

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
July 9, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Fuller called the meeting of the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission to order at 10:01 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Pickens, Chairman Vierra

**Staff**

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

**Additional**

Attendees: Vice-Mayor Crist, Los Angeles County Sheriff Captain Nelson, California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Broneer

**INVOCATION**

None given

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Smith

**PRESENTATION**

Mary Reina, MSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P; Forensic Services Unit (FSU) Director gave a presentation regarding the Forensic Services Unit at Antelope Valley Hospital

The Commission thanked Ms. Reina for her presentation and for the phenomenal work she does with victims and the support the program provides to those victims. Commissioner Brown stated the program provides a compassionate environment for victims and he commended Ms. Reina for her contribution to the community.

**APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CC 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2014**

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

## **COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES**

### **1. CRIME STATISTICS UPDATE**

The Senior Criminal Justice Analyst provided crime and arrest statistics for June 1, 2014 through June 28, 2014 and provided the weekly crime event average and median for June, 2014 and July, 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 June 1, 2014 through June 28, 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 June 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 June 1, 2014 through June 28, 2014 and discussed a part-one crime forecast for July.

Discussion among the Commission and staff centered on the absence of the group home from the top 10 calls for Service report; this can be attributed to changes made at the group home.

### **2. ARREST STATISTICS**

Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Ruiz provided statistics comparing May and June 2014 for the Burglary Suppression team, the LAN-CAP Team and the NARCO Team. Deputy Ruiz discussed upcoming fundraising events for the Sheriff Booster Club including the Fallen Hero's softball game being held at the Lancaster Jethawks Stadium July 13<sup>th</sup>, a Golf tournament on July 18<sup>th</sup> and the Booster Club's main fundraiser on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE**

California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Broneer provided statistics that compared 2013 to the year to date for over-all arrests, verbal warnings, enforcement contacts, DUI arrests, child restraint and seat belt violations. Additionally Lt. Broneer provided statistics for collisions, reportable accidents, injury accidents and fatal accidents.

Lieutenant Broneer stated he attended the MADD awards in May; Lt. Broneer also discussed the national increase in drunk driving and 'drugged driving' related to the use of narcotics and legalized marijuana in some states as well as the increase in the abuse of prescription medicine. 100% of the officers from the local CHP station were recently trained in the 16-hour Advanced Roadside Impairment Detection and Evaluation course; the training was held in conjunction with Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies from Lancaster and Palmdale. This training can assist officers in being aware of impaired drivers which may not be as readily recognized as drunk drivers.

The Commission commended the CHP and the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department for collaborating in training officers in the area.

**4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE**

This item not discussed

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

The Public Safety Director stated there are four active Business Improvements Groups (BIG) which continue to meet with additional recruitment occurring for participation in these groups; these business centers are located in the most active crime areas in the city. The BIG groups are having a significant impact on the eastside of town with an emphasis placed in these areas. Chronic nuisance issues are being analyzed by the Public Safety Office and feedback is being gathered from affected businesses/residences (including mobile home parks). The Public Safety Director discussed the recent July 4<sup>th</sup> event which involved different organizations who worked collaboratively; the event resulted in only 2 minor issues. National Night Out is being held August 7<sup>th</sup> and is being held in conjunction with the Farmers Market downtown.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Smith welcomed his special guest – his granddaughter who accompanied him to the meeting.

Commissioner Brown discussed the July 4<sup>th</sup> event; he stated the event was great and commended everyone involved for the collaboration of many different organizations including the citizens of Lancaster.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Fuller adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:58a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTEST:**



BRITT AVRIT  
CITY CLERK  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

**APPROVED:**



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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