

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California
September 16, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., on September 16, 2013 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Hayes, Augusta and Gadams and Vice Chairperson Cook
Absent: Chairperson Headd

Staff: Acting Captain, Robin Kelley
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 15, 2013)

On motion by Commissioner Gadams, seconded by Commissioner Hayes the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of July 15, 2013 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Hayes, Augusta, Gadams and Vice Chairperson Cook
Absent: Chairperson Headd

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Lopez, Antioch resident, reported she recently had an accident she wanted to thank the Police Officer who responded for his attentiveness and for saving her life.

Karen Petersen, Antioch resident, discussed an accident that had occurred on Hillcrest Avenue and expressed concern for unsafe driving that was occurring in the area. She requested the radar trailer be placed on Hillcrest Avenue south of Sterling Hills Drive.

Acting Captain Kelley stated she would look into Ms. Peterson's request and anyone else wishing to request the radar trailer, could do so through the Abandon Auto Hotline.

Vice Chairperson Cook recognized Assemblyman Jim Frazier, and Councilmember Tiscareno, in attendance this evening.

5. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Erica Rodriguez-Langley from Assembly member Jim Frazier's office to give a presentation about the Senior Scam Stopper Seminar, Wednesday, October 23, 2013.**

Erica Rodriguez-Langley - Field Representative-Contra Costa County thanked the Antioch Police Crime Prevention Commission for the invitation to make a presentation this evening and introduced Assemblyman Frazier.

Assemblyman Frazier thanked Acting Captain Kelley, the Antioch Police Department and the Police Crime Prevention Commission for the invitation to make the presentation this evening. He reported he had participated in a ride-along in Antioch and stated he was proud of how hard the Antioch Police Officers work on behalf of the citizens in Antioch to provide public safety. He recognized the participants of Neighborhood Watch Program for supporting the Antioch Police in crime fighting efforts. He announced a Senior Scam Stopper Seminar would be held from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. on October 23, 2013, at the Antioch Senior Center. Contact information was provided and brochures were made available in the Antioch Police Department community room.

Vice Chairperson Cook thanked Assemblyman Frazier for the presentation this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Continued

Charles Slatten, Antioch resident, reported he had presented the City Council with a petition regarding the elimination of through traffic in his neighborhood. He requested police presence when the radar trailer was placed in their neighborhood. He stated he had initiated nextdoor.com for his neighborhood.

Ed Sig, Antioch resident, questioned if the City was in the process of hiring additional Police Officers and if there was a crime task force for proactive policing.

Acting Captain Kelley reported the City was in the process of hiring more officers and once staffing levels increased there would be an opportunity for proactive teams. She noted currently, when time and staffing permits, the Investigations Division conducts proactive enforcements.

Valerie Thurston, Antioch resident, reported that while she was attending a class in Pittsburg she had her purse stolen. She noted when she returned home an Antioch Police Officer was at her residence to return her purse. She suggested Officer Castillo be recognized for taking steps, above the call of duty, to return her property. She discussed a difficult neighbor in Pismo Court who had been issued a restraining order against another neighbor. She questioned what should be done, in the future, if other neighbors witness harassing behavior from the restrained party.

Acting Captain Kelley responded that a note of thanks indicating what occurred could be sent to the Antioch Police Department; however, if neighbors witnessed a crime, it needed to be reported immediately, to the Antioch Police Department.

John Dilks, Antioch resident, introduced himself as a Block Captain for his Neighborhood Watch group.

Mark Davidson, Antioch resident, reported the Sheriff's Department Swat Team had recently raided a home in his neighborhood and he requested information regarding what had occurred. He expressed concern for a neighbor who had weekly garage sales and questioned if permits were required.

Acting Captain Kelley responded that she would forward Mr. Davidson's information to Code Enforcement; however, typically they respond only to emergencies. She also noted she would check on information regarding the raid.

6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

a. Commission

Commissioner Gadams stated Neighborhood Watch groups were reporting break-ins had occurred by gaining access from an open second story window, side garage door, and into a house during a resident's vacation. He encouraged people going on vacation notify neighbors so that they can help watch their property. He suggested people report all suspicious activity and use light sensors to deter break-ins.

Acting Captain Kelley stated there was a vacation house check program available through the volunteers.

Commissioner Hayes agreed that light sensors help to prevent criminal activity.

A speaker added that Costco sells battery operated motion detectors.

Commissioner Augusta encouraged residents to keep their outside lights on during the night.

Vice Chairperson Cook reported on his attendance at the Safety Preparedness Fair and noted they had signed up thirty (30) new Neighborhood Watch groups. He thanked the Crime Prevention Commissioners for attending. He noted there are currently approximately three-hundred fifty (350) Block Captains. He spoke to recent assaults that occurred and urged residents to be aware of their surroundings, at all times, keep their doors locked and report suspicious activity. He suggested people refrain from talking on cell phones and parking next to occupied vehicles. He announced the Antioch Mom's Club was hosting the Children's Health and Safety Fair from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on October 5, 2013, at Williamson Ranch Park and he would be attending Disaster Preparedness training. He noted future agendas would include how to be prepared in the event of an emergency and how to communicate with landlords/homeowners, with regards to problem properties.

New Block Captains in attendance introduced themselves.

Vice Chairperson Cook thanked the new Block Captains for attending the meeting this evening.

A speaker announced residents could listen to the police scanner at radioreferences.com.

b. Staff

7. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

a. Oct 21st, 2013 7:00 pm Next Crime Prevention Commission Meeting

b. Oct 5th, 2013 7:00 pm Next Neighborhood Clean-Up – TBA

c. Oct 23rd, 2013 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Senior Scam Stopper Seminar, Antioch Senior Center, 415 W. 2nd Street Antioch Ca.

Coordinator Ho announced the non-emergency number for the Antioch Police Department was 925-778- 2441.

Commissioner Gadams encouraged residents to take notice of cars that belong in their neighborhoods.

Vice Chairperson Cook reported Neighborhood Watch was to observe and call in suspicious activity. He encouraged residents walk their neighborhoods and meet their neighbors.

A speaker added that unknown cars could be used as spotters for criminal activity. He also encouraged residents to be aware of addresses so a person using a fictitious address could be identified.

A speaker cautioned that delivery services are also being watched by criminals.

Vice Chairperson Cook encouraged residents have neighbors bring in packages being delivered.

Steve Huddleston suggested residents could also require a signature for packages being delivered.

6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence) – (Continued)

b. Recap of National Night Out

Coordinator Ho reported a slide show of National Night Out would be shown at the October Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting.

Vice Chairperson Cook reported he had attended eleven (11) National Night Out events and it was a very successful event.

Steve Huddleston reported he had one-hundred five (105) attend his National Night Out event, which included almost every dignitary in Antioch.

Vice Chairperson Cook reported National Night Out was an event held on the first Tuesday in August from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. He announced applications were taken three (3) months in advance of the event for grant awards in the amount of \$100.00.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Gadams, seconded by Commissioner Hayes the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously adjourned the meeting. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Hayes, Augusta, Gadams and Vice Chairperson Cook

Absent: Chairperson Headd

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm.