

**77th Street Area
Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)
Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2007
Attendance: 38

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Lawrence Koonce.

Captain Green welcomed everyone to the meeting. Captain Green advised that there was a spike in violence with 14 shootings and two homicides within a seven-day period. A joint agency task force helped apprehend gang members that were related to some of the shootings. Year-to-date, the homicide rate is down. The burglary rate is up for this reporting period. The daytime burglaries have a high rate of being youth oriented, and we are working with the Los Angeles Unified School District Police to address that problem. Captain Green stated that there are 446 officers assigned to 77th Street Station. A board member asked if he thought this was enough manpower. The Captain commended the officers on their productivity with helping to reduce overall crime and stated more officers would be welcomed.

Reports:

Captain Green

Introduced Officer Joe Marrone of the South Bureau Juvenile Impact Program/Boot Camp. The Boot Camp is a 12-week physical and mental challenge program for at-risk youth and their parents or guardians at Fremont High School. They use a military format for the physical challenge of teamwork push-ups, sit-ups, jogging, etc. The mental challenge addresses the barrier between the parents and child communication, respect, self-esteem, anger issues, and social behavior. The parents are required to attend parenting classes at the same time. Officer Marrone stated that parent support has been a great part of the 75 percent success rate of turning the children's lives around. This 12-week session has 75 kids enrolled. Officer Marrone stated that there is no other Boot Camp program in the local area with the child and parent component included.

Officer Marrone

Introduced Explorer Pearson who was a graduate of the Boot Camp and is now in the Los Angeles Police Department Explorer Club. Explorer Pearson shared her experience in the boot camp. She is looking to work in the criminal justice field as a lawyer.

He also introduced Ms. Toledo who is in charge of the parenting classes. Ms. Toledo is a Los Angeles Unified School District faculty member who teaches parenting classes. She stated this program is a success because of the teamwork between the parents, police, and the school. The parenting classes are educating and empowering the parents to be better able to work with their children. They have two classes, one in English and one in Spanish. This session has a total of 120 parents actively involved. There are parents bringing their children from as far away as San Diego to be involved in the Boot Camp. She stated that the Boot Camp has been highlighted on television, which has been seen across the United States and in other countries. Ms. Toledo thanked Officers Mills and Martinez for volunteering their time every Saturday. Enrollment in the program is recommended by court order, probation requirement, and parents or guardians. Eighty percent of the enrollment is usually parents looking for help to keep their children from going to jail. Ms. Toledo stated she now has five parents who volunteer with the parenting classes.

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- He went from 27 grand theft autos, 14 robberies, and 11 burglaries to two grand theft autos and three robberies in the last reporting period.
- The prostitution problem in his area is shifting. The Captain credits the daily crime statistics review and Sergeant Ljubetic's strategy of shifting resources to target areas to address specific problems for some of the improvements.

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- The shooting that were reported in this area are gang related. The conflict was between a local gang and, a gang from the Los Angeles County.
- No robberies occurred, however, home burglary is up. The extra resources and patrol in the joint task force helped to defuse the situation.

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- There was one homicide in this reporting period, a young teenage girl. The extra resources shifted to the area and helped to contain this situation.
- We have a new robbery scam in the area where the suspect is seeking help with his vehicle that is supposed to be broke down. The Suspect(s) then turn around and take all the victims property.
- A Suspect for Burglary was arrested as he was hopping over a fence, trying to get away.

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- Information on the suspect for the homicide on 47th Street and Vermont Avenue was provided. The Youth Falcon Football League has open enrollment at Harvard Park and it was a very good turnout. He stated he would be supporting the efforts of the league and the park for providing positive activities for the kids.
- In the area, Quality of Life issues are being worked on with the neighborhood prosecutor.

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- In this reporting period, residential burglary is a problem. The 80-year-old resident walked past the burglar as he was leaving his house. He had only been gone to the grocery store 30 to 40 minutes. The burglar kicked the door in and took property.
- Dan S. Park is having an increase in gang problems. Gang members are harassing the kids coming to the park and the pool.
- A task force was scheduled to address the prostitution problem in a vacant house on 54th Street.

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- In this reporting period, a Impound task force took place which resulted in 102 vehicles being impounded.
- Violent crimes were low, vehicle related crimes were up.

Announcements:

Neighborhood Prosecutor Nixon

Is working on some quality of life issues of illegal dumping, nuisance abatement, and graffiti. He is beginning to attend the Neighborhood Council Meetings to introduce himself to the community. He will be diligent in prosecuting illegal dumpers and graffiti taggers. He is working with Officer Dixon on the problem of people who gather on the sidewalk drinking and loitering. He stated that this is an alcohol, mental health, and homeless issue. A housing inspector found a coyote house during a routine rental unit inspection. He did not contact the Los Angeles Police Department until later and, when the officers arrived, everyone was gone. The house is located within the 77th boundary. Eighth District Council Office

Ms. Dickson will be working with Mr. Nixon on some quality of life issues in her field area. Ms. Arbor thanked Officer McHenry for his response to the prostitution problem. She informed the group that before the homeless can be removed from the street, there is a 72-hour posting period required before anything can be done.

Captain Green

Presented Officer Ron Warden with a citation for his work and support to the Boot Camp. He presented Mr. Combs with a citation for his commitment to the Community-Police Advisory Board.

Mr. Koonce

Asked the members to fill in the survey to help the Board determine what the group goals will be. Surveys will be analyzed and discussion will be open at the next meeting.

Officer Appreciation Day will be November 14, 2007

Next meeting September 14, 2007

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.