the program; Officer Gil Hernandez provided DVD's for the Every 15 Minute Program to the Commissioners. Commander Jacobs introduced Lt. Eric Breneer who will be taking Lt. Rob Lund's place effective July 1, 2013.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Head Deputy District Attorney John Morris from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office provided statistics comparing the first 5 months of 2012 and 2013 for felony and misdemeanor filings; statistics show an increase; statistics comparing April and May for the number of cases filed upon defendants were provided. Mr. Morris stated the amount of violent crime in this area is frightening; he is working with staff in the District Attorney's office to have individuals who commit residential burglary go to state prison. The Courthouse is struggling to keep up with court cases with the resources and will be focusing on violent crimes.

Mr. Morris stated the statistics provided are for Lancaster.

5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE/ PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Public Safety Manager provided an update regarding the second Business Improvement Group meeting to be held June 22nd at 7:00 am – which includes a second group of businesses in the targeted area of Avenue K and 10th Street West; will continue to develop strategies to be used with the businesses in this area; priorities will be made to impact larcenies in the City. The Public Safety Office along with LAN-CAP is creating a plan for Neighborhood Watch in mobile home parks; will focus on improving quality of life in these parks. The City's Public Safety Specialists are working with Code Enforcement Officers to assist homeowners to come into compliance related to violation issues; the Public Safety Office continues to work with the State Attorney General on the case relating to the cost model for restitution for graffiti; the Public Defender's Office is fighting the cost model which hasn't been updated since 2006. Mr. D'Errico recently attended a disaster preparedness meeting at Central Christian Church; commended the Church for being actively involved in preparing for disasters.

5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE/ PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE CONTINUED...

Discussion among the Commission and staff included the response to the BIG Program is encouraging.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vierra adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:15 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, July 9, 2013 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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