



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Conference Center  
6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78240  
Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met on the 31st day of August 2022, at the Leon Valley Conference Center located at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business:

**6:33 p.m. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum**

Erick Matta called the Police Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Erick Matta asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of the Citizen Police Advisory Committee were present: Betty Heyl, Bill Stannard, Erick Matta, Philip Campos, Ryan Brill, Tom Nolan, Manuel Rubio, Tina Chasan, James Brandenburg and John Saenz

Councilman Orozco, Councilman Martinez, City Manager (CM) Crystal Caldera, LT Burleson and Chief Gonzalez were also present.

**Agenda Item #2 Approval of the Minutes from April 18, 2022 will be postponed until next meeting.**

Crystal Caldara noted that since we had not posted an agenda 72 hours in advance, we can Not at this time vote on agenda items. We can have a special meeting to vote on any items in the future.

Councilman Orozco noted that in regard to the National Night out to put in the process on duties to visit different neighborhoods. We want to ensure participation for all neighborhoods for the police presence do be on force. Hot dogs/soda, etc. Council noted that we need to be organized. Recommends that we Start now, make the format nice and smooth. Click the link on Friday on the E-news, compile a list, police department. Split up the neighborhoods that have registered. City manager recommended to place it on next door. Council can also visit citizens as well. Council Martinez noted Firepersons, council , police, etc. should attend.

**Agenda Item #3 Comments on the issues with dispatch:**

Chair noted that council met with dispatch, Council Martinez to speak on that. Went to the 911 call center, shavano park, well equipped. The problem they are having, can Not find enough people who want to work. Bexar county is completing our dispatch, they are at 30% filled. What about bring back dispatch to Leon Valley? Staff shortage and costly equipment. Training takes 2-3 months.

Betty Heyl asked if we could ask about red light camera money. CM noted that anything traffic related. 80% of calls are EMS calls, 1% of all calls are accident calls. 1-5% on dispatch from the red light camera budget. Traffic safety. Nolan, asked about how much is collected from the fines. Each ticket, LV, per chief, more than a couple million dollars, traffic enforcement officers. 8 officers are paired at this time. CM noted that call volumes have gone up significantly. LV at this point can not afford dispatch. John Saenz asked about placing a note of why we can Not have dispatch, noted to place on Lions Roar or on the website. Bexar county has had a few 10 min holds per CM. Per chief, which calls do we want to answer, emergency calls hold priority.

CM noted that 17 will be onboarded, pay at \$20 an hour. San Antonio is paying more. Per chief, Bexar county, city and small cities did not want to join into a call center about 15 years ago. They have backup power for weeks at a time. Kitchens and bedrooms, water, emergency set ups. We now have triple redundancy. They have not charged us as of yet. Per chief and CM, we are Not paying for dispatch. Current price of dispatch is approx. \$300k a year. CM to do a better job of articulating and communicating. It's a cost prohibitive item at this time.

Resident noted that in regard to a call, an Acadia ambulance was noted instead of leon valley, a shooting versus a residence, Acadia. She got put on hold for arcadia to pick up. She had a hold time after the fact. Average response time is 3-4 minutes. CM noted shooting, chest pain and car accident at the same time, mutual aid, Acadia, Shavano hills, etc. Running 10-12 calls on the EMS, we only hear about the ones you get placed on hold. Resident asked Erick about a post and noted to speak about it after. Another resident noted that we were able to contact the neighborhood police and the response time was 3 minutes.

#### **Agenda Item #4 Apartment issues**

CM noted that we filed a 54 lawsuit against the apartments, we can view the press release. 2 shootings at Vista Del Rey recently. Apartment complex is low income housing. Major issues at the apartments. Chair asks about resources being expended to apartments, then limited to residence. Chief noted that the city of leon valley will have to work on from now until forever.

Resident asked about how often the police go through the neighborhoods, per Chief that is the priority. Chair noted that this was the outskirts since the 80s. Resident noted that Gabor neighborhood has high crime, next to Leon Valley. Resident asked how to start Neighborhood watch, get with your neighborhood police officer. Betty Heyl noted that NExtdoor mapping lines are off, she is working to get it completed.

### **Agenda Item #6: Mapping and Crime Rates**

Chair noted to skip item 5 as it was encompassed in the prior conversations. LT noted that she is showing a map for Leon Valley and San Antonio. Assault in 2022. 9 month, 21 aggravated assault, 125 simple assaults. Similar number to 2020 and 2021. Burglaries, commercial, residential and auto. LV had 87 burglaries, 31 commercial, 27 residential. 2022 has gone down. Most burglaries are during day, vehicle at night, those items, resource allocation. LT asks where do we want our resources going, how to give direction, what are the priorities as citizens? Homicide and manslaughter rates, LV, 2 this year. At Vista Del Rey, 2020, zero, 2021, three. LT noted societal concerns. Motor vehicle thefts, very common, 60 for 2022. Sexual assault, in 2022 twelve, 11 offenses. Few unknown offenders. Thefts minor 194, 61 shoplifting, 2022, on par for last 2 years, holidays and summer, sometimes. Weapons violations, 2022, 9 weapons violations. Spoke about the QT and the crime rate, seems more dense. Per chief, every city is having issues, covid created a backlog on cases. Question from the resident on Fentanyl issues in LV. San Antonio crime data can be pulled from public records.

### **Agenda Item #7: Future Agenda Item**

First week of November, the 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Approval of minutes for both April and August 2022.  
Traffic on Huebner and Evers, all Huebners

### **Agenda Item #9: Adjournment at 8:13pm**

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley Police Advisory Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
of Month and Day, 2022.

November

APPROVED



**Erick Matta**  
CHAIR