

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (01/30/25 MEETING)

On January 30, 2025, the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Committee members who were present: *Jeff Hartwick (Chair & Corresponding Secretary)*, *Charlotte Larsen (Board Member)*, *Jerry Lewis (Board Member)*, *Patty Kirby (Stakeholder)*, *Jill Anderson (Stakeholder)*, *Luis Oliart (Stakeholder)*. Quorum established.
2. The chair delivered a brief opening statement.
3. Public comments were made. Discussion was made about Johnathan.
4. SLO Smith briefed the committee about crime in the community. The National Guard pull out will result in LAPD being used, which will result in lower numbers on patrol and slower response times. Chilean and South Central crews continue to burglarize homes. Do not keep valuables in the master bedroom. The appear to be more prosecutions with the new District Attorney. Flock cameras have played a big role in multiple arrests in Southern California. The LAPD needs more personnel. Anecdotal evidence that the new shoplifting law has resulted in a decline in retail thefts.
5. Luis Oliart provided an update. He is working on the Vineland homeless issue. Homeless housing in CD2 and CD 4 was discussed.
6. Jerry Lewis gave an update about the Neighborhood Leadership Team (NLT) progress. The focus will be the CERT Pop-up Drill on Feb. 22, 2025, at Radford Studios.
7. Sheri Herman and Patty Kirby provided a CPAB update. 911 operators are needed. Hyundais and Kias are still among the most stolen cars. Current LAPD strength is 8,784.
8. Discussion of request for action to prohibit warming fires in the city was held. The draft motion was unanimously passed.
9. Discussion of the city's new sanctuary city ordinance that shielded immigrants from being jailed (CF 23-0243) was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
10. Discussion of the motion about why there was a lack of water pressure and dry fire hydrants during the Palisades Fire was held (CF 25-0006-S17). The motion was passed unanimously.

11. Discussion of a motion regarding the preparation of an after-action report on the emergency response to the January 2025 wildfires was held (CF 25-0006-S1). It was unanimously passed.

11. Future topics were discussed.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.