

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 11, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Brown, Smith, Valaskantjis, Vice-Chairman Fuller, Chairman Vierra

Absent: Commissioners: Chelette, Pickens

Staff

Members: Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Assistant City Clerk, Management Analyst II, Community Service Officer

Additional

Attendees: Vice-Mayor Crist, Liaison Parris, Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain Nelson, California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Broneer, Deputy District Attorney Steven Frankland

INVOCATION

None given

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Vierra

Commissioner Pickens arrived at the meeting at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to California Highway Patrol Senior Volunteer Kenneth Moeller
2. Officer Gil Hernandez presented a video of the Every 15 Minutes Program recently held at Quartz Hill High School.

Commissioner Brown stated he admires the program and thanked the California Highway Patrol for the time and effort put into the program.

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2014

On a motion by Vice Chairman Fuller seconded by Commissioner Smith the Commission approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 5-0-1-1; AYES: Brown, Fuller, Smith, Valaskantjis, Vierra NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Pickens; ABSENT: Chelette

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime and arrest statistics for May 4, 2014 through May 31, 2014 and provided the weekly crime event average and median for May, 2014 and June, 2014. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided total Part 1 Crime Counts by month which compared 2013 and 2014 and provided information for the most active reporting districts for part-one crimes for May 4, 2014 through May 31, 2014. Statistics for Residential Burglary and Larcenies involving vehicles for the most active reporting districts were discussed. Crime trend information for specific part-one crimes for a 52 week time period was given. A spatial trend analysis comparing April 2014 to May 2014 was discussed. The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided a list of the repeat calls for service with 10 or more calls for the period of May 4, 2014 through May 31, 2014 and discussed a part-one crime forecast for June.

2. ARREST STATISTICS

Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Lopez provided statistics comparing April and May 2014 for the Burglary Suppression team, the LAN-CAP Team and the NARCO Team. Deputy Lopez stated the North County Regional Training Facility in Wrightwood has been renamed after Training Officer Les White, a member of the Search and Rescue Team who served 42 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. Additionally, Deputy Lopez stated Deputy Jeremy Esswein has been named Lancaster Sheriff Station Deputy of the Year and Deputy Lance Jordan was awarded the Stephen Sorenson award; this award is given to the individual who best exhibits the work ethic and characteristics similar to fallen hero Stephen Sorenson.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Broneer provided statistics comparing January through June 2013 to January through June 2014 for DUI arrests, seat belt citations, child restraint citations, total arrests, enforcement contacts, injury collisions, reportable accidents, preventable damage collisions and fatal collisions.

Officer Michael Burton discussed the hiring taking place with the California Highway Patrol and discussed the opportunities available with the CHP such as the SWAT team, K-9, bicycle and equestrian patrol. Officer Burton discussed an upcoming information seminar being held at the University of Antelope Valley. Additionally, the CHP plans to attend local events to provide information to the public.

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE CONTINUED...

Discussion among the Commission and staff included the number of positions being filled; Officer Burden stated information regarding hiring can be found on Facebook and on the agency's website.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Deputy District Attorney Steven Frankland from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office discussed statistics for the number of felony cases filed in the Antelope Valley for May and compared the number of cases filed in the Antelope Valley to the surrounding areas; additionally Mr. Frankland provided statistics for the number of misdemeanor cases filed. Mr. Frankland complimented the CHP for the Every 15 Minutes Program and stated the District Attorney's office trains with the CHP; the office takes DUI events seriously.

5. BUSINESS WATCH SUBCOMMITTEE/ PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Community Service Officer Tracy Stewart stated the Public Safety Office continues to expand the Business Improvement Group Program and the Neighborhood Watch Program at this time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brown and Chairman Vierra thanked Commissioner Fuller for his service on the Criminal Justice Commission. Vice Chairman Fuller stated he has chosen not to re-apply as a Commission and wished the remaining members of the commission good luck with their future work.

ADJOURNMENT


Chairman Vierra adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:50 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



BRITT AVRIT
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COMMISSION SECRETARY



DAVID VIERRA
CHAIRMAN
FR:

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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