

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 9, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Fuller called the meeting of the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Brown, Pickens, Smith, Valaskantjis, Vice-Chairman Fuller

Absent: Commission Member Chelette, Chairman Vierra

Staff

Members: Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Assistant City Clerk

Additional

Attendees: Vice-Mayor Crist, California Highway Patrol Captain Gretchen Jacobs, Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain Pat Nelson, Head Deputy District Attorney John Morris, CJC Liaison Rob Parris

INVOCATION

No Invocation given

WEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pickens

PRESENTATION

Captain Nelson provided an update regarding AB 109 including statistics relating to the number of individuals released into the Lancaster area. One of the main issues relating to AB 109 is the lack of reporting by the parolees; there is no real incentive for them to report as there is essentially no penalty for not reporting; the Los Angeles Sheriff Department has arrested more than 6200 individuals; 29% of total arrests are AB 109 related.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included discussion related to flash incarceration and its limited success; failure to report is not a new crime it's a parole violation and no additional time is given. As new individuals are released a search condition will not be a condition of their parole.

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 14, 2013

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

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime and arrest statistics for September 1, 2013 through September 28, 2013 and provided the weekly crime event average and median for September and October. 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 September 1, 2013 through September 28, 2013. Crime trend information for specific part-one crimes for a 52 week time period was given and a spatial trend analysis comparing September 2013 to August 2013 was discussed. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided a list of the top ten repeat calls for service for the period of September 1, 2013 through September 28, 2013 and discussed a part-one crime forecast for October.

Discussion among the Commission and staff included discussion of the causes for the repeat calls occurring at Lancaster City Park and discussion of the incidents of rape took place.

2. ARREST STATISTICS –

Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Miguel Ruiz provided statistics for August and September; statistics for the T.O.P/C.O.R.E. team were provided; Deputy Ruiz discussed an incident involving a man in front of a home with a rifle; when Sheriff Deputies responded the sole occupant of the home was found and was determined to be a methamphetamine dealer; this team is also responsible for Crime Stoppers which is an anonymous crime and/or suspicious activity reporting system. These teams follow up on the report made through this system. Statistics for the number of tips received for the Patrol Division and statistics for the number of arrests, weapons recovered and property/drugs seized for the Lancaster station were provided. LAN-CAP team statistics were provided; this team was responsible for taking down a marijuana grove in a trailer park; the individuals were selling marijuana to juveniles. Statistics for the Burglary Suppression Team were discussed, this team recovered a significant amount of stolen property in September. NARCO team statistics were given including the amount of methamphetamine and marijuana recovered for the months of August and September.

Discussion among the Commission and Deputy Ruiz included incidents occurring at the Streets of Lancaster event. Deputy Ruiz discussed the traditional Guns and Hoses race which took place during the Streets of Lancaster at which the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department won this race. Deputy Ruiz also provided contact information for Crime Stoppers.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

California Highway Patrol Captain Gretchen Jacobs provided statistics for September and year to date regarding fatal traffic collisions, injury traffic collisions, DUI arrests, total arrests, and motorist services. October 9th is National Walk to School Day and Ms. Jacobs stated the Amber Alert system continues to operate regardless of the Government shut down.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Head Deputy District Attorney John Morris from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office stated he has been in the AV for six months; during these six months significant improvement in public outreach and relationship with the bench and community groups has been accomplished. Additionally the number of cases receiving guilty verdicts has increased. Several policies were implemented to help the residents in the entire Antelope Valley. It was determined graffiti cases in the Antelope Valley were costing each city more than \$500,000 a year and all sentences related to graffiti now require time spent in state prison. Mr. Morris will be moving to Downtown LA and will be working with the AB 109 cases; Steve Franklin returns to the office after a year serving in the military.

Vice Chairman Fuller thanked Mr. Morris for his commitment to the area and for his spirit of teamwork that he brought with him.

5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE/ PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The members of the Public Safety Staff introduced themselves and provided a brief description of their duties. Upcoming BIG meetings for two areas were provided to the Commission.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Fuller and Vice Mayor Crist discussed the Los Angeles County Sheriff Boosters and a recent successful fundraiser which raised more than \$97,000; and discussed the upcoming Fallen Heroes Ride. This fundraiser benefits the families of fallen members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Los Angeles County Fire Department the Forestry Service and the Corrections Department.

ADJOURNMENT


Vice-Chairman Fuller adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:57 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



BRITT AVRIT
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COMMISSION SECRETARY



DAVID VIERRA
FOR: 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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