

Whittier Crime & Safety Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 29, 2016
6pm @ Wedge Table community room

Attendees: Paul Shanafelt, Kenya Weathers, CPS Chelsea Adams, Christine Popowski, Brian Foster, Lisa Dubbels, Lauren Broadbridge, Nate Broadbridge

Dec 2015-Feb 2016 Crime Report – Whittier (Chelsea Adams)

-A question was asked whether or not prostitution was still a concern in Whittier. Chelsea indicated it was not.

-Five out of 12 victims of robbery were Whittier residents. 11/12 were male.

-2 assaults. Both victims knew assailant.

-Burglaries: homes tend to be burglarized during day, businesses and garages at night.

-many laundry room burglaries of late. Ten out of 18 were not forced entry. One major laundry room burglar recently caught – someone who has caused over \$300,000 in damage.

-half of all car thefts were cars left running and unlocked

-almost all narcotics violations happened in a vehicle. Majority of offenders not Whittier residents and were stopped for minor traffic violations. Trend has shifted to mobile drug dealing/using.

Jan 2015-Dec 2015 Crime Report – Whittier (Chelsea Adams)

-Whittier had second highest amount of crimes reported in city (n'hood-wide), but proportionally sits in the middle.

-Larceny and burglary accounted for 70% of Whittier crime. This is crime that can be prevented by taking valuables out of cars, don't leave cars running/unlocked, locking garage and windows, switching out apt laundry payment w/different system, etc.

-Whittier is a destination n'hood and houses transitional homes and shelters, which criminals might prey on.

-5th precinct had greatest 2015 crime reduction in city.

Block Leader Updates (Chelsea Adams, Kenya Weathers, Lisa Dubbels)

-Chelsea gave a list of block club activities, including: movie nights, pink flamingo happy hour, apple bakes, and more. Block leaders create a culture of community.

-Kenya (22nd & Clinton) would like to see more stakeholders from MPD, city, Whittier Walkers, & block leaders at these meetings. Would like to empower block leaders and create a safe community w/out bias. Recruit more volunteers.

-Lisa (26th & Blaisdell) did not have much to report other than the Spring typically brings out speeders down both 26th and Blaisdell. She said you can request a speed trap online or by calling 311.

Bike Patrol Update (Paul Shanafelt)

-Whittier Alliance board approved bike patrol for 2016.

-Shifts will likely take place between 4-9pm. Days-of-week and location to be determined by task force.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm. Next meeting TBD. Minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Shanafelt