



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2023

11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: John Parker, Kimberly Tapia, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, Caitlin Tiffany, Kimberly Palek, Anna Liza Manzo, Miski Abdi, Adriana Dos Santos, Joseph Ramos, Aaron Burgess, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez

Committee Members Absent: Joel Peterson, Daniel Brislin, Jack Beresford, David Mehlhoff, John Bromma, Kevin Branson, Neill Kovrig, Ixchel Diaz, Saigel Ghotra, Gerald Brown

Meeting commenced 11:02 am

John asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented, approved with unanimous consent.

John asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 8, 2023, approved with unanimous consent as distributed.

John introduced the new student members that were present, Miski Abdi and Adriana Dos Santos, and then shared an overview of the committee.

Chief Ramos shared updates on notable police investigations, incident calls and trainings.

6/1/23 – 8/30/23 the police department handled 2,383 calls for service to the communication center and officers initiated over 7,000 contacts. They responded to 6,000 security checks, 843 intrusion alarms, 109 staff and student assists including escorts and vehicle issues, and 22 classroom call box requests. They completed 189 crime and arrest reports including 36 misdemeanors and 22 felonies, and, facilitated seven protective custody for mental health evaluations. Noteworthy incidents included: a stolen electric cart from City College, an injured robbery victim found near a campus sidewalk resulting from a robbery several blocks away, Mesa College response to a suspect yelling who was in possession of concealed weapons, City College Fentanyl overdose where Narcan and first aid were administered to resuscitate the individual, and ECC burglary that resulted in an arrest and recovery of stolen items. Several SDCCD officers have been recently recognized for saving lives during the summer by administering Narcan. Additional incidents included a response to an individual breaking car windows near Park Boulevard that resulted in a vandalism arrest. A Mesa College incident on 8/23/23 around 2:00 a.m. involved San Diego PD responding to shots fired in the area and were in pursuit of a suspect that crashed near the campus football field; the suspect shot a police canine and both died after gunshots exchanged between the suspect and San Diego PD. Our officers have been training all summer long, recently three officers who train staff for ALICE attended a daylong exercise with UCSD and other agencies. On 8/3/23 San Diego Bloodbank and SDCCD detectives hosted a community blood drive where over 25 units of blood were collected. Chief Ramos participated in several panels for a leadership conference for the San Diego District Attorney.

A concern for safety in the Mid City area and the student lounge there were addressed. Chief Ramos shared that they are looking into assigning a campus service officer (CSO) to that area permanently during the day watch. At this time, they do not have the resources to place an officer there in the evening but this will be an ongoing safety discussion.

Chief Ramos confirmed that SDCCD does not have a canine unit. Call boxes were discussed; each classroom should be equipped with a panic button or a telephone with a button to contact college police dispatch directly. Officers will respond to any district call from a panic button, telephone, or elevator to do a security check even if the buttons are accidentally pushed and nobody speaks. Dispatchers can also listen or speak directly into classrooms through speakers in the ceilings. The call boxes are tested at least twice a year.

Kimberly invited the students and any other committee members interested in scheduling a tour of the college police operations to see what occurs behind the scenes and ask questions.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am