

City of Lakewood

Department of Public Safety

Updates for Measure L Committee



CITY OF LAKEWOOD

PUBLIC SAFETY

Partners with Our Community

Department Overview

The Public Safety Department coordinates and directs all Public Safety related services for the Lakewood community including Law Enforcement / Public Safety, Sky Knight, Emergency Management, and Safety Services with a focus on community engagement and maintaining high quality of life.

KEY UPDATES

➤ **Rebranding of Public Safety Department**

- Hired additional Public Safety Officers specifically for homeless services and for assisting in the Lakewood Center Mall

➤ **Homelessness Services**

- Added 7 more beds at Bell Shelter, bringing total to 15
- Extended the agreement with the homelessness services liaison
- Continue to work with other homeless agencies like PATH and LAHSA

➤ **Community Prosecutor Program**

- Experienced Deputy DA assists city and Sheriff's staff to abate nuisance and criminal activity

➤ **Law Enforcement Services**

- Continue to be challenged with Sheriff's personnel availability, supplementing with Southwest Patrol private security

➤ **Technology**

- Upgrading Automated License Plate Recognition hardware and software at key intersections
- Graffiti Tracker system

KEY UPDATES

➤ **Joint Powers Authority with Cities of Paramount and Bellflower**

- Develop new or enhance/augment existing contract services for sworn/non-sworn personnel/retirees to supplement existing contract policing services with Los Angeles County Sheriff's;
- Develop framework to share existing individual city resources as a supplemental or on an as needed substitute basis;
- Homeless and mental health response coordination between the participating cities and neighboring communities and regional service providers;
- Develop a public safety focused legislative platform to assess proposed legislation, advocate for policy and legislative changes that promote quality of life/public safety;
- Establish a shared traffic and road safety program that supplements existing traffic safety enforcement efforts to include but not limited to minor traffic violations, non-injury collision reports, traffic control, and traffic investigations;
- Shared prosecutorial services to more effectively address criminal violations that directly impact quality of life in neighborhoods, business districts;
- Plan and coordinate emergency management and preparedness for city staff and community members; and
- Other purposes related to improving and enhancing public safety including, without limitation, obtaining federal, state and county funding.

Questions

