

Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

March 26, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

St. Dominic Rectory, 775 Harrison Avenue, NOLA 70124

Opening:

Meeting started at 6:10. Board members present were Graham Ryan, Chris Beacher, Nancy Lytle, Andrew Koehler, Val Cupit, and Ryan Martini. Ann LeBlanc participated by phone. Also present were Sgt. Benjamin, Sudi Joint, and Richard Bordelon.

Motion approve minutes: Val moved, Nancy seconded and the motion carried.

Crime Report:

Sgt. Benjamin stated that between March 1-25, NOPD had 838 UCR crimes, there were 109 in the 3rd district, and 9 in LV. There were 8 property crimes and 1 person crime. Of the property crimes, there was 1 auto burglary, 3 auto thefts (none recovered thus far), and 3 shoplifting incidents (Walgreens x2 and 1 at LV Grocery). There has been a habitual offender at Walgreens. There was 1 theft of a 3K skateboard that looks like a hover board. The person's crime was a domestic aggravated battery matter. The accused has been arrested.

Incidents are up 30% in the first quarter of 2025. There have been 36 this year compared to 26 last year. The types of crimes that are increased include burglary, auto burglary, auto thefts, and shoplifting. There have been 11 shoplifting cases year to date (most at Walgreens). LCPD believes one person is good for four incidents there, but he has not been identified. Surveillance has been set up multiple times. There has been no shoplifting for 16 days. District wide, auto burglary, shoplifting, and theft are also increased.

Response time has been 6:51 minutes on average. LCPD has been first to respond in 31/50 of the calls for service. Holding time was 1:56 and in route time was 4:19.

LCPD conducted 354 traffic stops, issued 40 citations, and conducted 354 field interviews. There have been 1100 traffic stops compared to 1119 last year. Sgt. Benjamin suspects by the end of March that more vehicles will be stopped compared to same time last year.

There have been 36 investigations, with eight crimes solved which is a 22% clearance rate.

Quality of Life has been working with multiple city agencies regarding homeless encampments to find them housing. If help is given the un-housed, Sgt. Benjamin believes shoplifting incidents will go down.

Four officers have been added to the LCPD rosters, bringing number up to 53. Sgt. Benjamin will reach out to police academy class this week to try and get more officers. Recruiting new officers will save money because supervisors will work less.

Usually LCPD is properly staffed and Sgt. Benjamin will work when needed. When there are big events in the city, there are times with LCPD has a skeleton crew.

Discussion turned to procedure about when call the police. Citizens should err on the side of calling 911 for any suspicious activity. The dispatcher will figure it out.

Financial report:

Sudi Joint reported there was \$730,504 in the bank account as deposits from city are starting to come in. Accounts Payable is 690K, 628K of which is disputed millage. Profit and Loss compared to last year shows we have collected more income as of this point (53K more).

Structure of bank account has changed. Not receiving interest income anymore. Accounting is less. Working n audit but have not been billed yet. Patrol invoices seem to be less than before than this time last year. All insurance has been paid for the year. (she went over other expenses).

Budget vs. actual. We weren't aware that bank account would not have interest anymore. We should receive most parcel fee income by April.

We are a ¼ way of year in patrols; if keep as is will go a little over budget for the year.

Without DM, patrols represented 211K; net income would be 64K. Equity would also go up.

DM through March 7, 2026 is \$628,174.72.

City update on DM:

We held joint meeting with MC and city representatives to discuss DM. Waiting to hear back from them. More to come on the millage.

Ethics filing deadline:

May 15 is deadline to submit information to the ethics board. This includes previous board members.

Motion to adjourn:

Nancy moved, Chris seconded and all were in favor.