

Police Advisory Committee Meeting
April 15, 2015

Present: Phillip Mariano, Patty Gebert, Dal Toruno, Mike Trevis, Lyn Clemmons

The minutes to the February 4, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Mike Trevis

The El Camino Community College District applied with POST (Commission on Police Officer Standards) to bring Administration of Justice PC 832 course back. This course allows you to be a school district security officer, an animal control officer, or a basic reserve officer (work in a police station). The South Bay Police Chiefs Association and South Bay Training Manager's Association support this. The Police Advisory Committee members expressed their support in bringing back the program.

Incidents on Campus:

About a month ago on a Saturday night, someone dug up what he thought was an old plumb bob. He saw the serial number on it, and it turned out to be an unexploded item. He brought it to Lot L at El Camino College. Torrance Police Department sealed-off Crenshaw Blvd. The restaurants across Lot L were evacuated. The plumb bob was not active, and Torrance Police Department confiscated it.

There was an incident where a female walked into the library and shared information she found on her cellphone (Yik Yak) which stated that someone wanted to do harm at a library. No specific library was named. Law enforcement agencies in the surrounding areas were notified. It appears that the text was sent from somewhere in the El Camino Village. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department handled the incident.

Last week around 9 am, an incident occurred in the City of Gardena, the area located directly across El Camino College. Gardena Police Department used a blood hound to try to locate the suspect.

The police department has had calls dealing with upset students in the area of counseling, financial aid and the library.

We are gearing up for graduation which will be held at the Softball field. Of concern is that attendees who park in Lot H, sit their children on the edge of the stairwell which faces the softball field.

Mike attended a CCUPCA (California College and University Chiefs Association) conference. Five (5) El Camino Police Department officers received awards from the association for saving a student's life. In speaking to the rest of the chiefs at the conference, issues at their campus are the same as El Camino College.

Dal Toruno

There was an incident where a student had a knife. He was not threatening anyone. However, he did not respond to officers' orders. Therefore, he was brought to the station.

Mike and Rocky Bonura attended a quarterly threat assessment meeting. There seems to be a rise in violence in schools and universities. Incidents at the community college level are minimal.

Lyn Clemons

Lyn gave some feedback on the Nixle alert. Is there a partnership with the businesses surrounding El Camino College? During a recent Nixle alert and while going through a drive thru at McDonald's, Lyn asked the clerk at the window if they were aware of the incident that was going on in the City of Gardena. The clerk was not aware of it. Mike stated that the Cleary Act requires advisory alerts on ongoing threats be sent out. There is nothing in the act that addresses residential or businesses. The campus does not usually reach out to the surrounding businesses.

Patty Gebert

There was an issue with a student. Michelle Arthur suggested sending the student to the health center. Mike mentioned that Janet Schaffer could be contacted. The County of Los Angeles has a SART Team. They have the legal authority to deal with this both on-campus and off-campus.

Meeting ended: 2:38 pm