

**Van Nuys Area
Community Police Advisory Board Minutes
December 13, 2007**

Attendees: Captain James Miller, C-PAB members, Debbie Klevens, Leroy Metz, Mark Sellz, Rick Crivier, Davis Rankell, Sergeant Steve Gottchalk, City Attorney Tamar Galatzan, SLO Justin Bergmann, SLO Lucas Hamilton, SLO David Ham, SLO Troy Collins, SLO Tony Cabunoc, SLO Jose Verdin, SLO George Aguilar, SLO Dax Martin, Field Deputy Lexi Richards, C-PAB Liaison Officer Michael Perez

Introductions:

Captain Miller and Debbie Klevens (Co-Chair) welcomed those attending and introduced themselves. Everyone attending also went around the room and introduced him or herself. Co-Chair Debbie Klevens began the meeting by speaking about the C-PAB co-chair luncheon that was held at Two-Too-Tango restaurant at the City Walk. In attendance was Chief Bratton who thanked the all the C-PAB co-chairs for their time, support and dedication to their areas.

Committee Reports:

None.

Upcoming Events:

Captain Miller read the up-coming events per the agenda.

Presentation:

Open Discussion.

Deputy City Attorney Tamar Galatzan spoke about the recent Swap Meet Task Force. The task force was created to combat the illegal vending, selling of food and merchandise without permits. Vendors set up on Van Nuys Boulevard between Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street.

Twelve different federal, state, and local agencies including the City Attorney, Fire Department, and Tax Board cited approximately fifty violations with some fines up to \$10,000.00 each.

C-PAB member Richard NuDyke spoke about the recent Civilian Surveillance Team's night out in conjunction with the Community Tagger Task Force. They arrested one tagger and issued numerous truancy tickets.

Debbie Klevens spoke about the basic car meeting with SLO Trent Berry and SLO Troy Collins. She stated it was very informative with a presentation from the Van Nuys Night Detective.

C-PAB member Gloria Gesas spoke about her experience at the Adult Academy. She stated it was the greatest experience since becoming a C-PAB member and was so informative that all C-PAB members should attend. After going through the experience she has even more respect for the LAPD as an organization and their officers.

Captain Miller stated he highly recommends the Adult Academy to all C-PAB members. It is time well spent if your able to commit to the ten-week academy.

Captain Miller announced in October 2008, the LAPD will open its 21st Division in the Valley. As a result, they will realign the boundaries of all the Valley Divisions. Van Nuys will lose all the area west of the 405 Freeway to West Valley Division, and the area north of the railroad tracks to Mission Division. This realignment will effect some Van Nuys C-PAB members including our co-chair Debbie Klevens.

SLO Ron Carter thanked C-PAB member Richard NuDyke for all his help during the Anti-Prostitution Night Out.

Crime Update:

Captain Miller spoke about the double homicide that occurred this week. Two males with no gang affiliation were walking south bound Hazeltine Avenue from Sherman Way were shot and killed. We believe BVN is responsible but a motive is unknown.

Overall violent crime is down five percent in Van Nuys. Property crimes are also down by nine percent and part one crimes are down eight percent. Van Nuys leads the Valley in crime reduction.

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Senior Lead Officer Updates:

SLO Aguilar stated he stepped up his efforts in controlling his transient problem. In doing so, BFMV crimes have dropped in his area.

Captain Miller concluded the meeting by thanking everybody for their hard work and dedication to the community they serve. He also extended a happy and safe holiday season to all those in attendance.

Next Meeting:

The next Van Nuys C-PAB meeting will be held January 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., in the Van Nuys Station Community Room.