

Commissioner Charley Lu

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councilmember Janet Braun

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1. Public Comment

PRESENTATION

2. Staff Introduction

Introduction of newly appointed Fire Chief, Greg Lloyd

3. The Active Transportation Program at Marengo

Presentation of The Active Transportation Program at Marengo

4. Public Safety Commission Report

Presentation of the Public Safety Commission Report

5. Ring Program and Neighbors App

Presentation of Ring Program and Neighbors App

ACTION/DISCUSSION

6. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of May 13, 2024

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of May 13, 2024.

7. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024.

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.

INFORMATION REPORTS

No items.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. City Council Liaison Communications
10. Staff Liaison Communications
11. Commissioner Communications

ADJOURNMENT

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September 06, 2024

Date



Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: September 09, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Michael Siegel
SUBJECT: **The Active Transportation Program at Marengo**

Presentation of The Active Transportation Program at Marengo

Attachments:

A. Marengo Elementary Active Transportation Program 2024 – 2025.



MARENGO
ELEMENTARY

**ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM**

2024 - 2025

WHAT IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?

Active transportation is human-powered mobility, such as biking or walking.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Walking and biking to school provides a whole host of advantages for children and the community, from reducing congestion and air pollution around schools, to improved mental and physical health for children, improved test scores, sleep, attentiveness, independence, resourcefulness, resilience and social skills.



50 years ago,
half of all children walked
or cycled to school.
Today it is only 11% and declining.


WHY MARENGO?

Marengo is uniquely situated where a majority of its student population lives within one mile of campus, a distance very suitable for elementary-aged children to walk and bike.

Walking and bicycling are good for children, yet surveys show that active transportation has become less prevalent. With this decline, students of this generation are missing the opportunity to explore the world through diverse means and build up those needed skill sets.

We should be encouraging more daily physical activity for our children. Walking to school is one of the simplest, most effective, and most affordable strategies for kids AND adults to build physical activity into their lives. One mile of walking translates to 2/3rds of the recommended physical activity each day.

We can promote this behavior shift through a series of small initiatives designed to make active transportation fun.



“Walking is one of the most powerful tools we have to increase physical activity and emotional well-being for kids,” - former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy



PROGRAMS

BIKE BUS / CLINICS

Every Tuesday morning, parents lead a safety-in-numbers bike ride to school from the North and South of Marengo. Participants can ride from the beginning of the route or join at any point along the way.

Marengo Elementary will also host a series of bike clinics designed to provide a safe environment for children to learn how to ride a bicycle.

WALK TO SCHOOL

One dedicated day each week
Parents/Teachers will lead a walking bus to school from set locations.

Pop-ups with giveaways and special appearances will be set up on random days along the way to school.

BIKE BUS / BIKE CLINICS



2023-2024 Bike Bus Ridership = 1,421



Marengo has two routes:

- South = Maple / La France
- North = Hope / Stratford



Bike Clinics: October and April



Teach and grow skills for independence



WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM HOW IT WORKS - HIGH LEVEL



EVERY FRIDAY

Gather at 7:45 - 7:50
Leave at 7:50 - 7:55
Arrive at School at 8:05

Routes from :

- 1) Garfield Park
- 2) Eddie Park
- 3) Ramona / Oak

Teachers, Staff and Parents join the walk each week. On select Fridays, volunteers at activity zones hand out prizes



WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM HOW IT WORKS

1

SCHEDULE

Unknown to the children, one random Friday during Walking Bus days, volunteers will be posted with 2 separate crossing guards to cheer on walkers and handout giveaways

2

ENTICEMENTS

Beyond giveaways, entertainment will be provided or special guests will be on-hand.

3

EXCITEMENT

Creating excitement in children and their parents is key to success, building each week on word of mouth.

School
Communications/Media,
Teachers and more will
remind children of the
program and highlight the
fun being had each week.

4

INVOLVEMENT

The success of the program cannot happen without the full community. Teachers, school admin, parents, local non-profits, and city employees will need to play a part.

INVOLVEMENT OUR ASK TO YOU



JOIN US ON ROUTE

Use your police patrol e-bikes and join the bike bus, or walk with us during the Friday walking bus.



OFFICER VISIBILITY

Increased randomization of presence and increased visibility deters bad motorist behaviors and increases safety for children walking and biking.



JOIN US AT ACTIVITY ZONES

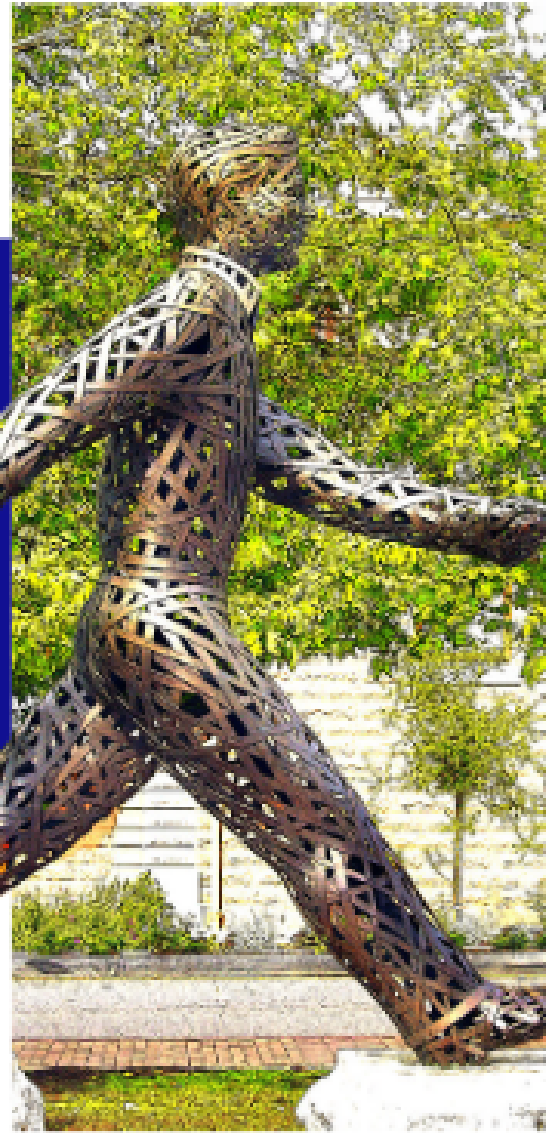
On giveaway days, participate at the activity zones handing out prizes.

1st Walking Bus - August 30, 2024

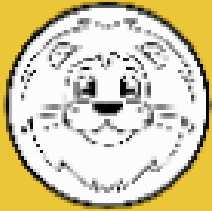




MARENGO ELEMENTARY



Active Transportation Program



WALKING BUS

Dedicated meeting spots to walk to school with teachers and staff



ENTERTAINMENT AND PRIZES

Pop-ups with giveaways and special appearances happen at least once a month. In addition, prizes for class participation happen throughout year.



BIKE BUS / BIKE CLINIC

Every Tuesday morning, parents lead a safety-in-numbers bike ride to school. Bike clinics are also offered to teach riding skills.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Teachers, parents and community non-profits partner each week to celebrate our walkers and bikers.

The Active Transportation Program is designed to get our kids to build healthy, active habits by increasing walking or biking to school.

While healthy kids are our goal, active transportation also leads to better attentiveness, test scores, air quality, reduces traffic risks near campus, and many more positive outcomes.

THANK YOU!

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Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 4

DATE: September 09, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: **Public Safety Commission Report**

Presentation of the Public Safety Commission Report

Attachments:

A. Public Safety Commission Presentation, Fire.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

FIRE

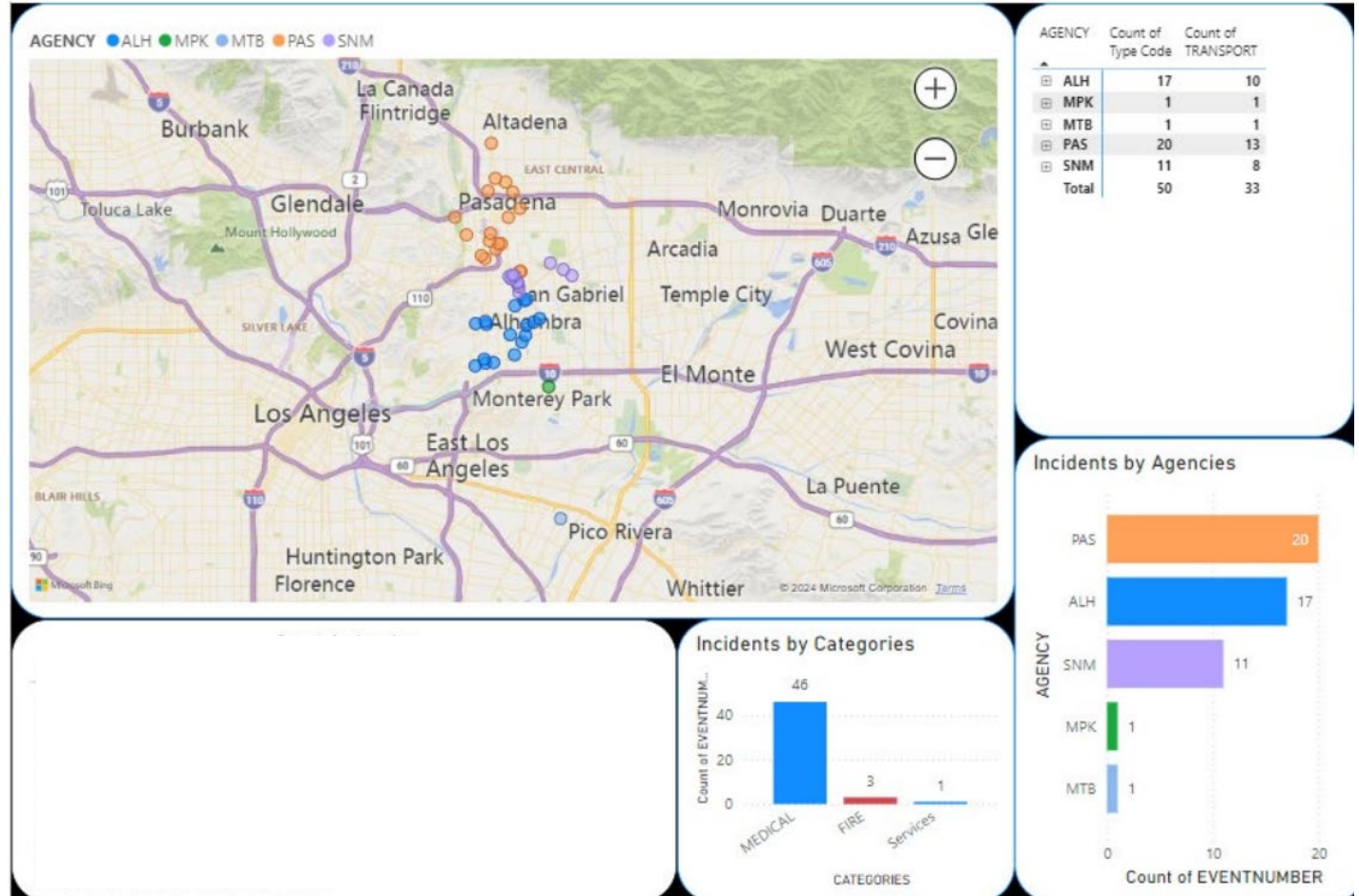


Calls for Service

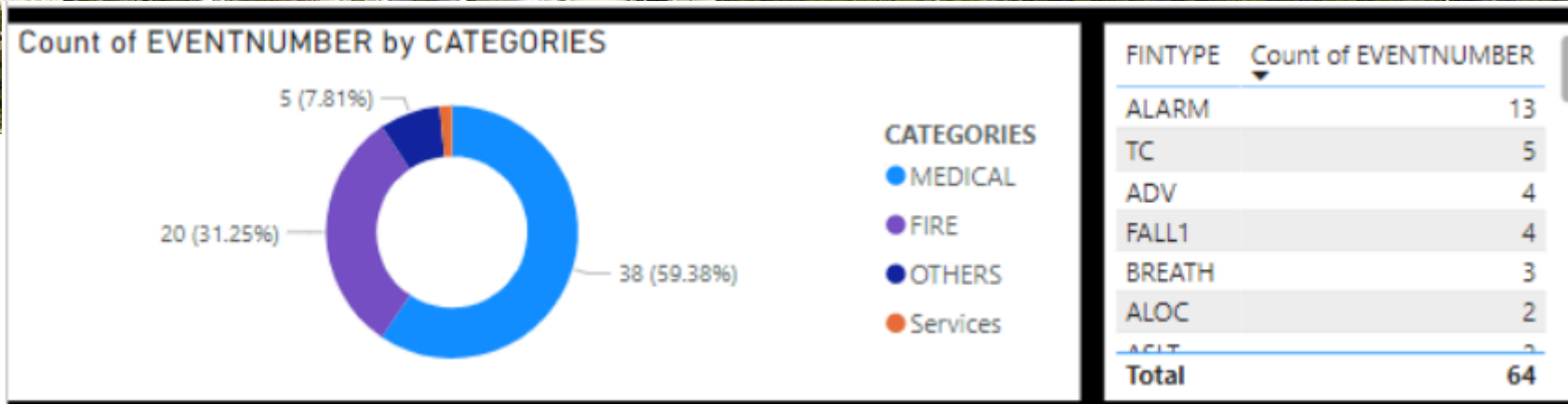
• Emergency Medical	154
• Fires	4
• Hazardous Condition	2
• Service Calls	9
• Other (False Alarm, etc.)	64
• Auto/Mutual Aid	50
• Total calls for service	283



Responses Outside City



Responses Into The City



AGENCY	ALH	LFD	PAS	SGB	SNM	Total	
SPS	19	21	2	10	3	24	64

Staffing / Vacancies

- Fire Chief 1/1
- Division Chief 2/2
- Captains 3/3
- Engineers 3/6
- FF/PM 7/9* (2 IOD)

- Total vacancies - 5



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

FIRE

QUESTIONS?





Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 5

DATE: September 09, 2024
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Richard Lee, Detective
SUBJECT: **Ring Program and Neighbors App**

Presentation of Ring Program and Neighbors App

Attachments:

A. Neighbors by Ring.



Neighbors

By Ring



Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police

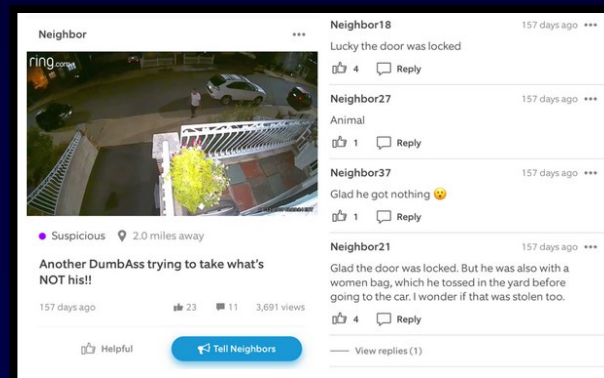


- Ring was created in 2012 and was one of the first video doorbells.
- Their products now expands to interior, exterior cameras, pet tags and alarm systems.
- In 2017, Ring launched Neighbors App.



■ Ring's philosophy has three rings of security:

- Front door
- Outside the home
- Around the community (Neighbors App)





Neighbors

By Ring

- Ring product NOT required to join app.
- Can be viewed on cell phone app or computers.
- Designed as “Virtual Neighborhood Watch” during pandemic.
- Different from other apps (e.g. Nextdoor)
 - Moderated by Ring.
 - Delete post if not related to crime or missing pets.
 - Cannot solicit.



Neighbors

By Ring

- Users can share videos and photos from Nest, Arlo, smart phone videos, etc.
- Each post will be anonymous. Each post is tagged with a sequential number, “Neighbor 1, 2, 3, etc.” Each time log in, will be assigned a new number.
- Privacy is important so all posts are anonymous and exact locations on maps are not shown.

Neighbor



WYZE Ring AI

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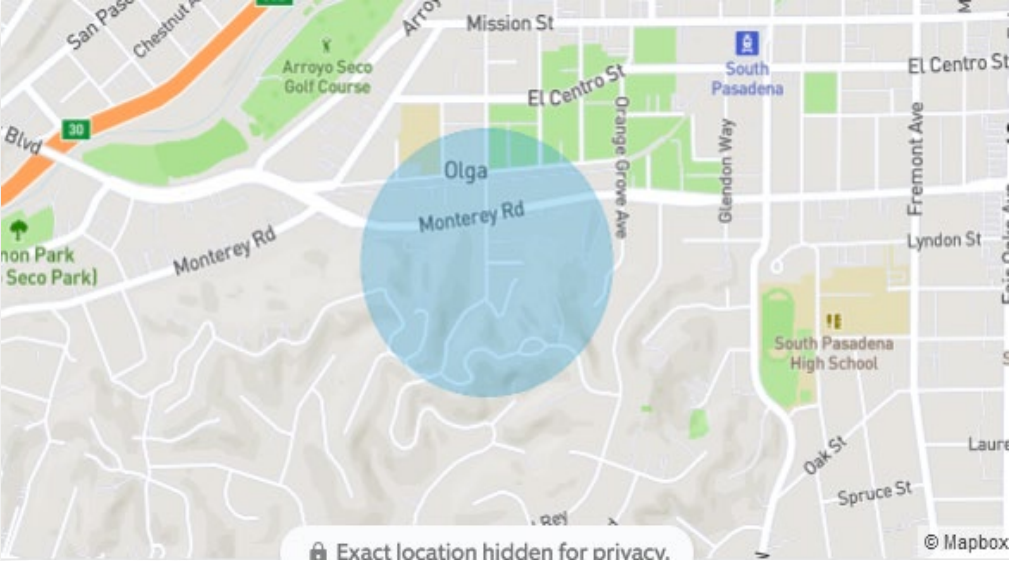
● Suspicious 📍 1.7 miles away

Scumbag thinks it's early holiday season!

This punk thinks it's open season on presents but what he'll find is his face plastered around neig...

73 days ago 👍 47 💬 11 👁 2,175 views

👍 Helpful 💬 Comment ➦ Share



🔒 Exact location hidden for privacy.

© Mapbox

Neighbor39

73 days ago ⋮

Great video, now we have find him.

👍 2 💬 Reply

Neighbor41

73 days ago ⋮

Wow

👍 2 💬 Reply

Neighbor34

73 days ago ⋮

Why can't people just work and get their own stuff?!?
Smh



Neighbors

By Ring

Explore our Help Center Today!

Neighbors Public Safety Service

Create

Neighbors Feed

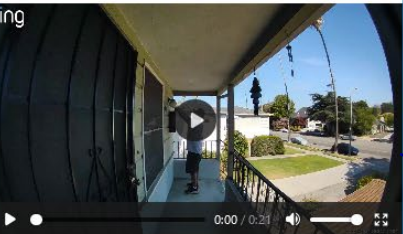
Help

Report

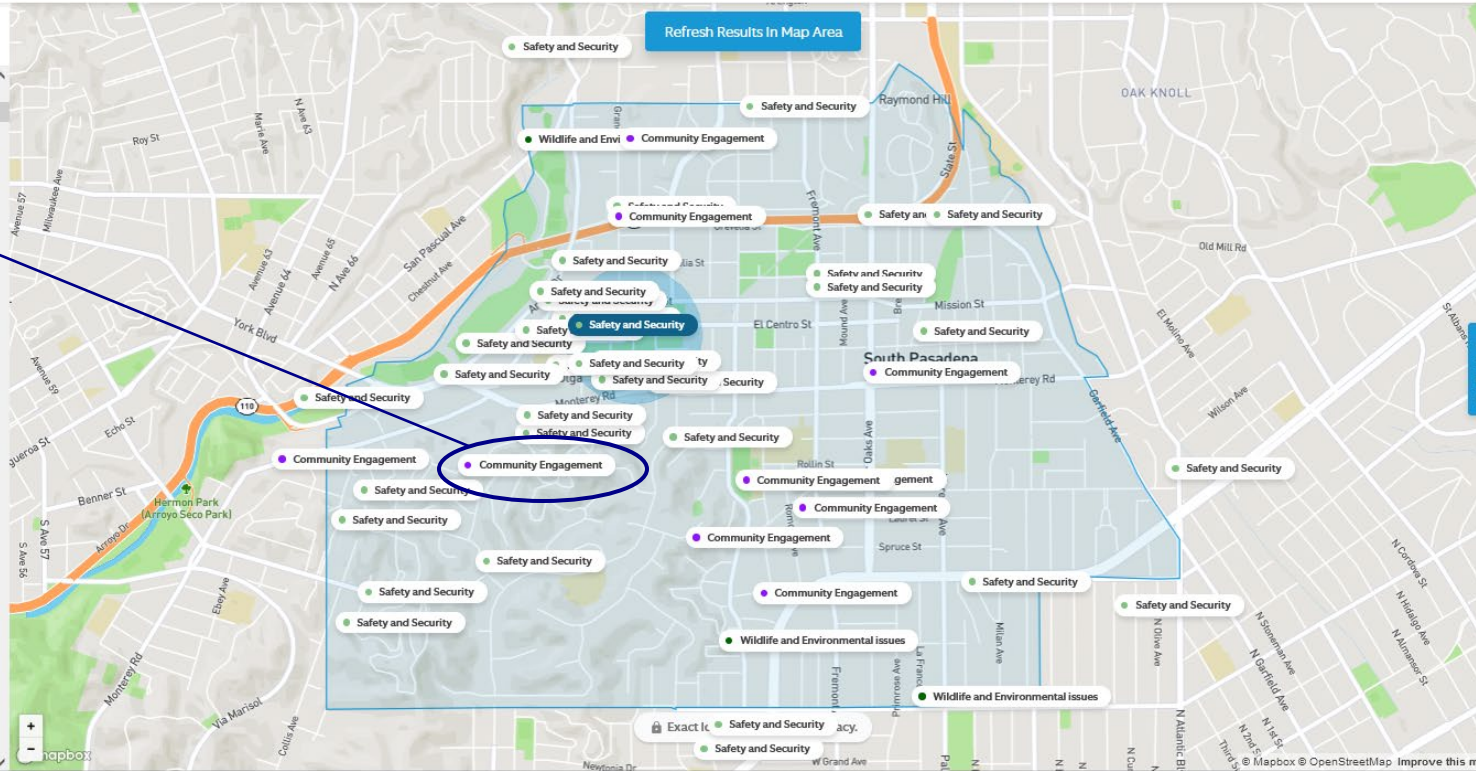
Agency

Profile

Filters



Safety and Security
Stealing Fire Extinguishers
1235 Views
Some random dude just went up and stole our fire extinguisher. Unfortunately I didn't see the footage until...
Aug 5, 2024 at 10:32am PDT
16 likes 15 comments
Comment Share



Can view incidents in city



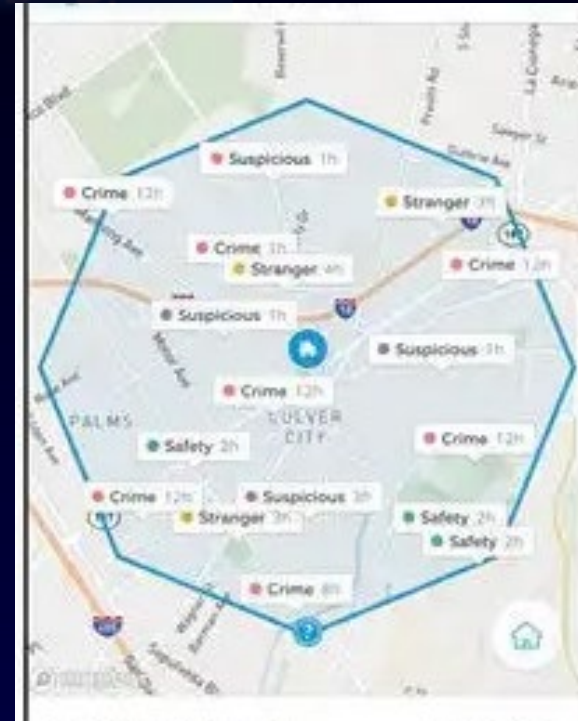




Neighbors

By Ring

- “Request for Assistance” post
 - Allowed LE agencies to request for assistance by asking residents to send/post videos of investigations.
 - LE agencies could only request from within own city.
 - Could geofence specific area.
 - Discontinued as of January 2024.
 - LE agencies can still make post, but not request.





How to Join?



Neighbors by Ring

Join the Neighborhood.

Step 1

Download the free Neighbors App from the Apple AppStore or Google Play Store.

Step 2

Open the Neighbors App and tap "Join Neighbors".

Step 3

Enter your address and tap "Done" then tap "Confirm" to continue.

Step 4

Enter your name, email address, password then tap "Sign up". Welcome to Neighbors.



Neighbors
By Ring





Thank you!

**To report suspicious activity
Call (626) 403-7297**



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 6

DATE: September 09, 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
May 13, 2024**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of May 13, 2024

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting, May 13, 2024.



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
VIA HYBRID / IN-PERSON
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 13, 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, May 13, 2024, at 8:31 a.m. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	Chair	Walter Cervantes
	Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
	Commissioner	Ed Donnelly
	Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
	Commissioner	Charley Lu

<u>ABSENT</u>	Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
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Tanya Brittin, Police Clerk II, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky, Police Chief, Paul Riddle, Fire Chief, Janet Braun, Councilmember Tanya Brittin, Police Clerk II, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Gee entered the dais at 8:33 a.m.

1. Public Comment:

Zoom Public Comment

Yvonne LaRose spoke regarding hate crimes and questioned the impact on the City of South Pasadena.

PRESENTATION

2. COMMISSION ANALYSIS REVISIT

City Manager Arminé Chaparyan presented the findings of the Commission Analysis revisit as per the directive from the City Council.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

3. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR April 8, 2024

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Holguin, seconded by Commissioner Lu, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 2, the Meeting Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

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

4. Discussion on the South Pasadena Public Library Safety

Commissioner Gee left the dais at 9:05 a.m.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky, Police Lieutenant Shannon Robledo, and Library Director Cathy Billings addressed concerns about the safety of library staff and patrons.

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Member Janet Braun thanked the Public Safety Commission.

6. Staff Liaison Communications

Fire Chief Paul Riddle spoke regarding brush training in preparation for an active wildfire season and announced the close this week of open recruitment for Firefighters and Paramedics.

Police Chief Brian Solinsky updated the Commission on hiring, attending two academy graduations, hiring law enforcement retirees, and introduced Deputy Chief Merrill Ladenheim.

Deputy Chief Merrill Ladenheim spoke regarding his employment history, acknowledged the City Council Members and City Staff, and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with the community of South Pasadena.

7. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Holguin congratulated Deputy Chief Ladenheim on his appointment and commended both the leadership and teams of the Fire Department and Police Department after participating in both department's ride alongs.

Commissioner Lu thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for the ride alongs, discussed the recruitment and retention efforts of the Police Department and discussed the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Commissioner Donnelly discussed traffic enforcement at the corner of Monterey Road and Fair Oak Avenue.

Commissioner Holguin addressed Councilmember Braun regarding prioritizing the Fire and Police Departments in budget conversations.

Chair Cervantes discussed the compensation of police officers and the retention of Dispatch.

Commissioner Gee spoke regarding the budget for Tesla fleet vehicles versus compensation packages for recruitment of talent and for education.

Chair Cervantes discussed the extortion of senior citizens and agendizing future discussions on the topic. Chair Cervantes also discussed crossing guards specifically at Huntington Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 10:21 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, June 10, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Tanya Brittin
Police Clerk II

Walter Cervantes
Chair



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 7

DATE: September 09, 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 August 12, 2024**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024.

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting, August 12, 2024.



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 12, 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, August 12, 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:

<u>PRESENT</u>	Chair	Walter Cervantes
	Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
	Commissioner	Ed Donnelly
	Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
	Commissioner	Charley Lu
	Commissioner	Bethesda Gee

ABSENT

Tanya Brittin, Police Clerk II, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky, Police Chief, Chris Szenczi, 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:**

None.

Zoom Public Comment

None.

PRESENTATION

2. Presentation of South Pasadena's Community Emergency Response Training (CERT).

Fire Chief Szenczi and Fire Engineer Anthony Corrao discussed South Pasadena's Community Emergency Response Training.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

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

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

This item was tabled to the September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission.

AYES: None.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

INFORMATION REPORTS

4. Discussion on Catalytic Converter and Copper Thefts

Police Chief Brian Solinsky and Detective Carlos Pech discussed Catalytic Converter and Copper Thefts.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Member Janet Braun spoke regarding the EV Press Conference, Fire Chief Paul Riddle's retirement party on September 21, 2024, Chief Szenczi as Acting Fire Chief, CERT, Catalytic Converters and a Quarterly Newsletter.

6. Staff Liaison Communications

Police Chief Brian Solinsky spoke regarding staffing, recruitment and the Explorer Program.

Fire Chief Szenczi spoke regarding staffing and recruitment.

7. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Gee encouraged the Departments to look at free resources to help with marketing and recruitment and touched on crossing guard challenges as well as a social services team.

Commissioner Gee left the dais at 9:37 a.m.

Chair Cervantes spoke regarding the EV Press Conference, thanking Fire Chief Paul Riddle, Police Chief Brian Solinsky, the City Council, Seargent Tony Abdalla, Ted Gerber, Councilmember Janet Braun and Councilmember Michael Cacciotti.

Commissioner Lu spoke regarding speeding on City streets, specifically on Grand and Columbia, Neighborhood Watch and how technology can improve public safety.

Chair Cervantes spoke regarding public safety and the implementation of Neighborhood Watch groups.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 09:48 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, September 09, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Davit Ghazaryan
Management Analyst

Walter Cervantes
Chair