

**Northeast Area CPAB Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 22, 2010  
Northeast Community Police Station  
3353 N. San Fernando Rd.**

**CPAB Members Present:** Edie Reuveni, CPAB Co-Chair, Bradley, CPAB Assist Co-Chair, Everett Littlefield, CPAB Secretary, Cheri Uno, Janet Venable, Alan Berta, Thom Daniels, Ron Caruso, Maggie Lopez

**Guest Present:** Ginger Damon, Lois Eder, Glenn Eder, Arlene Cordova, Lisa Brewer, Cynthia Magallion Larry Solomon, Osiel Madrigal, Anne Tremblay, Ray Cruz, Donna Wong, Alejandra Marroquin, Jim Omahen, Suzanne Jimenez, LaDell Stapp, Victor Moran, Mr. Cruz

**LAPD Members Present:** Capt. William Murphy, Sgt. Danny Roman, SLO Al Polehonkie, SLO Gina Chovan, Ofcr. Fernando Ocha

**Facilitator:** Edie Reuveni, CPAB Co-Chair

**Minutes By:** Everett Littlefield, CPAB Secretary

**1. Call to Order and Sign in:** 1810 hrs.

**2. Introductions**

**3. Acceptance of Minutes:** Approved for January 2010

**4. Initiatives/Goals for 2010**

a. Bradley, Chair of the Graffiti Initiative invited Anne C. Tremblay from the LA City Attorney's office to speak on their role in combating graffiti.

b. Alan Berta gave an update on the Surveillance Camera Initiative. He plans to have at the next CPAB meeting a presentation on video surveillance, home security and home automation for the home. After a CPAB meeting, Alan will be available to answer questions.

c. Diana Sylvia, Chair of the Trash Bin Initiative invited two personnel from the Bureau of Sanitation to speak on scavengers taking recyclables out of the trash bins.

**5. Guest Speakers:**

a. Victor Moran, Supervisor of Solid Resource Support Division (SRSD) of the Bureau of Sanitation and Mr. Cruz gave a presentation on recyclables and scavenging and handed out labels to be attached to the older trash bins. The purpose of the labels that will be on the new trash bins that are being distributed, is to educate the residents on the proper procedure for recyclables in the trash bins and also provide a "Warning: Scavengers Prohibited" Sec 66.28 L.A.M.C. He said that it is not the Mom and Pop scavengers with shopping carts they are concerned with; it is the scavenging networks (SNs) with trucks that take in thousands of dollars a day away from the City revenue fund. The (SRSD) has made an attempt to deter these SNs and they encourage the residents to report them at (818) 982-0302 and an investigation will take place.

More of the trash can labels are available in the NE Station Community Relations Office.

b. Anne Tremblay, Assistant City Attorney from the Gang Division (GD) gave a presentation on tagging and tagging crews. At the City Attorney Trutanich's request, the GD is now responsible for graffiti and look into establishing a graffiti injunction that are similar to the gang injunctions. The gang injunctions that are in place are in effect graffiti injunctions that include gang members and their graffiti and territory. Tagger crews may be feeders to the varsity of gangs. The GD is now taking all of the graffiti misdemeanor cases 18 yrs and older youth with a dedicated deputy from the beginning to trial. This system is working at the NE Div with Capt. Murphy and his team since they have focused on graffiti and zero tolerance. Within the first six weeks of this year a CLEAR deputy assigned to NE Station has filed, easily 12 tagging cases. Tagging is a misdemeanor and the tagger will get at least 1 day of jail time and if it is a second offense and even under \$400, it can be a felony.

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**Guest Speaker Anne Tremblay Continued:**

There is Lots of evidence of taggers on Face Book, My space and Photo Bucket. There is a whole range of taggers, some do both legal and illegal art work. If a juvenile, less than 18 yrs. old, gets caught tagging, the parent is called into the station to talk to a LAPD Ofcr. Marco Briones in the Graffiti Unit.

In the Valley Bureau, they have a program called: "Taggers and Graffiti Reporting System" (TAGRS) that hands out smart phones to graffiti contractors to take pictures of graffiti. A LAPD Ofcr. reviews and categorizes the pictures and checks for repeat offenders and check for other territories that are tagged. The goal of GD is to go beyond the Valley Bureau system to other parts of the city but the cost for storage of the pictures is expensive. Two brochures were handed out: "Gang Awareness Information for Parents" and "Graffiti Awareness information for Parents". Anne Tremblay can be reached at (213) 978- 4096.

**6. Captain's Message:**

He thanked everyone for being at the meeting and he gave a crime up-date. Violent crime is down 7.2 %, property crime is down 10.5%, Part 1 Crime is down 9.9 %, Homicide is down 100% and Gang crime is down 41%. Those are the good things. The number one problem is burglary in homes and businesses that is up 48% with 35 burglaries in the last 7 weeks. The other problem is rape, up 100%, 6 versus 3 from last Saturday night. Rapes are categorized either as stranger or acquaintance rapes; in acquaintance rapes there is a relationship and we usually know who the player is. In stranger rapes it is difficult to identify who they are. The next 3 months are going to be tough to follow the same decrease in crime we had last year. We are now roughly 10% down in over-all crime.

The budget is grim; it is estimated that there will be a deficit of \$480 million for the next fiscal year. Revenue is decreasing due to a poor economy, and there is talk of 4,000 lay-offs; 1,000 this fiscal year and 3,000 next year that will help reduce spending. Sworn Police and Fire personnel could possibly be on the table and civilian police and regular employees will be laid off. In the police budget, 96% of it goes for salary and 4% is for equipment. To help balance the budget the police have given up a lot already by giving up \$84 million in cash for overtime. Instead of paying Ofcrs. overtime, it is called "compensatory time on the books". Instead of paying an Ofcr. time and half, the Ofcr. will take compensatory time off unless he or she should reach 250 hrs. so they will be the cut off from taking over-time. If an Ofcr. accumulates 400 hrs of overtime, the city is required by law to pay the Ofcrs. cash.. This summer because of the fiscal situation, we will have to use time off and we will have about 600 less officers on the street which represents about 7-8% of the patrol force. As for the budget, we have no money for computers, cars or equipment.

The Chief has re-deployed the "Crime Reduction Enforcement of Warrants" (CREW) entity. The NE Division has picked up about 10 Ofcrs. from this re-deployment. There will be another 180 Officers released from the Metropolitan Division, that includes SWAT and Canine. The NE Station should pick up some more Ofcrs. from this re-deployment.

The NE Division has an "Eleven for Eleven" program that is part of the Auto Initiative with the Clergy Council. The plan is to distribute and sell anti-theft clubs to owners for autos, especially 1990 Hondas and Toyotas that represent 70% of stolen autos. By "hardening the target", it will be more difficult to steal an auto. The retail price of the club is between \$30 and \$40. The NE Station will be selling them for \$11 and BLEND provided \$2,000 to buy 180 clubs and the churches will also be raising money. Volunteers were thanked for coming into the NE Station who reviewed the last 18 months of Crime Reports and logged the stolen and recovered Hondas and Toyotas. The owners will be notified and have first opportunity to purchase an anti-theft club for \$11.00 before the general public can buy one.

and cutbacks. It will not impact the NE Station that jails suspects at the Parker Center but it will impact other Stations where regional jails will be further away.

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### **Captain's Message Continued:**

**Updates:** Former Chief Darryl Gates is in really tough shape. Commander Jose Perez is being promoted to Deputy Chief for the Central Bureau but will not be getting paid for the promotion. The Mayor's Day of Service is May 20, 2010 but there is a kickoff on Friday the 19th; Sgt. Roman will get the information. The Golf Tournament on April 23, 2010 that is sponsored by BLEND to help support the NE station for equipment and the youth programs. The CPAB binders are under review and will be updated by the new Chief and hopefully be available for the next meeting. Prisoner release was discussed at the last CPAB meeting, and since then, a "Parolee Leads Program" has begun and the NE Station is assigning Ofcrs. to take over the tracking of those released prisoners on parole. A representative of the program will come to the next CPAB meeting and explain the program.

### **7. Announcements:**

- a. Suzanne Jimenez, Field Deputy from CD-1 announced Free Tax Preparation until April at Franklin Park and a Job Fair on March 6 th at Dodger Stadium.
- b. Alejandra Marroquin, Field Deputy from CD-13 handed out a flier for a Pet Food Drive
- c. Jim Omahen, Field Deputy from CD-14 handed out information on "Consolidation of the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment" with the Community Development Department.
- d. Osiel Madrigal, Gang Reduction and Youth Development Program Director from the Mayor's office for the Cypress Park/NE area introduced himself as a newly appointed person to the position.
- e. Dona Wong gave an up-date on the new Medical Marijuana Collective ordinance that outlines the terms of a cap to limit the number of dispensaries across the city at 70. The 186 Pre-Interim dispensaries will be reviewed on how to move to a proper location. Capt Murphy reported that the NE Station has audited 42 or 46 dispensaries and the amount of them will be decreased in the NE area.

f. Sgt. Danny Roman announced that the Golf Tournament is to be held April 23, 2010 and applications to participate are in the CRO. The Cadet graduation is being held on April 24, 2010 with 15 cadets

A 5K Marathon will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> and the LA Marathon on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Both start at Dodger Stadium.

### **CRO Updates:**

a. SLO Gina Chovan reported that property crimes are up and one way to deter and arrest burglars is to be sure that businesses have their Video Security Cameras on. One business had failed to have their cameras on and got robbed. The second time they were robbed, they had the cameras on, the NE detectives were able to ID the suspect and arrest him. She announced that on March 3, 2010, 6:00 p.m. there will be a Safety Committee Meeting at the Citi Bank on 1965 Hillhurst Ave. Capt. Murphy has been invited to attend.

b. SLO Al Polehonkie announced that he has been designated the flower expert by exposing to the public about the Angel Trumpet flower. The flower is toxic and hallucinogenic that youth have been ingesting that is growing near Marshall High School. The Fire Dept. reported that several kids have been ingesting the flowers and one kid is seriously ill. SLO Al Polenhonkie is encouraging local residents to remove the flowers.

c. SLO Fernando Ocha had no announcements and handed out Golf Tournament Flyers.

### **New Business:**

presentation called "Eye Watch" at the LAPD Counter Terrorism Unit on how to recognize and report terrorist activity. There is a plan to have someone from the unit to give a presentation at the next CPAB meeting. Edie Reuveni handed out a CPAB Member Questionnaire to find out if there are any concerns that need to be addressed and added to the initiatives. Questionnaires were also handed out to the guests attending to get their feedback and find out if they were interested in becoming CPAB members or volunteering. CPAB Member Thom Daniels requested that the topic of Neighborhood Watch be put on the next agenda to determine a procedure to know where the NWs are and when do they meet.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, 6:00pm., March 22, 2010 at the NE Station Roll Call Room

**Refreshments for the Next Meeting:** Bradley: Snacks, Cheri Uno: Drinks

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1930 hrs