

AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2012
9:30 A.M.

Laguna Woods City Hall
Council Chambers
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

AGENDA DESCRIPTION: The agenda descriptions are intended to give notice, to members of the public, of a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. Any person wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on any matter, whether or not it appears on this agenda, may do so under the appropriate section of the agenda. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing (12 copies) and only pertinent points presented orally. Requests to speak to items on the agenda shall be heard at the appropriate point on the agenda; requests to speak about subjects not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment section of the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Paseo de Valencia Widening

A representative from the City of Laguna Hills will discuss their project to widen a portion of Paseo de Valencia adjacent to Laguna Woods.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

B. Part II Crime Statistics – 2011 (Attachment)

Staff and the City's Chief of Police Services will provide a report on Part II crime statistics and related police services activity.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

C. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Staff will discuss and solicit public input on the development of the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and provide feedback.

IV. STAFF AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety Project Updates and General Information

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be at 9:30 a.m. on June 13, 2012, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Meetings may be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Recap

March 14, 2012
9:30 A.M.

Laguna Woods City Hall
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Troutman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Horne, May, Pollard, Riedel, Rook, Senser, Templeton,
Troutman, Whitehead

Absent: Henderson, Monin

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Street Sign Names

This item was removed from the agenda due to the requesting resident's passing. The Committee took no further action.

B. Part I Crime Statistics – 2011

Director of Public Safety Macon and Chief of Police Services Rudy provided a report on Part I crime statistics and related police services activity, including the success of the Elder Services Detail.

IV. STAFF AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety Project Updates and General Information

Director of Public Safety Macon provided an information only update on the development of the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The issue of solar flares was raised as potentially impacting energy supply.

B. Animal Services Subcommittee

No report.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Troutman welcomed Jim Riedel and Ernie Senser as the newest members of the Public Safety Committee.

Member Rook noted that he has received complaints about traffic exiting Laguna Woods Village Gate 5 onto westbound El Toro Road due to the recently installed “no right turn on red” sign.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VII. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be at 9:30 a.m. on April 11, 2012, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Meetings may be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

City of Laguna Woods Agenda Report

DATE: May 9, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting
TO: Chair and Committee Members
FROM: Christopher Macon, Director of Public Safety
AGENDA ITEM: Part II Crime Statistics – 2011

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Background

The Orange County Sheriff's Department provides the City with crime statistics and additional local police services activity information on an ongoing basis. This information is used to target resources and determine the optimal level of police services. Annually, this information is summarized for public reporting.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable and uniform crime statistics for the nation. Today, the Orange County Sheriff's Department voluntarily reports Laguna Woods' crime statistics for inclusion in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Crime statistics are reported in one of two categories: Part I or Part II. Part I crimes consist of eight criminal offenses, including murder and negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Part II crimes consist of criminal offenses not included in Part I.

The FBI cautions against drawing conclusions on crime statistics by making direct comparisons between cities. They state that "Comparisons lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents. Valid assessments are possible only with careful study and analysis of the range of unique conditions affecting each jurisdiction. The efforts of law enforcement are limited to factors within its control."

Discussion

A summary of Laguna Woods' Part II crime statistics for the 2011 calendar year, as compared to the 2010 calendar year, is included below. The statistics include the information reported to the FBI, as well as abbreviated Federal definitions for each type of crime. The 2011 statistics are considered preliminary and subject to change until they are officially released by the FBI later this year.

Part II crimes showed a slight increase from the 2010 calendar year, with most of that attributable to other assaults; forgery and counterfeiting; disorderly conduct; and, miscellaneous violations (e.g., trespassing, violating court orders). The most significant reductions were observed in fraud and embezzlement; vandalism; and, driving while intoxicated. The total number of Part II crimes continues to be low.

	2011 (Preliminary)	2010 (Final)	Incident Change	Percent Change
Other Assaults	30	23	7	30%
Forgery & Counterfeiting	5	1	4	400%
Fraud & Embezzlement	27	32	-5	-16%
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	1	2	-1	-50%
Vandalism	13	19	-6	-32%
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	2	-2	-100%
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	0	0	0	0%
Sex Offenses (Except Forcible Rape, Prostitution & Commercialized Vice)	1	0	1	100%
Offenses Against the Family & Child	0	1	-1	-100%
Narcotics Laws Violations	13	11	2	18%
Liquor Laws Violations	1	0	1	100%
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0%
Driving While Intoxicated	11	15	-4	-27%

	2011 (Preliminary)	2010 (Final)	Incident Change	Percent Change
Disorderly Conduct	18	10	8	80%
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0%
Curfew & Loitering Laws (Persons Under Age 18)	0	1	-1	-100%
Runaways (Persons Under Age 18)	0	0	0	0%
Gambling Law Violations	0	0	0	0%
Miscellaneous Violations	14	8	6	75%
Overall	134	125	9	7%

Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Definitions

- *Other Assaults* – An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.
- *Forgery & Counterfeiting* – The altering, copying, or imitating of something, without authority or right, with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy or thing altered or imitated as that which is original or genuine; or the selling, buying, or possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with the intent to deceive or defraud.
- *Fraud & Embezzlement* – Fraud is the intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or other entity in reliance upon it to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right. Fraudulent conversion and obtaining of money or property by false pretenses. Embezzlement is the unlawful misappropriation or misapplication by an offender to his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control. [Note: Identity theft is considered a form of fraud and reported in this category.]
- *Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing* – Buying, receiving, possessing, selling, concealing, or transporting any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken, as by burglary, embezzlement, fraud, larceny, robbery, etc.
- *Vandalism* – To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure, or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law.
- *Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.* – The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

- *Prostitution & Commercialized Vice* – The unlawful promotion of or participation in sexual activities for profit. To solicit customers or transport persons for prostitution purposes; to own, manage, or operate a dwelling or other establishment for the purpose of providing a place where prostitution is performed; or to otherwise assist or promote prostitution.
- *Sex Offenses (Except Forcible Rape, Prostitution & Commercialized Vice)* – This classification includes offenses against chastity, common decency, morals, and the like. This classification includes all sex offenses except forcible rape, prostitution, and commercialized vice.
- *Offenses Against the Family & Child* – Unlawful nonviolent acts by a family member (or legal guardian) that threaten the physical, mental, or economic well-being or morals of another family member and that are not classifiable as other offenses, such as Assault or Sex Offenses.
- *Narcotics Laws Violations (“Drug Abuse Violations”)* – The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.
- *Liquor Law Violations (“Liquor Laws”)* – The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.
- *Drunkenness* – To drink alcoholic beverages to the extent that one’s mental faculties and physical coordination are substantially impaired.
- *Driving While Intoxicated (“Driving Under the Influence”)* – Driving or operating a motor vehicle or common carrier while mentally or physically impaired as the result of consuming an alcoholic beverage or using a drug or narcotic.
- *Disorderly Conduct* – Any behavior that tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality.
- *Vagrancy* – The violation of a court order, regulation, ordinance, or law requiring the withdrawal of persons from the streets or other specified areas; prohibiting persons from remaining in an area or place in an idle or aimless manner; or prohibiting persons from going from place to place without visible means of support.
- *Curfew & Loitering Laws (Persons Under Age 18)* – Violations by juveniles of local curfew or loitering ordinances.
- *Runaways (Persons Under Age 18)* – Limited to juveniles taken into protective custody under the provisions of local statutes.
- *Gambling Law Violations (“Gambling”)* – To unlawfully bet or wager money or something else of value; assist, promote, or operate a game of chance for money or some other stake; possess or transmit wagering information; manufacture, sell, purchase, possess, or transport gambling equipment, devices, or goods; or tamper with the outcome of a sporting event or contest to gain a gambling advantage.
- *Miscellaneous Violations (“All Other Offenses”)* – All violations of state or local laws not specifically identified as Part I or Part II offenses, except traffic violations.

Fiscal Impact

This report is informational and has no direct fiscal impact.

Conclusion

Part II crime statistics provide a measure of known criminal activity that the City and Orange County Sheriff's Department use to target resources and determine the optimal level of police services. An Elder Services Detail (LW-ESD) was formed in late 2011 to provide additional incident follow-up and crime prevention services particularly related to Part II crimes. Current efforts are focused on expanding the LW-ESD's level of staffing and specifically targeting financial crimes.

Information provided by: Jim Rudy, Chief of Police Services