

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING AGENDA /notes– MAY 19, 2021

1. OPEN MEETING/INTROS
2. NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS 2/MIN PER PERSON
3. TOPIC FOR TONITES MEETING : KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE
4. INTRODUCTION OF SLO SAM PARK (LAKE BALBOA) 35234@LAPD.ONLINE
SAFETY INFORMATION
 - a. CRIME IN LAKE BALBOA
 - b. TIPS TO STAY SAFE
5. STOP ILLEGAL FIREWORKS(2017 – CF 17-1421)
 - a. EARLIER THIS MONTH, MAY 5TH, THE LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A MOTION TO PURSUE NEW STRATEGIES TO STOP/CURTAIL ILLEGAL FIREWORKS, INCLUDING A BUYBACK PROGRAM AND REWARD PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WHO REPORT MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS
 - b. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN LA AND UNLESS CAUGHT IN THE ACT, LAPD CAN DO NOTHING TO ENFORCE THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS LAWS. IN 2020, ILLEGAL FIREWORKS CALLS SOARED 170% LAST JUNE. .LAPD OFFICERS DISPATCHED MORE THAN 1500 TIMES
 - c. CITY COUNCILWOMAN MONICA RODRIGUEZ, CHAIR OF LA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, INTRO THE MOTION ON MAY 5TH, DIRECTED THE LAPD TO CREATE A REWARD PROGRAM FOR INFORMAITON THAT LEADS TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THOSE WHO SELL ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IN THE CITY AND TO WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A FIREWORKS BUYBACK PROGRAM MODELED AFTER THE CITYS GUN PROGRAM.
EXPAND THE CITYS FIREWORKS REPORTING SYSTEM, THRU 311 TO REPORT FIREWORKS USAGE BEFORE AND AFTER JULY 4TH TO 2 MONTHS BEFORE AND 2 MONTHS AFTER JULY 4TH AND NEW YEARS EVE
TODAY, MAY 19TH, COUNCILMEMBER MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS INTOR A CMONTION TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL FIREWORKS. WHILE COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER HAS SOUGHT THE

HELP OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, RIDLEY THOMAS AS INTO A MOTION THAT DIRECTS THE FIRE AND PD TO REPORT BACK ON SETTING UP A SYSTEM THAT WOULD TRACK AND RESPOND TO FIREWORKS COMPLAINTS THROUGH A MOBILE APP THAT WOULD ISSUE AUTOMATIC VIOLATIONS, REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORKS, YOU CAN DO IT ANONYMOUSLY AT : LACRIMESTOPPERS.ORG IN SAN BERNARDINO ONLINE PORTAL THAT CAN HELP FIRE OFFICIALS TRACK ACTIVITIES AND IDENTIFY CULPRITS. REPORTS COLLECTED THRU THE APP GO INTO A DATABASE THAT IS VIEWABLE BY FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. OWNERS OF HOMES WHERE FIREWORKS ARE OBSERVED INCL PHOTOS UNLOADED TO THE APP – WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY SENT A \$1250 CITATION. PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE ON THE HOOK IF THEIR TENANTS ARE CAUGHT USING FIREWORKS.

6. CITY COUNCIL PLANS TO DEAL WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

PROTESTS OVER THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD HAVE SPURRED A MOVEMENT TO REDIRECT LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND REDUCE POLICE CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC IN AREAS SUCHA MENTAL HEALTH CALLS AND HOMELESS INVOLVEMENT.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS INTRO A MOTION TO DEVELOP A NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE THAT USES TRAINED SPECIALIST, RATHER THAN LAPD TO RENDER AID TO HOMELESS PEOPLE ANDTHOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES LAPD HAD ALREADY BEENMOVING IN THIS DIRECTION WITH A PLAN TO DIVERT SOME 911 SUICIDE CALLS TO A PHONE LINE RUN BY DIDI HIRSWCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES A COUNTY CONTRACTED PROVIDER. SOME CALLS MAY BE BETTER SERVED WITHOUT POLICE INTERVENTION

PEOPLE ARE CALLING BECAUSE LAPD IS A 24 HOUR SERVICE. BUT THE QUESITONS SOMETIMES IS WHO IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO DEAL WITH IT.

**UNDER THE NEW PLAN, LAPD 24 HOUR TRIAGE DESK PAIRS OFFICERS AND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST WILL ASSESS WHETHER TO DISPATCH A SYSTEMWIDE MENTAL ASSESSMENT RESPONSE TEAM, OR SMART. UNDER THE NEW SCHEME THE DISPATCHER W=COULD HAND OFF A CALL FROM A SUICIDE CALL OR THIRD PARTY TO A DIDI HIRSCH COUNSELORS
SUICIDE BY COP CALLS DOWN**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TEAM UP WITH C-PAB

**FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS HAVE PROVEN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR REDUCING CRIME AND FEAR OF CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, SCHOOLS AND WORK. BUT THE DAYS OF THE OLDER NEIGHBORS WHERE EVERYONE KNEW EVERYONE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS CHANGED. THE NEED HOWEVER TO BE AWARE OF ONES SURROUNDINGS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. NW BENEFITS : INCREASES AWARENESS OF CRIMES THRU INFO PROGRAM. TRAINS RESIDENTS IN THE ARE OF BETTER PROPERTY SECURITY DEVELOPS A NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PROGRAM WHERE NEIGHBORS WATCH EACH OTHERS PROPERTY TEACHES WHAT CONSTITUTES SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND HOW TO REPORT ENCOURAGES ALL PEOPLE TO COOPERATE WITH LAPD TO REDUCE CRIME. BUT WHILE NW MAY MAKE SENSE IN RATHER UNSAFE AREAS, THEY MAY NOT MAKE TOO MUCH SENSE IN SAFER AREAS, AND PEOPLE OFTEN OVERESTIMATE THE TRUE POSITIVE EFFECT OF NW ON CRIME RATES. THIS IS WHERE C-PAB COMES INTO PLAY. ESTABLISHED MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO AFTER THE 1992 RIOTS
C-PAB COMMUNITY MEETINGS INVITE ALL RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH LAPD LEADERS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS
NW LEADERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED VIA ZOOM AND SOON IN PERSON TO OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM**