

Commissioner Charley Lu
Commissioner Dr. Stephen Sanko

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Janet Braun

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1. **Public Comment**
Hiking/Horse Trail near South Pasadena Golf Course

PRESENTATION

2. **Staff Introduction**
Introduction of newly appointed Commissioner Dr. Stephen Sanko
3. **Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes**
Presentation of Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes
4. **Police Department Mission Statement**
Presentation of the Police Department Mission Statement
5. **August Crime Statistics**
Presentation of August Crime Statistics

ACTION/DISCUSSION

6. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of September 09, 2024**
Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of September 09, 2024
7. **Garfield Park Security Cameras**
Consideration of the purchase and installation of video surveillance cameras at Garfield Park

INFORMATION REPORTS

No items.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. City Council Liaison Communications

9. Staff Liaison Communications

Grant Awards: Urban Area Security Initiative and Office of Traffic Safety

Presenting UASI and OTS Grant Awards received by the Police Department.

a) UASI Grant Award - \$161,000 (Mobile Command Vehicle/Communication Equipment)

b) OTS Grant Award - \$55,000 (DUI Enforcement and Traffic Safety Overtime)

10. Commissioner Communications

ADJOURNMENT

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October 11, 2024

Date



Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 1

DATE: October 14, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Public Comment
SUBJECT: Hiking/Horse Trail near South Pasadena Golf Course

Attachments:

- A. Public Comment regarding hiking on horse trail near South Pasadena Golf Course

Davit Ghazaryan

Subject: FW: Hiking/Horse Trail

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:55 PM

To: Public Safety Commission Comment <pscpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov>

Subject: Hiking/Horse Trail

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Hello, I'm writing this for the purpose of asking if the South Pasadena Police Department would please assist in preventing bicyclists from riding on the Hiking/Horse trail. This restricted trail is located on the east side of the South Pasadena Golf Course. This evening I encountered five individuals while riding between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. Three of the group were argumentative and were trying to ride around my horse on both sides of her on a narrow part of the trail. They were upsetting the horse and causing a dangerous situation. The female and two males told me I had "no right to block the trail" with my horse and made my horse back up several paces to get away from their aggressive advance toward us. I or the horse could have been injured not to mention the bike riders too.

I and several other riders have encountered multiple bicyclists especially on Wednesday evenings. The group has as many as twenty to thirty riders at a time come through the Hiking/Horse trail. When reminded that there is a dedicated bike trail next to the tennis courts and the Arroyo Seco flood channel, they ignore us. Legally horses have the right of way on the Hiking/Horse trail. Can you please help with some extra coverage at least during these Wednesday evenings? It's really a frightening and dangerous situation.



List of concerned evening riders: (others ride during the daytime hours)

1. Pamela
2. Melissa
3. Olivia
4. Dominic
5. Margo
6. Lena

7. Julian
8. Dianne
9. Angel
10. Miguel
11. Mary Margret
12. Gilberto
13. Felix
14. Victor
15. Tori
16. Hector
17. Ben
18. Erin
19. Emily
20. Stacey
21. Katie

Please see the South Pasadena Bike Path map below.

Filter



1 Arroyo Seco Bike Trail – Red Box Gap loop from Highland Park

⌚ 05:31 ↔ 48.1 mi ⌚ 8.7 mph ⬆️ 4,975 ft ⬆️ 4,975 ft

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Expert bike ride. Very good fitness required. Mostly paved surfaces. Suitable for all skill levels.

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Bike Trail

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Discover More Tours around South Pasadena

Last updated: Septe



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: October 14, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Andy Dubois, Sergeant
SUBJECT: **Presentation: Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes**

Presentation of Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes

Attachments:

- A. Presentation of Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes.

Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Southern California Earthquakes

Introduction to Disaster Preparedness

Why Preparedness Matters in Southern California



Importance of Preparedness

Disaster preparedness transforms communities from reactive to proactive, minimizing the impact of disasters through education, planning, and resource allocation.



Focus on Southern California

Southern California is uniquely vulnerable due to its geographical positioning along the San Andreas Fault, making it a seismic hotspot for earthquakes. Don't forget fire, floods, wind, and power outages.



Overview of Disaster Risks

Understanding the nature of disasters and fostering a culture of preparedness can significantly enhance community resilience in facing potential disasters.

Historical Earthquakes in Southern California

Analyzing Major Earthquakes and Their Community Impacts



Major Earthquakes

Southern California has been shaped by notable earthquakes, including the 1994 Northridge earthquake, which registered at 6.7, causing significant devastation and loss of life.



Community Impacts

These earthquakes have both immediate effects, such as injuries and destruction of property, and long-term impacts, including economic disturbances and psychological effects on residents.



Lessons Learned

Each historical event has provided valuable insights into improving building codes, response strategies, and preparedness education for future disasters.

Basic Safety Procedures During an Earthquake

Effective Strategies for Personal and Community Safety



Drop, Cover, Hold On

These three steps are critical in protecting oneself during an earthquake; teaching these practices can save lives.



Evacuation Plans

Having clear, pre-coordinated evacuation routes and plans reduces chaos and ensures effective responses when an earthquake strikes.



Emergency Communication

Establishing communication protocols within families and communities reinforces resilience, ensuring sought support and safety checks post-disaster.

Creating an Earthquake Preparedness Plan

Developing Comprehensive Family and Community Strategies



Family Plans

Creating individualized family plans ensures that every member knows their specific roles and actions during an earthquake; this includes drills for practice.



Communication Strategies

Establishing strategies, such as pre assigned contacts and multiple communication methods, reinforces response measures during emergencies.



Meeting Points and Role Assignments

Designated meeting points and assigned roles will streamline post-disaster organization and facilitate family reunification efforts.

The 'Go Bag': Essentials for Survival

What to Include in Your Emergency Kit

- **Importance of a Go Bag:** An emergency kit containing essential items for survival after a disaster.



The 'Go Bag': Essentials for Survival

What to Include in Your Emergency Kit

- **Recommended Items:** Key items include
 - Water- At least one gallon per person, per day for three days
 - Non-perishable food and a manual can opener
 - First Aid Kit- Including prescription meds
 - Clothing- Extra clothes, sturdy shoes, blankets or sleeping bag
 - Sanitation- Moist towelettes, hand sanitizer, garbage bags, toilet paper
 - Tools- Multi-tool, headlamp/ flashlight, extra batteries, whistle
 - Communication- Battery-powered radio, charged power bank, charging cords, contact list
 - Copies of important documents critical for survival and recovery:
 - (Wills, ID, Deed, Insurance, SSN card, etc.)

The 'Go Bag': Essentials for Survival

What to Include in Your Emergency Kit

- **Personalization:** Tailoring a go bag to suit individual needs and situations ensures that unique essentials are available, maximizing survival potential during emergencies.
- Smaller kits for children, depending on age.
- Specific kit for elderly family members.
- Specific kit for your pets.
- Consider also preparing a kit to keep in your vehicle.

Beyond the Go Bag

- Home Safety

- Secure heavy furniture
- Install latches on cabinets
- Seismic retrofit older homes

- Emergency Plan

- Develop and practice a family emergency plan
- Designate meeting points inside and outside your home
- Assign roles to family members

Beyond the Go Bag

- Stay informed
 - Learn about local disaster risks
 - Sign-up for emergency alerts and notifications
- Community Involvement
 - Participate in preparedness workshops
 - Volunteer (CERT)
 - Join or start a Neighborhood Watch

Safety Checklists for Disaster Preparedness

Ensuring Readiness Through Regular Updates



Checklist Items

Essential checklist items include first aid kits, communication devices, food and water, personal documents, and emergency contact lists to establish comprehensive disaster preparedness.



Regular Updates

Periodically revisiting and updating preparedness checklists is crucial for maintaining readiness and adapting to changing individual and family needs.



Maintaining Readiness

Ongoing education about preparedness, conducting drills, and community involvement enhances overall resilience and disaster response capability.

Community Resources and Support Networks

Leveraging Local and Regional Resources for Preparedness

- **Local Organizations:** Community-based organizations play a pivotal role in educating citizens on emergency preparedness, resources, and first aid, facilitating better preparedness across demographics.
- **Emergency Services:** Coordination with local emergency services ensures a well-structured response framework that mobilizes resources and support during disasters.
- **Educational Resources:** Access to educational materials on earthquake preparedness fosters continuous community learning, advancing knowledge and response effectiveness.



Recent Developments in Earthquake Preparedness

Exploring Innovations and Community Initiatives

Technology Advancements

Emerging technologies, such as seismic alert systems and mobile applications, enhance citizen awareness and response protocols during earthquakes.

Emergency messages and important community updates when you need them, where you need them.

Connect South Pasadena

The **Connect South Pasadena** alert system allows the City of South Pasadena the chance to provide you with critical information in an emergency situation.



When a natural disaster, police activity or other emergency requires you to take action to protect yourself and your family, you'll receive texts, emails or phone calls that let you know what to do.



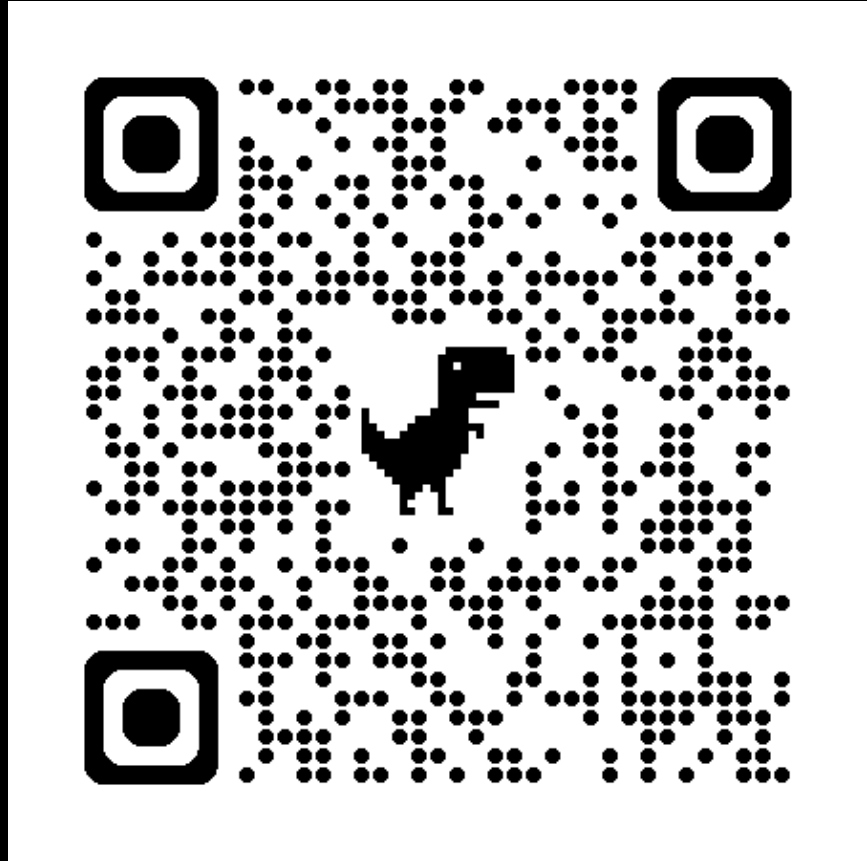
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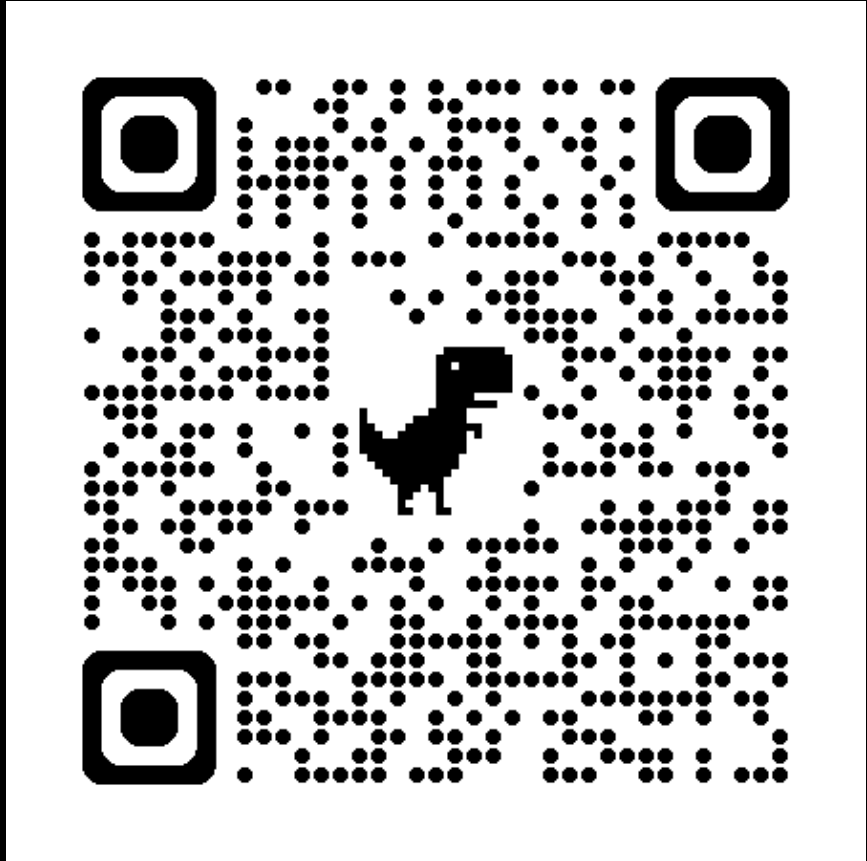
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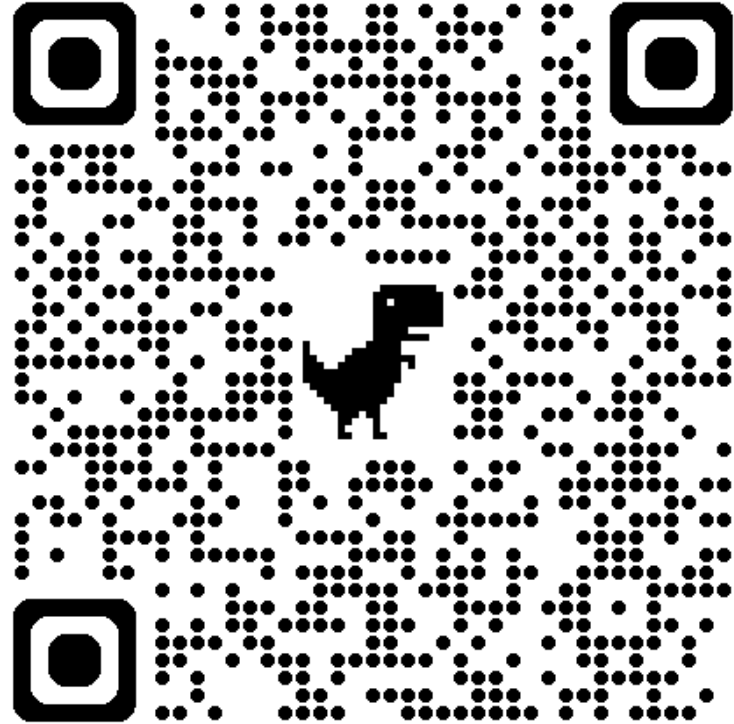
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Alerts from South Pasadena
Police Department



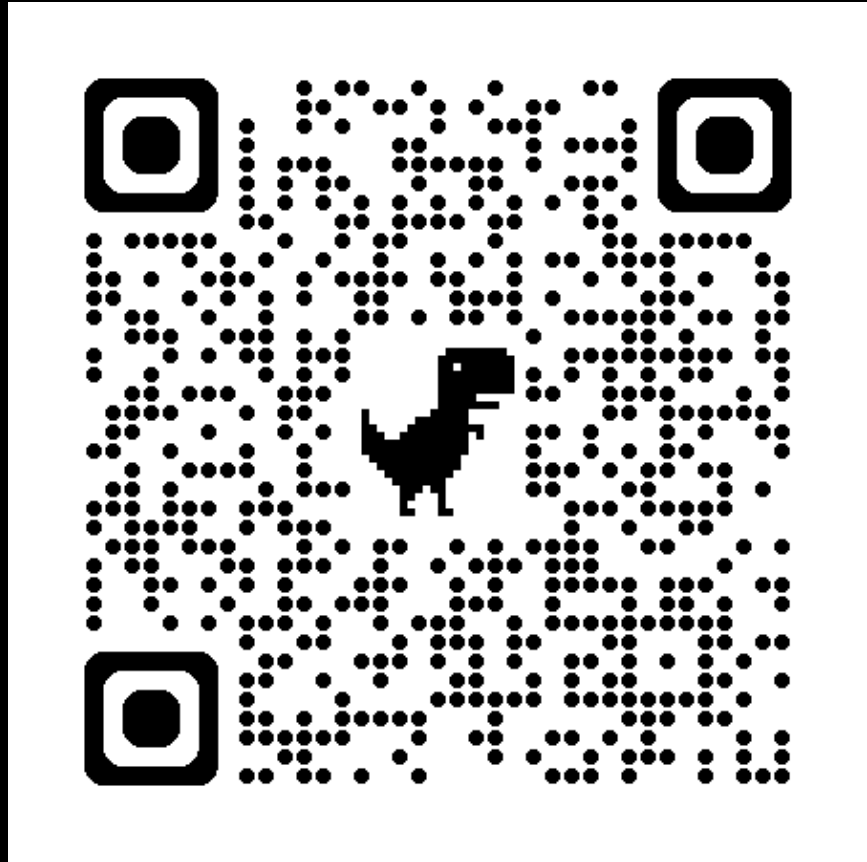


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Community Initiatives

Local initiatives including outreach programs and public drills contribute to heightening community readiness and cohesion surrounding earthquake/ disaster preparedness

South Pasadena CERT Training Signup page



Conclusion: Key Takeaways for Effective Preparedness



Recap

Review the primary strategies highlighted throughout the presentation to reinforce the imperative nature of earthquake preparedness in Southern California.



Prioritizing Safety

Emphasizing safety in all preparedness efforts builds a culture of resilience, where individuals and communities are proactive rather than reactive.



Continuous Education

Engaging in ongoing education about earthquake preparedness fosters community resilience, empowering citizens to take informed actions in emergencies.



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 5

DATE: October 14, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police
Merril Ladenheim, Deputy Police Chief

SUBJECT: **August Crime Statistics**

Presentation of August Crime Statistics

Attachments:

A. August Crime Statistics.

South Pasadena Police Department

AUGUST 2024



Prepared by:

Richard Lee, Crime Analyst
Sharae Sandoval, Police Assistant

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police

**South Pasadena Police Department
Part One Crimes
2024**

	Robbery			Burglary (commercial & residential)			Larceny			Motor Vehicle Theft		
	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024
January	0	3	NOT CALC	11	7	-36%	66	41	-38%	6	10	67%
February	1	0	-100%	29	8	-72%	44	36	-18%	1	5	400%
March	2	3	50%	11	5	-55%	49	40	-18%	7	3	-57%
April	0	1	NOT CALC	6	4	-33%	33	53	61%	4	6	50%
May	1	2	100%	7	12	71%	33	38	15%	2	7	250%
June	1	3	200%	7	3	-57%	42	25	-40%	6	9	50%
July	4	2	-50%	10	11	10%	51	39	-24%	3	6	100%
August	1	0	-100%	14	7	-50%	54	36	-33%	4	5	25%
September	2	0	-100%	10	0	-100%	61	0	-100%	2	0	-100%
October	1	0	-100%	5	0	-100%	39	0	-100%	5	0	-100%
November	2	0	-100%	4	0	-100%	41	0	-100%	3	0	-100%
December	0	0	NOT CALC	5	0	-100%	35	0	-100%	9	0	-100%
TOTALS	15	14	-7%	119	57	-52%	548	308	-44%	52	51	-2%
Yearly Average	1.3	1.2	-7%	9.9	4.8	-52%	45.7	25.7	-44%	4.3	4.3	-2%
YTD - Aug. 31	10	14	40%	95	57	-40%	372	308	-17%	33	51	55%

**Part One Crimes (continued)
2024**

	Homicide			Sex Offenses (Forcible)			Assaults			Arson		
	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024
January	0	0	NOT CALC	0	1	NOT CALC	7	10	43%	0	0	NOT CALC
February	0	0	NOT CALC	0	2	NOT CALC	15	14	-7%	0	1	NOT CALC
March	0	0	NOT CALC	0	0	NOT CALC	11	6	-45%	0	0	NOT CALC
April	0	0	NOT CALC	0	0	NOT CALC	18	9	-50%	0	0	NOT CALC
May	0	0	NOT CALC	1	0	-100%	26	5	-81%	1	2	100%
June	0	1	NOT CALC	2	1	-50%	8	10	25%	1	0	-100%
July	0	0	NOT CALC	1	1	0%	9	9	0%	1	1	0%
August	0	0	NOT CALC	1	1	0%	17	9	-47%	0	0	NOT CALC
September	0	0	NOT CALC	0	0	NOT CALC	11	0	-100%	1	0	-100%
October	0	0	NOT CALC	0	0	NOT CALC	6	0	-100%	2	0	-100%
November	0	0	NOT CALC	0	0	NOT CALC	10	0	-100%	0	0	NOT CALC
December	0	0	NOT CALC	1	0	-100%	14	0	-100%	0	0	NOT CALC
TOTALS	0	1	NOT CALC	6	6	0%	152	72	-53%	6	4	-33%
Yearly Average	0.0	0.083	NOT CALC	0.5	0.5	0%	12.7	6.0	-53%	0.5	0.3	-33%
YTD - Aug. 31	0	1	NOT CALC	5	6	20%	111	72	-35%	3	4	33%

YTD	2021	2022	% Change 2021-2022
YTD - Aug. 31	629	513	-18.4%

**South Pasadena Police Department
Part One Crimes
August 2024**

	July	August	% Change
Homicide	0	0	NOT CALC
Sex Offense (Forcible)	1	1	0%
Robbery	2	0	-100%
Assault	9	9	0%
Burglary	-	-	-
Residential	4	3	-25%
Commercial	7	4	-43%
Larceny-Theft	39	36	-8%
GTA	6	5	-17%
Arson	1	0	-100%
Total	69	58	-16%

Arrests

	July	August	% Change
Adult Arrests	31	38	23%
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	NOT CALC

Citations

	July	August	% Change
Parking	394	390	-1%
Moving	186	102	-45%

Calls for Service

	July	August	% Change
Calls for Service	3,117	2,774	-11%

Total Calls for Service YTD-July 31	21,367
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Traffic Collisions

	July	August	% Change
Fatal	0	0	NOT CALC
901T	12	14	17%
902	14	17	21%
Hit-and-Run	6	10	67%
City Property Damage	0	1	NOT CALC
Total	32	42	31%

Calls for Service

January	2229
February	2050
March	2504
April	2885
May	2710
June	3098
July	3117
August	2774
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total	21367



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 6

DATE: October 14, 2024

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police
Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of September 09, 2024.**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of September 09, 2024.

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of September 09, 2024



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 09, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, September 09, 2024, at 8:35 a.m. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Chair	Walter Cervantes
Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
Commissioner	Ed Donnelly
Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
Commissioner	Charley Lu
Commissioner	Bethesda Gee

ABSENT

None.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky, Police Chief, Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Janet Braun, Councilmember, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Tanya Brittin, Police Clerk II, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment:

Yvonne Larose spoke of the potential spread of disinformation and hate crimes during the election campaign period. She also complimented the work of Officers Smith and

Maldonado for their professionalism when called to her property for an instance of vandalism.

Zoom Public Comment

None.

PRESENTATION

2. Staff Introduction

Introduction of newly appointed Fire Chief, Greg Lloyd.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky introduced the newly appointed Fire Chief, Greg Lloyd. Chief Lloyd presented his experience and background to the commission.

3. The Active Transportation Program at Marengo

Presentation of The Active Transportation Program at Marengo

Michael Siegel presented the Active Transportation Program at Marengo to the commission and answered commissioner's questions regarding incorporating bikes, support from Police and Fire Department as well as potential liability issues concerning the program.

4. Public Safety Commission Report

Presentation of the Public Safety Commission Report.

Fire Chief Greg Lloyd presented the Fire Department's portion of the Public Safety Commission Report, including the number of calls, staffing and recruitment, mutual aid with neighboring Fire Departments.

Commissioner Lu asked about earthquake preparedness and local alert systems. Chief Solinsky responded by providing the resources on City of South Pasadena's website as well as nationwide emergency management systems and platforms.

5. Ring Program and Neighbors App

Presentation of Ring Program and Neighbors App

Detective Richard Lee presented the Ring Program and the Neighbors App.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

6. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR May 13, 2024

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 6, the Meeting Minutes of the May 13, 2024, Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner Gee.
ABSTAINED: None.

7. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR August 12, 2024

A motion was made by Chair Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 6, the Meeting Minutes of the August 12, 2024, Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner Gee.
ABSTAINED: None.

8. Discussion on Request for Proposal's (RFP's)/Bids for the Police Department Tow Contract

Discussion on the Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review RFP's/Bids for the Police Department Tow Contract.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky presented to the Committee the need to create an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of two commissioners to review the RFP's/Bids of perspective tow contracts, bids and site visits.

Commissioner Holguin offered to appoint Commissioner Lu to the Ad Hoc Committee. Vice Chair Munoz volunteered to join the Ad Hoc Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Chair Cervantes and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 8, Discussion on Request for Proposal's (RFP's)/Bids for the Police Department Tow Contract as presented.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner Gee.
ABSTAINED: None.

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. City Council Liaison Communications

Councilmember Janet Braun informed the Commissioners regarding the City Councils negotiations with the Police Officers Association and approved added pay for employees with degrees and POST certificates.

10. Staff Liaison Communications

Police Chief Solinsky presented the Crime Statistics for the month of July.
Police Chief Solinsky also gave an update to the Commission regarding the renewal of jail contract with Pasadena Police Department.
Police Chief Solinsky gave an update regarding staffing and recruitment.

11. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Gee left the dais at 9:12 a.m..

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 10:15 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Davit Ghazaryan
Management Analyst

Walter Cervantes
Chair