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- 1. **Public Comment**
None.

PRESENTATION

- 2. **Youth Diversion Program**
Presentation of the Youth Diversion Program.
- 3. **Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)**
Presentation of the South Pasadena Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)
- 4. **Paramedic Subscription Program**
Presentation of the Paramedic Subscription Program

ACTION/DISCUSSION

- 5. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of December 09, 2024**
Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of December 09, 2024
- 6. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025**
Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025
- 7. **Discussion on the Need to Change Future Dates of Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings**
Consideration of the need to change future dates of Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings
- 8. **Public Safety Commission 2025 Work Plan**
Consideration of adopting Public Safety Commission 2025 Work Plan

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. **City Council Liaison Communications**
None.

10. **Staff Liaison Communications**
None.

11. **Commissioner Communications**
None.

ADJOURNMENT

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March 06, 2025

Date



Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 2

DATE: March 10, 2025
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Merrill Ladenheim, Deputy Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Youth Diversion Program

Presentation of the Youth Diversion Program.

Attachments:

A. Youth Diversion

Youth Diversion

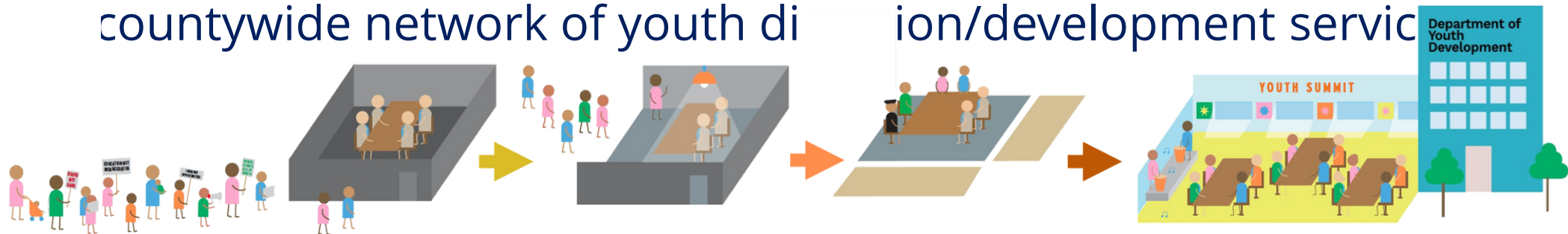
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT



DYD's History

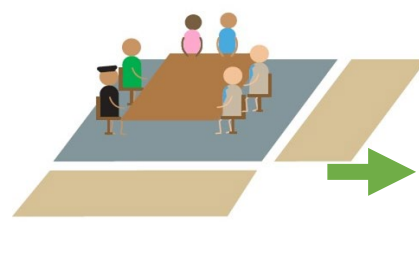
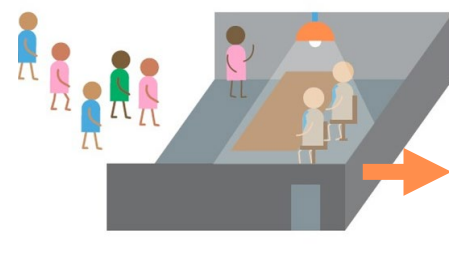
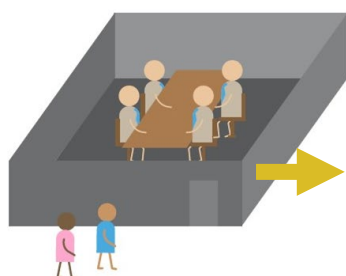
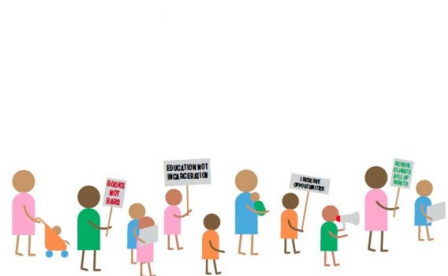
- Diversion Services began in 2019 in the Office of Diversion and Re-Entry (DHS). The 1st cohort included 9 LEA partnerships.
- DYD' was established July 2022 by the voice of young people across LA County
- Focused on improving community wellbeing and safety through youth-centered, care-first approaches.
- DYD contracts with community-based providers (CBO's) for a countywide network of youth diversion/development services





A Brief History of Youth Diversion and Development in LA County

- **In 2017**, a collaborative Youth Diversion Subcommittee co-designed a plan for equitably reducing youth justice system involvement in Los Angeles County through a public health model, leading to the launch of the Division of Youth Diversion and Development (YDD) in the Department of Health Services Office of Diversion and Reentry.
- **In 2019**, The Board of Supervisors established a collaborative Youth Justice Work Group tasked with building on successes and challenges of YDD's youth diversion model to develop a plan to meaningfully transform the youth justice system in Los Angeles County and transition away from Juvenile Probation altogether.
- **In 2020**, the Board unanimously adopted the values and visions of the Youth Justice Work Group's Youth Justice Reimagined (YJR) report and issued directives focused on developing a plan to implement the YJR model, including:
 1. Expanding YDD services to conduct youth diversion countywide;
 2. Identifying cost savings in Probation with the goal of shrinking its footprint;
 3. Establishing a Youth Justice Transition Advisory Group to develop unresolved elements of YJR;
 4. Developing legislative analysis and strategy needed to transition functions from the current youth justice system to a new system of youth development; and
 5. Establishing the Department of Youth Development to support phased implementation of YJR.





THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Addresses gaps in equitable access to youth development resources in three service areas through an equity-driven social-ecological approach to coordination in the community and social environments that impact youth wellbeing.



DEVELOPMENT

Reflecting investments in a growing network of youth-serving organizations and agencies, all youth are eligible to connect with local Youth Development resources and safe spaces where they live, learn, and play.

DIVERSION

Instead of citation, arrest, or court, most youth who come into contact with law enforcement can access with community-based alternatives for diversion & restorative practices.

REENTRY

A small number of youth may have legal cases processed in court and can connect with a reentry care plan, including transformative mentorship & other services.



Youth Diversion

- An intervention that redirects system responses to prevent a young person's involvement or further involvement in the justice system.
- On average a 6–9-month program that is centered around youths' goals and supporting wholistic family needs.
- DYD coordinates partnerships with 32 referring agencies, including LASD, LAPD, municipal law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office, and Probation to support equitable access to diversion.



Eligibility for Diversion

- Age range is 12-17 years old at time of incident.
- Youth who would otherwise have been arrested for any alleged misdemeanor or felony offense excluding those enumerated in WIC 707(b).
- **Youth's attitude or lack of interest to join the program should not be a disqualifying factor.**
- ***Youth can also self-consent for services if DCFS involved.**

(Health & Safety Code § 124260-)



Adolescent Brain Development

- Research shows that teenagers react more impulsively to threatening situations than do children or adults, likely because their brains have to work harder to rein in their behavior”



Does IT work?

- Recognizes the potential of young people to change and grow.
- For 90% of young people, criminalized behavior stems from unmet adolescent development needs and will not evolve into chronic or adult offending.
- Data shows that 8/10 youth who are referred, enroll into the program.



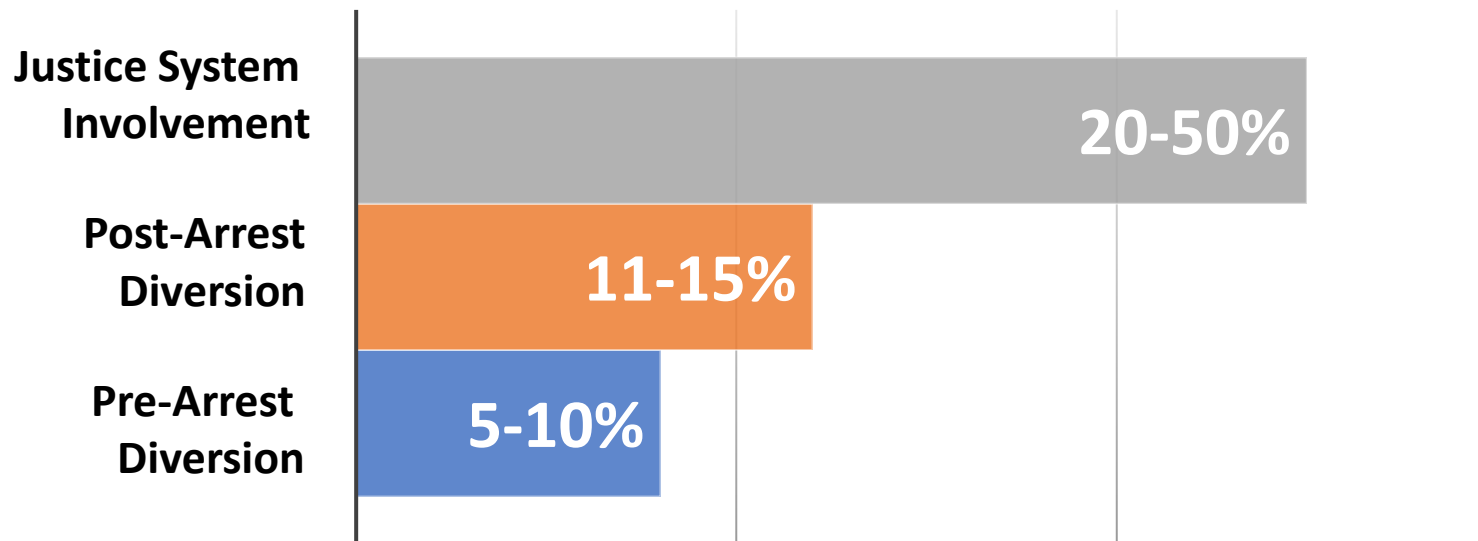
Referral Types and Process

Referrals can be made for alleged offenses that either citable or arrestable.

- DYD encourages formal diversions to occur before a young person is fingerprinted or the record of arrest is entered into a statewide database.
- **CBO** shares timely enrollment and completion status updates with referring LEA about young people that are referred.
- When a young person successfully completes a formal diversion program, the referring LEA is notified, and youth records are sealed.

Benefits of Pre-Booking Diversion

Young people who are diverted in lieu of arrest are less likely to re-offend than similar youth who are either diverted post-arrest or not diverted at all.



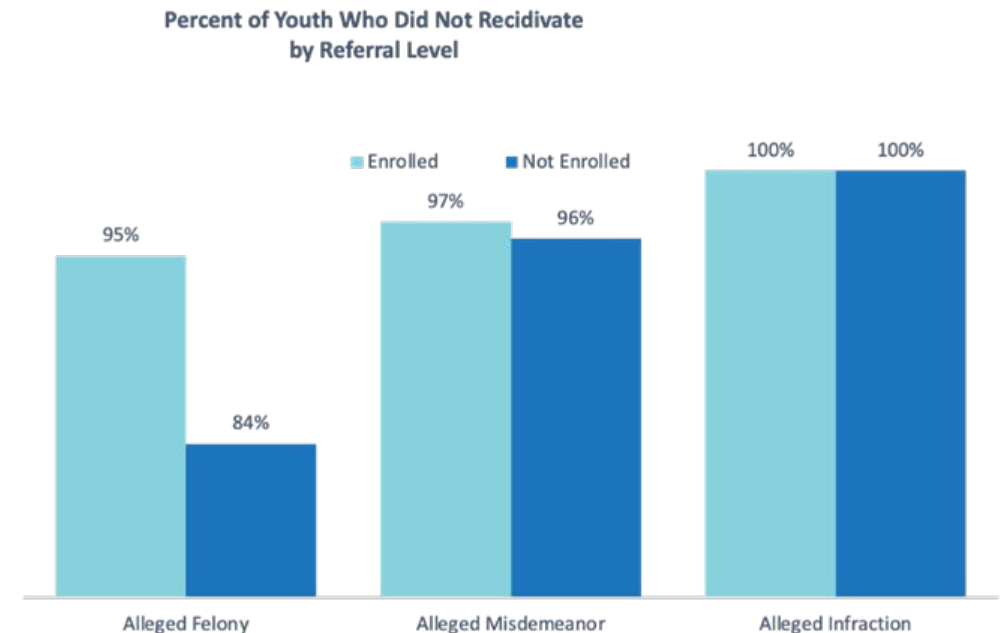
*Even a first-time arrest can double a young person's chance of dropping out of high school. (Kirk, D. & Sampson, R., 2013)

Outcomes

- Youth and families reported improvements in social-emotional skills and overall wellbeing.
- Youth who enroll in diversion improved all 5 protective factors:



- Overall, 95% of youth who enroll in diversion stay out of trouble with the legal system.





Flintridge Center

Youth Diversion Service Provider

- Fostering a sense of accountability.
- Support youth and family in addressing the root cause of their behavior.
- Provide opportunities for skill development, mentorship, and community engagement.
- Connection to family support groups and mental health services.



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: March 10, 2025
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Shannon Robledo, Police Lieutenant
SUBJECT: **Presentation of South Pasadena Police
Department's Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)**

Presentation of South Pasadena Police Department's Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE).

Attachments:

- A. South Pasadena Police Department's Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)

South Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Program



HOPE

South Pasadena's Unhoused Population

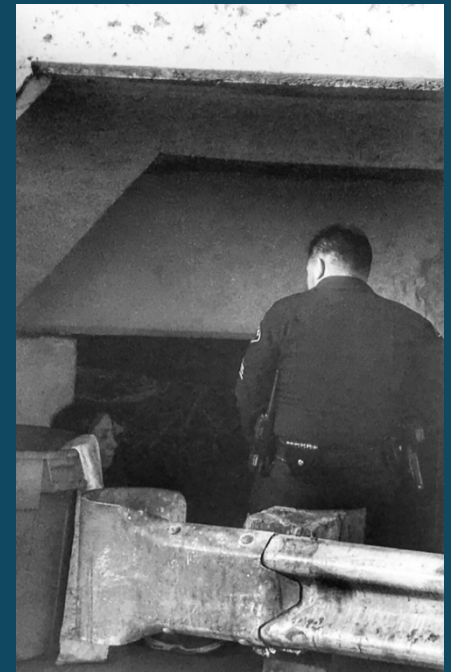
The Los Angeles Homeless Authority (LAHSA) estimates that approximately 14 people are experiencing homelessness in the City of South Pasadena.^[1]

85% of the unhoused population in South Pasadena are male adults, and 15% are female adults.

Average Age- Male 38-65 Years Old / Female 36-51 Years old.

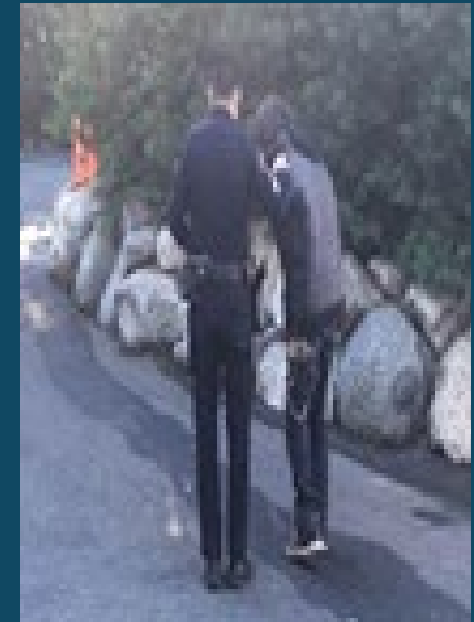
Substance Abuse- 60% Alcohol / 40% Narcotics

Mental Health Issues- 90%



Available Resources For the Unhoused Population

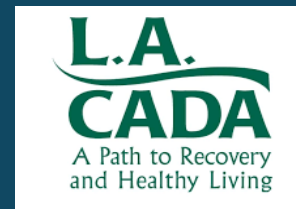
- South Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Evaluation Team (WSGV MET)
- Los Angeles Center for Alcohol & Drug Abuse (L.A.CADA)
- Holy Family Giving Bank
- LAHSA Homeless Engagement Team (211)
- Path Metro Team (LASD)



Outreach Frequency



- South Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE): Available Daily
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Evaluation Team (WSGV MET): Available 4 Days a Week
- Los Angeles Center for Alcohol & Drug Abuse (L.A.CADA): Available 5 Days a Week
- Holy Family Giving Bank (No cost to City): Available 5 Days a Week
- LAHSA Homeless Engagement Team (HET) Available 5 Days a Week
- Path Metro Team (LASD) (No cost to City) Available 5 Days a Week
- Grassroots organizations also assist our city's unhoused



SPPD HOPE TEAM

The South Pasadena Police Department's HOPE Team contacts the unhoused within the city, establishes a rapport with them, strives to determine their needs, and directs them to resources, which include:

- Housing
- Mental Health Services
- Food
- Hygiene
- Clothing
- Official Documents



Success Stories

The outreach team assisted an elderly man who had been homeless in Los Angeles for five years after being evicted from his apartment. The team provided the elderly man food, transportation, and access to shelter, where he is now receiving essential support services.



The MET team assisted a gravely disabled South Pasadena resident, who was on the verge of being homeless. The team coordinated with the subject's Public Guardian and a local hospital to secure long-term care for the gravely disabled individual. The family was deeply grateful for the support.







Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 4

DATE: March 10, 2025
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: **Paramedic Subscription Program**

Presentation of the Paramedic Subscription Program.

Attachments:

A. Paramedic Subscription Program

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

FIRE

PARAMEDIC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM



HISTORY



- 1970 – Wedsworth Townsend Act
 - Created regulations necessary for paramedics
- 1975 – South Pasadena Fire Department began delivering paramedic services



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, with a dense urban area in the foreground and a range of mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. The title 'Ambulance Transport' is overlaid in white text on the left side of the image.

Ambulance Transport

- Ambulance Rates
 - Set by Medicare
 - Los Angeles County Department of Health
- Cost for transport
 - In excess of \$3,000
 - SPFD works with 3rd party billing company for cost recovery



- **Paramedic Subscription Program**

- **\$95 annually** for residents

- Covers all family members

- **\$106 annually** for businesses

- Covers up to 10 employees

- All fees not covered by insurance are waived

Fire



FOUNDED 1907

The South Pasadena Fire Department is committed to the preservation and protection of life, property, and environment from the adverse effects of fire, medical, and hazardous conditions through sustained training, progressive education, and constant diligence to provide the highest level of customer service.

Fire Safety Tips as Daylight Saving Approaches



To learn more about smoke alarms, please visit <https://www.nfpa.org/en/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/smoke-alarms>

Resources	Fire Prevention	Paramedic Subscription Program
Disaster Preparedness	Hazardous Waste	Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
About	Operations	When To Call 911

Contact Us

Phone

(626) 403-7300

Location

817 Mound Avenue
South Pasadena, CA
91030
[View Map](#)

Hours

Monday - Thursday
7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

SGVCOG Regional CWPP: Complete our Wildfire Public Survey

Help our community from future wildfires by filling out this [Wildfire Public Survey!](#)

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is developing a regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to assist neighboring agencies, local communities, and the whole region in preventing, preparing, responding, recovering from future wildfires.

This Wildfire Public Survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. Only one survey response is requested per household. All individual responses will be kept confidential. Your participation is key to developing a plan that works for the whole region.



Resources

[CERT \(Community Emergency Response Team\)](#)

[Stay Connected](#)

- Southpasadenaca.gov
- Your Government – Fire
- Paramedic Subscription Program

Payments can be brought by the Fire Station during normal business hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

FIRE

QUESTIONS?





Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 5

DATE: March 10, 2025

TO: Public Safety Commission

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

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

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

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of December 09, 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, December 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, December 09, 2024, at 8:48 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
Commissioner	Marcos Holguin
Commissioner	Charley Lu
Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
Commissioner	Stephen Sanko

ABSENT

Vice-Chair	Armando Munoz
Commissioner	Ed Donnely

Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Merrill Ladenheim, Deputy Chief of Police, Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Janet Braun, Councilmember, Ted Gerber, Director of Public Works, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment:

Yvonne LaRose spoke regarding an LA Times article about a South Pasadena Detective, who was accused of grave behavior. She wanted to know the details on how the Detective had passed screenings before joining South Pasadena Police Department, as well as his hiring date and the people he has trained in the Department. She read an investigative report from the above-mentioned LA Times article.

Councilmember Braun responded to the comment by stating that the issue was immediately addressed. The Detective in question was on pension and was under investigation unbeknownst to the City of South Pasadena and South Pasadena Police Department. A thorough background check was conducted; however, the investigation was still ongoing at the time and couldn't have been disclosed to the Police Department. Per Councilmember Braun, he was hired for one day a week to review files and when the investigation was finalized, Chief Solinsky acted swiftly, spoke with the Detective and the latter chose to resign the same evening.

Zoom Public Comment

None.

PRESENTATION

1. **Garfield Avenue and Clark Place Intersection: November Enforcement**

Motor Officer Mike Sanchez made a presentation on November enforcement at intersection of Garfield Avenue and Clark Place, highlighting the dangers of the intersection and the additional traffic enforcement that was implemented as a result.

Chair Cervantes commented about the dangers of the intersection and the need to prevent accidents from happening by additional measures and seconded Commissioner Gee's suggestion regarding the possibility of installing on-demand pedestrian crossing traffic devices.

Commissioner Sanko agreed with the comments of Chair Cervantes.

Motor Officer Sanchez stated that the suggestions made by Commissioners are mostly related to the engineering aspect of the intersection and suggested that the item is brought up to the Mobility and Transportation Commission, where the engineering aspects of the intersection can be discussed.

Public Works Director Ted Gerber stated that there is a conflict in the State code to install the on-demand pedestrian crossing devices, because the State code prohibits giving vehicles two different control processes for stopping at an intersection. He mentioned that the City can't have the flashing beacon and a stop sign at the same time and gave an example of a different intersection in South Pasadena, where both signs were present, and the flashing beacon had to be decommissioned because of the above-mentioned State code. Director Gerber stated that there are other options that would increase driver visibility, such as additional lights and advance warning signs. He also offered that the item is brought up to the Mobility and Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Holguin proposed a motion to continue to monitor the issue and refer it to the Mobility and Transportation Commission for their review and potential suggestions on making the intersection safer, expecting to get an update by second quarter of 2025.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. **MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING UPDATES REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY ON THE INTERSECTION OF GARFIELD AVENUE AND CLARK PLACE AND REFER IT TO THE MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, EXPECTING AN UPDATE BY SECOND QUARTER OF 2025**

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Holguin, seconded by Commissioner Cervantes, and approved by roll call vote, to continue hearing updates regarding traffic safety on the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Clark Place and refer it to the mobility and transportation commission, expecting an update by second quarter of 2025.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Commissioner Gee, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Sanko

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly.

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion passed

3. **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR October 14, 2024**

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 3, the Meeting Minutes of the October 14, 2024, Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Commissioner Gee, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Sanko.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly.

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion passed

4. **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR November 19, 2024**

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and approved by roll call vote, Item No. 4, the Meeting Minutes of the November 19, 2024, Public Safety Commission Special Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Cervantes, Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Holguin, Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Sanko

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Munoz, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Gee.

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion passed

INFORMATION REPORTS

5. **November Crime Statistics**

Presentation of November Crime Statistics.

Deputy Chief Ladenheim presented the November 2024 Crime Statistics.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. **City Council Liaison Communications**

None.

7. **Staff Liaison Communications**

None.

8. **Commissioner Communications**

None.

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, February 10, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Davit Ghazaryan
Management Analyst

Walter Cervantes
Chair



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 6

DATE: March 10, 2025

TO: Public Safety Commission

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

SUBJECT: **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025.

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025.



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 9:37 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	Marcos Holguin
Commissioner	Charley Lu
Commissioner	Gabriel Reza

ABSENT

Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
Commissioner	Stephen Sanko

Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Omari Ferguson, Councilmember, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Kevin Tiet, Management, Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Merrill Ladenheim, Deputy Chief of Police

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment:

Yvonne LaRose spoke about public safety issues in relation to using Dial-A-Ride services. She mentioned a recent drastic policy change in making reservations for transportation via Dial-A-Ride, according to which, it is now necessary to make a reservation at least a week in advance instead of 24 hours and individuals with medical appointments now have preference over anyone else.

She stressed the importance of not having to justify the need for transportation. She indicated that this change in policy needs to be examined so that uninterrupted services are provided to those in need. She mentioned her past experiences with reservationists. She stressed that this policy needs to be looked into in order to get a better understanding for the sake of public safety and, perhaps, go back to original criteria to set appointments.

Zoom Public Comment

None.

PRESENTATION

2. Staff Introduction

Introduction of newly appointed Council Liaison Councilmember Omari Ferguson.

Chair Cervantes introduced the newly appointed Council Liaison Omari Ferguson. The Councilmember stated that he's looking forward to working with the Commission.

3. Staff Introduction

Introduction of newly appointed Commissioner Gabriel Reza

Chair Cervantes introduced the newly appointed Commissioner Gabriel Reza.

Chair Cervantes extended his gratitude to former Commissioner Ed Donnely on behalf of the Public Safety Commission for his continued service with the Commission.

4. January 2025 Windstorm Event

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, presented the preliminary overview of 2025 windstorm and fire events, their impact, the City's response and the current conditions with respect to recovery operations.

Vice Chair Munoz asked about the ways mutual aid would be coordinated with outside agencies in a potential case of emergency in South Pasadena.

Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, presented Fire operations, in response to January firestorms and spoke about what was done and what is being worked on, especially regarding mutual aid

and showcased Tablet Command – an Incident Management Software used by Fire Departments. Fire Chief Lloyd also mentioned that the Department is currently working on a plan to make sure that when evacuations are needed roads are clear in narrow mountainous areas and the need to create designated evacuation routes.

Vice Chair Munoz asked whether there is a plan in regard to the evacuation of elderly and disabled residents.

Chief Lloyd responded that there is no formalized process in that regard, but it is part of the response plan that is currently being worked on.

Commissioner Holguin extended his gratitude to the Police and Fire Departments on behalf of the community for their actions during January windstorm events. He asked Chief Lloyd whether fire hydrants functioned well, and Chief responded that they did.

Commissioner Holguin asked about debris cleanup and whether there are specific instructions in that regard.

Council liaison Ferguson responded that Public Works is in the process of getting things cleaned up in collaboration with Athens.

Commissioner Holguin asked about the reserve force of both Police and Fire Departments that can be called upon. Chief Solinsky responded that currently the Police Departments reserve force consists of one person, and the State regulations regarding training commitments of reserve officers is one of the main reasons the number of reserve officers has decreased over the years.

Commissioner Holguin asked whether Tesla's were operating with no interruptions. Chief Solinsky responded that windstorms were expected, and the Department planned accordingly. In addition to that, the biohazard filter of Tesla's made it easier for the offices to operate in areas where hazardous smoke was predominant.

Chair Cervantes also thanked Chief of Police Brian Solinsky and Fire Chief, Greg Lloyd, especially for preventing potential cases of arson within the City of South Pasadena.

Yvonne LaRose made a public comment stating that she has access to webinars of Native Water Rights on available water resources especially in cases of emergencies and she can share that with the Commission.

5. Public Safety Commission 2025 Work Plan Draft

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, presented the Public Safety Commission 2025 Work Plan Draft and asked the Commission to review it, share their comments and feedback. Chief Solinsky mentioned that the Final Plan will be presented during the next meeting on March 10, 2025.

Commissioner Holguin asked Fire Chief Lloyd about the Paramedic Subscription program and suggested the item to be moved a little earlier towards the beginning of the year to ensure uninterrupted coverage.

Chief Lloyd responded that all renewal notices have been sent out, but the item can be moved to a closer date, if necessary.

Vice-Chair Munoz asked if a one-year report on Police Tesla vehicles is to be expected.

Chief Solinsky responded that a report on Tesla's will be included in the Departments 2024 Annual Report that is expected to be presented to the Commission and the City Council. He also mentioned that the Department will be making a presentation to California Police Chief's Association in March on Electrification of Police fleet and ensured that the Commission will be updated on that.

Commissioner Holguin asked about a possible update on traffic safety and whether that should be included in the Plan. Chief Solinsky responded that the update will be added to the Work Plan.

Chief Lloyd made the Commission aware that the State Fire Marshall has been tasked with updating the fire hazard severity zone maps for local responsibility areas, which was supposed to be released in January but was delayed until March, 2025. The Fire Department is required to publish the updated map within 30 days and to adopt it by ordinance within 120 days.

Councilmember Ferguson asked whether the Neighborhood Watch program can be revisited with an emphasis on how new resident intake is being or can be handled. He also stated that the City will be reopening its Tree Ordinance for updates and it would be great to have a public safety input on that. He talked about break-ins during the windstorms and mentioned that some Cities have rebate programs for residents to acquire security systems, asking whether this can be considered for South Pasadena as well. Councilmember Ferguson also suggested that the Commission could work on vehicle purchase specifications for Police and Fire Departments.

6. Public Safety Commission Presentation: 2024 Year in Review

Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, presented the 2024 Year in Review report for the Fire Department.

Commissioner Holguin asked about mutual aid times in the Monterey Hills area. Chief Lloyd responded that not only the closest units are being sent for mutual aid but also units from home agencies, creating a dual response.

Commissioner Reza commented that the response times presented are remarkable and thanked Chief Lloyd for the presentation.

7. Youth Diversion Program

Item was not presented and was pulled off the agenda. The item will be presented during the next Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting on March 10, 2025.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

8. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR December 09, 2024

Yvonne LaRose made a public comment stating that some of her statements were omitted from the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting on December 09, 2024.

Chief Solinsky stated that the minutes will be reviewed and resubmitted for the next regular meeting.

9. Discussion on Future Start Time of Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings

Chief Solinsky spoke about the current scheduling conflict for some of the members of the Public Safety Commission. He asked the Commission that when considering changing the start time of future meetings, factors such as giving the opportunity for members of the public to attend the meeting and the availability of Council Chambers be considered.

Commissioner Holguin asked if staff could create an availability list to present to the Commission in order to make a decision.

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. City Council Liaison Communications

Councilmember Ferguson thanked the Commission.

11. Staff Liaison Communications

Chief Solinsky updated the Commission about currently having 3 entry level officers in the Police Academy and mentioned that currently the Department has 5 vacancies.

Chief Solinsky also acknowledged Sergeant Andy DuBois who was recently appointed to the Office of Professional Standards. Sergeant DuBois will oversee the Departments training, policy implementation among other administrative duties.

Fire Chief Greg Lloyd stated that the Fire Departments 3 new hires started in December, and they are all doing well.

12. Commissioner Communications

Chair Cervantes suggested to develop a program for senior citizens who live by themselves and can be identified, located and assisted in cases of emergencies.

Commissioner Holguin asked Chief Solinsky whether the Police Department is still in possession of old Ford Explorers and if they can be repurposed for visual deterrents. Chief Solinsky mentioned that the vehicles are being sold back to offset the cost of the Tesla's. However, the Department conducts extra patrols and places decoy vehicles, parked throughout the City as visual deterrents.

Chair Cervantes asked if it could be suggested to Southern California Edison can be asked to put electrical lines underground for safety.

Chief Solinsky responded that Council is currently looking that and exploring those options.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 11:34 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

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Management Analyst

Walter Cervantes
Chair



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 8

DATE: March 10, 2025

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police
Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: **Public Safety Commission 2025 Work Plan**

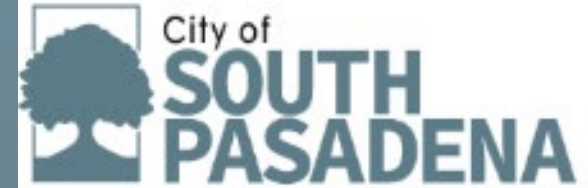
Presentation of the Public Safety Commission 2025 Work Plan.

Attachments:

A. Public Safety Commission 2025 Work Plan.

Public Safety Commission

2025 Work Plan Draft



Objective	Tasks and Activities	Lead Person(s)	Timeline	Desired Outcome
Discuss 2025 Work Plan	Provide Overview of the draft workplan and suggest additions	Chief Solinsky and Chief Lloyd	January	Public Outreach and Education
Emergency Operations Center	Provide an update on City EOC trainings and schedule/include PSC participation	Chief Solinsky and Chief Lloyd	February	Update the Commission on City-wide EOC trainings/drills
Homeless Outreach and Housing Update	Update presentation on the homeless and 2022 homeless count	Lieutenant Shannon Robledo	March	Update on the Mobile Crisis Unit and additional program resources
Paramedic Subscription Program	Provide Overview of Program	Chief Lloyd		Public Outreach and Education
Fire Prevention and Safety	Provide update on Programs	Chief Lloyd	April	Public Outreach and Education
	TBD		May	
Police and Fire Annual Reports	Present Police and Fire Annual Reports	Chief Solinsky and Chief Lloyd	June	Receive and File Reports
No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	July	No Meeting
CERT/Map Your Neighborhood	Provide Overview of Program	Chief Lloyd	August	Public Outreach and Education
School Safety	City Open House	Sergeant Andy Dubois	September	Provide School Safety Training and review School EOP
Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness	Organize Citywide Drill/ Training Exercise	Sergeant Andy Dubois	October	Participate in Great Shake Out
No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	November	No Meeting

PSC Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan	Discussion on public safety needs consistent with the City General Plan	Chief Lloyd	December	Provide community public safety goals and objectives
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