

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 10, 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, Brown, Pickens, Smith, Valaskantjis, Vice-Chairman Fuller, Chairman Vierra

Absent: None

Staff

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

Additional

Attendees: Vice Mayor Crist, California Highway Patrol Acting Commander Rob Lund, Assistant Head Deputy Robert Sherwood Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain Pat Nelson, CJC Liaison Rob Parris

INVOCATION

Pastor Timothy Stroup, Crosswind Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Chelette

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 13, 2013

On a motion by Vice Chairman Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Valaskantjis the Commission approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 7-0-0-0; AYES: Brown, Chelette, Fuller, Pickens, Smith, Valaskantjis, Vierra NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime and arrest statistics for March 3, 2013 through March 30, 2013 and provided the weekly crime event average and median for March and April. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided information for the most active reporting districts for part-one crimes for March 3, 2013 through March 30, 2013. Crime trend information for specific part-one crimes for a 52 week time period was given and a spatial trend analysis comparing March 2013 to February 2013 was discussed. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided a list of the top ten repeat calls for service for the period of March 3, 2013 through March 30, 2013 and discussed a part-one crime forecast for April.

2. ARREST STATISTICS

Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Ruiz presented statistical information for March for various teams including the T.O.P. /C.O.R.E. Team, the Burglary Suppression Team, the LAN-CAP team, and the Narco Team; statistics for year-to-date for the Robbery Suppression Team were given. Deputy Ruiz discussed a recent operation which was conducted at an internet café. The operation uncovered an illegal casino and resulted in several arrests and the successful shut down of several locations. Additionally Deputy Ruiz discussed the apprehension of three adults and six juveniles who were working together and were apprehended while shoplifting at Walmart.

Discussion among the Commission, Deputy Ruiz and staff included the discussion of the number of arrests made as they relate to those individuals who were released under AB 109.

Captain Nelson discussed information and statistics related to individuals released under AB 109. This information included - nearly one third of AB 109 releasees have not reported as required; cannot have parole revoked due to not reporting; 1500 active warrants for active AB 109 individuals, statistics for felony arrests for these individuals and the charges related to these arrests were given and statistics for the number of times many of these individuals released as a result of AB 109 have been re-arrested was discussed.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

California Highway Patrol Acting Commander Rob Lund provided statistics for collisions, DUI collisions, seat belt violations and total arrests for March 2013. Additionally checkpoint and pursuit statistics were provided. April is distracted driver month and many local law enforcement agencies have committed to targeting distracted drivers.

California Highway Patrol Officer Hernandez discussed the Start Smart program and statistics related to teen drivers; the Start Smart program is targeted at young drivers and their parents. Additionally Officer Hernandez discussed the Every 15 Minutes Program and Impact Teen Presentations. Information for the Start Smart Program can be found on the California Highway Patrol's website or by contacting the local CHP Office.

Chairman Vierra thanked the CHP for their work with teens and discussed the impact the Every 15 Minutes Program has on teens and the community; Commissioner Valaskantjis thanked the Officers for teaching the teens in the community.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Assistant Head Deputy Robert Sherwood from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office stated John Morris is the new local Head Deputy because previous Head Deputy Darren Levine was transferred. Mr. Sherwood will provide information regarding an early disposition program at the May 8th Criminal Justice Commission meeting.

5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE/ PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Public Safety Manager discussed a presentation given to the City Council on April 9, 2013 regarding the Business Improvement Group (BIG); loss prevention for the BIG target area at Avenue K and 10th Street West was discussed and the impact larcenies have on the part one crime rate was discussed. The presence of small recycling centers in the community was also discussed. A recent operation involving tobacco retailers and recovery of synthetic drugs was covered. Mr. D'Errico discussed several upcoming events including a Town Hall meeting being held on April 24th at Mariposa School, a neighborhood block party on Gadsden Avenue at the wellness home on April 27th and the Poppy Festival will take place on April 20th & 21st at Lancaster City Park with many agencies participating in the Public Safety Area of the festival. The Probation Department signed a lease which will house Probation Officers who are enforcing AB 109 program.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vierra adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:55 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

TTEST:

APPROVED:



BRITT AVRIT
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COMMISSION SECRETARY


FOR 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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