

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING**

Thursday, August 16, 2007

1900 Hours

Kaiser Laboratories

11668 Sherman Way, North Hollywood

Calendar Of Events

39th Annual P.A.L.S Luncheon
Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd, Thursday October 4, 2007, 11:30 am

Area Update

Captain Buck thanked everyone for their overwhelming support of the fundraiser for the family of Officer David Rodriguez. She presented a plaque to Bob Palmer who is retiring from Kaiser and thanked him for his many years of support of North Hollywood Area and its C.P.A.B. She introduced Gabriel Ahedo as the new Senior Lead Officer who will be taking over area 15A3. Two other Senior Lead Officer positions will also be filled in the near future. Captain Buck also touched upon new C.P.A.B membership and the possibility of P.A.S.T teams working North Hollywood Area. During the last four weeks, crime in North Hollywood Area is down all categories. Stolen vehicles and burglaries from motor vehicles still continue to be a problem and all efforts are placed to reduce crime.

Group Discussion

Sergeant Russell led the group in a discussion to elicit input from the members regarding crime and quality of life issues in Area parks. North Hollywood Park and Fernangeles Park were singled out. The senior lead officers talked about their enforcement efforts in these areas. Sergeant Russell stated continued efforts would be effective rather than a "hit and run" approach.

Officer Catalano talked about the homeless living in vehicles, drinking in public and narcotic activity in North Hollywood Park. A lot of these problems are related to the recycling center. He stated there has been extra patrol in the area resulting in a decrease in crime. He also stressed the importance of not providing food to the homeless but to support them in ways they would benefit.

Officer Benavidez stated he has been giving extra attention to the area of North Hollywood Park that is in his area. This includes the flood control area along the 170 Freeway south of Magnolia Blvd where burglary from motor vehicle activity continues. Providing extra attention to the homeless by educating them. Officer Sawamura mentioned the effectiveness of cameras in deterring crime, especially graffiti. The possibility of using cameras to reduce crime was of most interest to the group.

S.L.O. Update

Officer Carol Sawamura (15A21) – Officer Sawamura stated she has had an increase in gang activity in her area.

Officer Gabriel Ahedo (15A13) – Officer Ahedo introduced himself as the new S.L.O for the area. He has eleven years with the Los Angeles Police Department and has been assigned North Hollywood Area for nine years. He is anxious to get to know the citizens and businesses in area 15A13. He plans to focus on quality of life issues and crime related to day laborers and burglaries from motor vehicles in apartment complexes.

Officer John Catalano (15A39) – Officer Catalano stated overall crime in the area of the NoHo Arts District is down however, vandalism has increased. Provided information on the arrest of two suspects for vandalism.

Officer Manny Arreygue (15A43) – Officer Manny Arreygue stated he is focusing on burglaries from motor vehicles in subterranean garages in his area.

Officer Robert Benavidez (15A67) – Officer Benavidez congratulated Officer Ahedo on his promotion. Burglaries from motor vehicles are up including gasoline thefts from vehicles.

Officer Mike Lewis (15A85) – Officer Mike Lewis stated he was addressing burglary from motor vehicle activity in the area of Colfax Ave and Moorpark St. He talked about garage remote control thefts and their reprogramming and gave an update on a recent elder distraction thefts.

Public Comment

Suzie Hokom voiced her concern about recyclable thefts during the day south of Magnolia Blvd.

Cary Adams talked about the possibility of DWP installing extra lampposts in problem areas.

Lucia Affentranger voiced her concern about response time to requests to paint out graffiti.

Brian Sottile talked about the possibility of filing grand theft charges on a suspect seen in the area of Toluca Lake. He also answered Captain Buck's question about addressing the homeless in area parks by saying it is a societal problem and that he continues to "map them out of the area".

Nick Poole talked about ten cameras he had installed in the area of his businesses and their effect on crime.

Evan Roosevelt advised the group about the availability of Q-Star cameras from the Office Of Community Beautification (213 978-0227).

Herb Pencille advised the group he has P.A.L.S Luncheon tickets.