

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (02/27/25 MEETING)

On February 27, 2025, the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 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.
4. SLO Smith briefed the committee about crime in the community. Chilean and South-Central crews continue to burglarize homes. Burglars break glass. Suspects in area drive a white BMW and Mercedes with covered plates. Four teenagers were arrested for burglaries. Do not keep valuables in the master bedroom. Keep the television on if you leave home briefly. Dogs also help with protection. The Police Commission does not permit police stops for things like painted windows. There will be a new drone program to assist the LAPD. The hiring process for new officers is taking too long. The homeless man in front of Beeman library finally got housing.
5. Luis Oliart provided an update. Discussed problems with the tunnel and the homeless count.
6. Jerry Lewis gave an update about the Neighborhood Leadership Team (NLT) progress. The CERT Pop-up Drill on Feb. 22, 2025, at Radford Studios was very successful.
7. Patty Kirby provided a CPAB update. 911 operators are needed.
8. Discussion of a request for action to transfer \$50,000 for CERT funding was held. The draft motion was unanimously passed.
9. Discussion of the city's proposal to fund legal services for illegal immigrants in federal removal proceedings (CF 25-0112) was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
10. Discussion of the motion about the purchase of a Super Scooper aircraft to fight fires (CF 25-0111) was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
11. Future topics were discussed.
12. The meeting was adjourned at around 9:00 p.m.