

El Camino Police Department  
Division Council Meeting  
April 18, 2013

Present: Arlene Bautista, Dal Toruno, Jeff Lewis, Erick Mendoza, Mike Trevis, Josh Armstrong, Jonathan Ott, Jan Caldwell

The meeting began at 10:01 am. The minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Can Security Co. Arm Compton Center Alarms? Problems with CEC Alarms Going Off Faculty and Staff Don't Notify Dispatch

Mike checked with Stanley Security. They cannot remotely arm or disarm the alarms at El Camino Compton Educational Center.

Stored Compton Community College District Documents

Mike needs to contact the U.S. Department of Education to see if this is still under active investigation.

Tasers

At the last Division Council meeting, Francisco Esqueda asked about the cost to send someone to training so that the Tasers could be repaired by someone in our department. Mike discussed this with Wendell Haynes who is a certified Taser instructor. Per Wendell, it depends. It averages around \$300 and up to repair the Tasers. Also technology is changing. Taser International will give a \$150 trade-in allowance for old Tasers.

El Camino PD-Torrance campus has 3 Tasers which are not working. The Taser camera is breaking. A new camera was deployed. Currently, one Taser will be made available for officers' use. Officers need to be sure that video downloaded from the Taser is correctly documented.

It was recommended that El Camino Police Department purchase new Tasers and trade-in the broken ones. Compton Center PD will be purchasing two more Tasers next fiscal year.

Reminder: When the Taser is not in use (EOW), it should be place in the equipment safe. Do not leave it in the locker room on top of the cabinet.

Additional Weapon Storage Space

Additional lockers were obtained for additional storage space. They were placed in the evidence room.

### Install Stop Sign at Stadium Way Lot H (for Southbound Traffic)

During the past 4 years, there has been 33 traffic collision calls at Stadium Way Lot H. These calls were for traffic collisions only. Of the 33, there were 12 DR's. Seven were 2-party collisions.

Mike will make a recommendation to Tom Brown to have a Stop sign installed at Stadium Way Lot H for south bound traffic.

As a reminder, officers need to take traffic collision reports.

### ROUND TABLE

Dal Toruno

Dal expressed his appreciation for the active shooter training. However, after the training and for approximately one week, equipment used during the training was left all over the floor in the evidence room. Other equipment was also left on the floor in the conference room. As a reminder immediately after training exercises, all equipment should be stored in the designated storage lockers.

Jan Caldwell

Jan did some safety presentations. Mike thanked Jan for doing the presentations.

Jonathan Ott

A Commission on Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) audit was done at the beginning of April. The department is behind in perishable skills training due to the lack of training classes being offered. Officers are scheduled for training as the classes are available. The department has one year to comply with the required trainings.

Traffic Safety Officer – A panel will be created, and a separate meeting to define needs, etc. will take place. Once the panel defines the needs, etc. for a Traffic Safety Officer, the information will be presented at Division Council. The panel should consist of at least 4 people (a sergeant, POA representative, Kenny Galan). An email will be sent asking for volunteers to serve on the panel.

Josh Armstrong

The campus wide radio project was approved at the last board meeting. All the radios on campus will be replaced to meet the FCC narrow band requirement. Three new license frequencies were obtained for the District.

There are several missing and outstanding reports. The oldest report dates back to June 2011. Missing and outstanding reports affect the department's ability to report UCR stats.

Jeff Lewis

Jeff sent emails to the officers advising them that there are a lot of citations that require correction. When citing a code, officers should double check with their Quick Codes book to ensure that the correct code is used.

Mike Trevis advised that if a citizen requests to be cited in County seat (1945 N. Hill St., Los Angeles), that person has a right to make this request. Officers need to write this on the cite with a notation stating that it was requested by the citizen.

Parking Citation Hearings – Per Anne Dumke, Hearing Officer for El Camino parking citations, if a person wants to take a citation to court, he/she must go downtown for the hearing. Citation court hearings are no longer held at a local court.

Mike Trevis

In light of what happened in Boston, as officers are on foot patrol, they should be aware of their surroundings.

Graduation – We will find an agency with a bomb sniffing dog. Josh will check with Hawthorne Police Department.

Pry bars and a large hammer which were obtained from DRMO are missing from the trunks of the police units. Everyone should keep an eye out for these items and return them to the trunk of the police units.

The active shooter training went well. Three Associated Student Organization members participated.

Because the inside of the Mathematics and Computer Sciences building is going to be demolished, the police department was given the okay to attempt to enter a locked room by breaking the door lock. Officers attempted at least 10 times to break the lock; however, the lock wouldn't break.

Through this exercise, the department came to the conclusion that we will need to obtain a hydraulic spreader or battery operated chain saw. The hydraulic spreader will spread the door jamb so that entry into the room can be made. The chain saw can be used to saw through the door.

Meeting ended: 10:47 am