



City of San Marino

Staff Report

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SUBJECT: POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

STRATEGIC PLAN CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

Safe Community
Efficient, Responsive, and Effective City Services
Fiscally Responsible and Transparent City Government
Engaged and Connected Residents

BACKGROUND

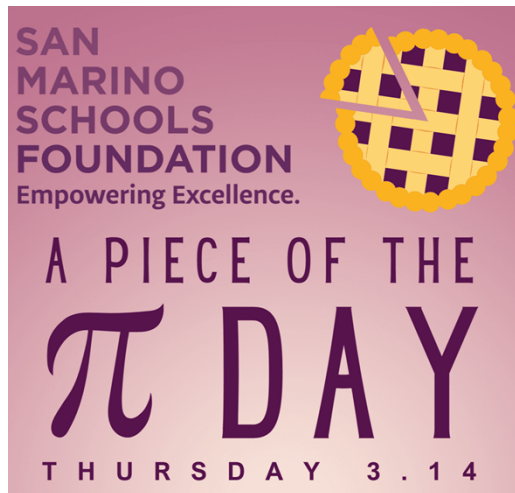
Each month, the San Marino Police Department provides a brief and informational update on crime, traffic issues, and other items of interest to the public and to the Public Safety Commission.

DISCUSSION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During the month of March 2025, the SMPD participated in the following community engagement activities:

Date	Community Engagement
03/14/25	San Marino Schools Foundation Pi Day Event
03/15/25	SMPD Public Safety Workshop – San Marino Community Center



On March 14, Officers attended the San Marino School's Foundation "Pi" (π) Day event. The event included Pi themed activities, photo opportunities and pie. Officers connected with the community to show support to the schools and our youth. This interaction allows our students to connect with officers and is a valuable recruitment tool.



On March 15, the San Marino Police Department hosted a Public Safety Workshop at the San Marino Community Center. Several residents were in attendance participating in the event, strengthening the connection between the community and our public safety partners. Residents experienced a more intimate setting where they could access expert information on specific topics during the workshops and had the opportunity to speak directly with San Marino police officers and firefighters about any concerns they have.

The following workshop presentations were provided at the event:

- Records and Dispatch - Procedures and operations
- Public and Traffic Safety
- Hate Crimes and Incidents - Hate crime vs incident, laws, reporting procedures
- Neighborhood Watch Program - How to organize one, block captains, membership, overall organization
- Crime Prevention including Financial Crimes Prevention (Security Measures, Burglary/Robbery, Auto-theft Prevention)
- Safety Demonstrations – Police Command Post, UAV, Bike Team

- CPTED – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design - evaluation of home safety and preventative measures
- Fire Department – Active shooter rescue, wildfire safety and CPR demonstrations

During the presentations, several residents approached staff to express their gratitude for the workshop. The event was promoted through various channels, including social media by the Police Department, Nixle alerts, in-person flyers, the San Marino City Club newsletter, and word of mouth. There were approximately (60) residents in attendance.

A survey was carried out among attendees. Residents were encouraged to share their thoughts and the feedback was helpful. Many residents expressed interest in having another workshop. One survey respondent noted that their "favorite part was hearing directly from the experts and learning about recent [crime] trends." Another resident suggested increasing involvement in the "Neighborhood Watch" program, which is an excellent way to connect the community with the police department. Sergeant Frank Calistro, the Department's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, collaborates with the community and is available to support block captains in organizing a Neighborhood Watch program. This partnership between the police and the public is mutually beneficial and enhances community safety. We invite the community to reach out to Sergeant Calistro for further information and assistance with setting up a Neighborhood Watch program. fcalistro@sanmarinoca.gov.



Coffee with a Cop

On April 13, 2025, the Department hosted Coffee with a Cop at Cielo on Mission Street and had a very good turnout.

Additionally, the Department is planning another Public Safety Workshop this Spring or Fall. Once the date is determined the Department will actively promote the event.

CRIME PREVENTION



An image posted to the Chino Hills Police Department's social media page shows a hidden camera equipped with two large portable batteries found in a Chino Hills driveway. (Chino Hills Police Department)

Hidden Camera found in a Chino Hills home Planter sparks concerns after recent home burglaries.

Burglary Prevention

Residents can take a proactive approach to combat would-be burglars that use technology to break into homes:

- Make it a practice to regularly inspect the exterior of your home and be aware of any suspicious activity in the neighborhood.
- If you discover a hidden camera, immediately call your local police agency to document and collect the device.
- Shift from wireless to wired. Anyone who wants to deter Wi-Fi jamming can ask their internet provider or an electrician to hardwire their burglary alarm system, connecting it to their router via cables.
- It may be wise to put electronic trackers inside some valuables. The Los Angeles Police Department recommends Apple Air Tags or similar trackers, which can be placed inside an object — such as a purse or a jacket — and tracked via a smartphone.
- Protect your circuit breakers. Residents can invest in a padlock for their electrical circuit boxes to deter easy access for burglars who want to interfere with the alarm system.
- Make it harder to break in. Police recommend that anyone with a sliding door place a metal bar on the bottom tracks to block it from opening and install motion-sensor lighting as a precaution.

Source: Los Angeles Times

DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATIONS

Notable Case Filing:

Court Hearing: First Degree Robbery (PC 212.5)

San Marino Police Department officers provided testimony in a home invasion robbery case, resulting in the suspect's conviction. The incident occurred in May 2022, when the suspect entered a residence and restrained the occupants by tying them up. After ransacking the property, the suspect left the scene. Working with other law enforcement agencies, detectives identified the suspect and linked him to other robbery cases in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Notable Investigations:

Commercial Burglary

The officers responded to a report from a business owner that an unknown suspect was in their business and visible through their security cameras. The officers arrived on scene and contacted a male standing in front of the location that matched the description provided to officers. Anthony Eliseo Hurd (D.O.B. 6/19/97, Los Angeles) was taken into custody without incident and arrested for Penal Code Section (PC) 459, Burglary/Breaking and Entering. Hurd was transported to Pasadena City Jail for booking, was issued an Own Recognizance Citation and released.

Hurd later returned to the station to retrieve his personal property booked at the SMPD after his arrest. Prior to his return the officers were notified of another burglary two blocks away. The officer's investigation revealed that Hurd was also responsible for this business burglary and in fact was found in possession of items taken from that business.

Hurd was rearrested and taken back to Pasadena City Jail for an additional charge of burglary, as well as for an outstanding warrant out of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Hurd was later transferred to the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) for housing, then moved to the San Bernardino County Jail. This case has been filed with the District Attorney's Office for two counts of burglary.

Attempt Burglary

The victim reported that an unknown male attempted to break into their residence by forcefully opening the front door but was unsuccessful. Francisco Murillo (D.O.B. 07/21/81, Los Angeles) was subsequently contacted and taken into custody. During transport to the local jail, Murillo kicked and damaged the rearview camera inside the patrol vehicle. Murillo was booked and housed at Pasadena City Jail before being

transported to the Los Angeles County Inmate Reception Center for housing. A case has been filed with the District Attorney's Office, and Murillo is currently being held in custody. Additionally, due to Murillo's criminal history, he could face a three-strikes sentence if convicted.

Assault With a Deadly Weapon

Detectives are continuing to interview witnesses and gather statements in this case. All three suspects have been identified; two are adults while one is a juvenile. The reporting party informed SMPD officers that his 17-year-old son was involved in a fight at a residence in San Marino. The incident occurred when three individuals attacked the juvenile as he was leaving a house party. The victim sustained injuries that required medical care and surgery.

Residential Burglary

2500 Block of Ridgeway Road: Detectives are actively investigating this residential burglary case in collaboration with another agency. Another police agency stopped a vehicle and discovered surveillance footage that shows the victim's home and workplace. Additionally, detectives are tracking vehicles believed to be used for monitoring homes in preparation for future burglaries. This investigation is ongoing.

Violation of a Court Order

Yuxin Mu (D.O.B. 5/15/99, Pasadena) was arrested and taken into custody for violating a court order. She is a suspect in an extortion case that was previously reported to the Department. Mu violated the court order shortly after it was served to her. The extortion case is ongoing.

TRAFFIC

Traffic Collisions

Traffic collisions have decreased by 9.25% compared to the same period last year. The leading cause of these collisions is improper turning movements, accounting for 22% of incidents. The most common primary collision factor (PCF) is broadside collisions, which make up nearly 39% of reported cases. Generally, these accidents occur when drivers make unsafe turns in front of oncoming vehicles or fail to yield to traffic, resulting in broadside collisions.

Traffic Enforcement

Officers continue to conduct traffic enforcement in areas where traffic collisions are reported. Officers conducted (22) traffic enforcement related events throughout the City, focusing their efforts to reduce traffic violations and collisions. A multi-agency motor

officer traffic enforcement detail is planned in April. The officers saturate the city to help educate motorists regarding safe driving.

Traffic Complaints from the Community

No traffic complaints from the Community were received by the Department during the month of March.

Radar Speed Trailer

The city has two radar trailers that are deployed in problem areas. Radar trailers are used to reduce traffic speeds by making drivers aware of how fast they are moving relative to the speed limit.

Radar speed trailers display the actual speed of motorists in comparison to the posted speed limit as they pass by. They are temporarily deployed and serve as an educational tool to encourage motorists to be mindful of the speed at which they are traveling.

The Police Department's radar trailers were positioned on the following dates at the listed locations:

Date Range	Trailer #1 Location	Trailer #2 Location
March 1 – 3	California & Santa Anita	Bradbury & Huntington
March 4– 10	Monterey & Shenandoah	Lorain & Warwick
March 11-16	San Marino & Adair	Woodlawn & San Gabriel
March 16 - 23	1310 Winston Avenue	St. Albans & Sherwood
March 24 - 31	Oak Grove & Virginia	Warwick & Huntington

TECHNOLOGY



LensLock Body Worn Camera Docking Station

The Police Department is looking at new software that has a real-time decision and operations management platform. The software centralizes the various technologies (Body Worn Cameras, Computer Aided Dispatch, Automated License Plate Reader cameras, etc.) from a variety of sources, while embedding robust security. The Department will be exploring grant opportunities to fund the purchase of the software.

The new mobile Motorola radios that were ordered for police vehicles are still expected to arrive in the next couple of months. These radios offer the most up to date technology and will ensure that officers in the field have critical safety equipment for communications.

PERSONNEL

The Police Department has a total of four police officers in training. All four officers are several weeks into their training program and seem to be responding well. They are evaluated daily, with the goal of being deemed capable of performing as a competent solo police officer. We will provide regular updates on their progress. If successful in the training program, training will conclude Summer 2025. The Department has two vacant police officer positions. Staff continue to pursue interested applicants to fill the two remaining positions. We are currently reviewing applications for both recruit and lateral police officers.

We have two vacant police dispatcher positions. Police dispatcher applications are being reviewed. The Police Dispatcher written test was administered on March 13, 2025. Approximately, 25 applicants were tested. There are two dispatcher applicants currently in the backgrounds. If successful with backgrounds, these two candidates could be afforded an interview with the Police Chief, and potentially provided with a conditional job offer by the end of April.

An administrative assistant candidate, Cynthia Aguiar, has accepted a conditional job offer and is scheduled to start with the Department on April 28, 2025.

There is one vacant police cadet position. There are currently two applicants who participated in an oral interview. They are being evaluated for the next step in the process. The police department is currently accepting applications for this position.

TRAINING

Each month, Department staff attend various training courses to remain in compliance with POST standards, professional development, and changes in law. Staff participated in the following training during this reporting period:

- **Detective Joseline Heredia, Detective Adriana Archuleta** – attended Science Based Interviewing Academy
- **Officer Alejandro Sandoval** – attended the Field Training Officer Course
- **Sergeant Vince Wilson, Officer Alejandro Sandoval, Officer Nancy Elizarraras** – attended Datamaster (breath test related to DUI) training
- **Sergeant Jeremy Bestpitch, Corporal Kevin Cordischi, Detective Jesse Ruiz**- attended Unmanned Aerial System training
- **Sergeant Vince Wilson**- attended Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeants Leadership Institute
- **Commander Naved Qureshi**- attended POST Management Course 1
- **Corporal Nia Hernandez**- attended Supervisory Course – Rio Hondo
- **Commander Aaron Blonde**- attended CJPIA Public Safety Academy
- **Sergeant Frank Calistro**- attended POST Police Management Course
- **Chief John Incontro** – attended California Police Chief's Association Annual Training Symposium

Wellness

The San Marino Police Department is continuing their participation in the valuable POST 720* Health Organizational Wellness study. A few members of our personnel have volunteered to wear a FitBit for (12) consecutive weeks in part of the on-going study. The FitBit will provide valuable information related to sleep habits, mindfulness, physical fitness, heart rates, etc.

Personnel continue to utilize the Sharp Performance application, which assists with coaching and counseling. The application provides mindfulness, sleep techniques, and other wellness tools.

A Moment in History

In March 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week. Since then, each president has issued an annual proclamation continuing the tradition. There have been several profound women successfully contributing to our society.

According to the National Policing Institute, "Research also tells us that gender diversity leads to increased emphasis on care and well-being. A study of more than 50 jurisdictions showed that

the difference in attentiveness, responsiveness, compassion, and help offered by women officers resulted in heightened community satisfaction and feelings of police legitimacy. The evidence placed a particular emphasis on these qualities and their role in marginalized communities.” The San Marino Police Department currently has 7 female officers which is 23 % of our sworn staff. Additionally, the Department has 10 civilian professional staff, who dedicate themselves to their specific tasks and duties to ensure the effectiveness of the organization. We are proud of the accomplishments of the women working here at San Marino Police Department and all our Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT & PROCUREMENT REVIEW

Not Applicable.

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file the Police Department Monthly Report. If the Commission concurs with staff’s recommendation, an appropriate motion would be:

“I move to receive and file the Police Department Monthly Report.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. March 2025 – All Statistics
2. March 2025 – Calls for Service
3. March 2025 – Detective Cases
4. March 2025 - Citations
5. March 2025 – Traffic Collision & Vehicle Code Violations