

## **ACONA Meeting Notes**

March 28, 2017

Following introductions, the following topics were covered:

### **Pasadena Humane Society Coverage of Altadena**

Elizabeth Richer Campo, Sr. VP, Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA

- Alliance has been in the planning stages for five years. Operational in Altadena since December 2016.
- PHS provides services to 11 cities, so a portion of PHS's operating expenses are paid by those cities, the rest comes from donations.
- Helping Paws--a program for people who want to keep their pets but can't afford to.
- Provide vaccine and microchip clinics, spay/neuter (Altadena now gets a discount for this service).
- Three groups of current focus: Chihuahuas: Spays/neuters for chihuahuas are fully subsidized by donors. Also focusing on pit bulls and feral cats. Spay and release feral cats back into their habitat; they keep other cats away. Their ears are tagged to show they've been spayed/neutered. If you have a vermin problem, PHS has a "rent a (feral) cat" program.
- PHS accepts all animals, no questions asked. Goal of PHS is to provide care and training so owners can keep their animals. Will accept animals for boarding, even those that regular pet care companies won't accept.
- Waggin' - mobile outreach unit brings services to neighborhoods.
- Will give wildlife presentations to neighborhood associations and community groups. Coyotes are becoming unafraid of humans. We need to remind them that we are the alpha predator. When you walk, carry a noisemaker (an empty soda can half filled with rocks and taped shut makes a good noisemaker) and an umbrella. If you see a coyote or a pack of coyotes, open your umbrella and use the noisemaker. If you look like a big, noisy aggressor, most coyotes will run. If the coyote stands its ground, make more noise and walk toward it. It will generally run. In a pack, you need to scare the alpha coyote. If that coyote retreats, so will the pack.
- Provide rabies quarantine services for dogs that have bitten someone and drawn blood.
- Work with code enforcement regarding aggressive dogs.
- Contact info:
  - Website: [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). You can sign up for a newsletter here.
  - Phone: 626-792-7151.
  - Email: [hello@pasadenahumane.org](mailto:hello@pasadenahumane.org).
  - Social media: @pasadenahumane.
  - Facility: 361 S. Raymond Ave, Pasadena 91105.
- Because PHS is an open door facility, they do euthanize animals, but assess those that are too vicious to return to the community, or are ill or suffering without possibility of alleviation. Last year only one adoptable animal was euthanized.
- Animals can be sponsored for adoption by someone else.
- Volunteers are trained and expected to give four hours/month. There are opportunities for event volunteers, trained the evening before the event, and expected to give four hours/quarter.
- PHS has a food bank for people who can't afford to feed their animals. Even open bags are accepted. They are re-bagged and sent out.
- Item donation, or a donation toward an item, is also possible.
- PHS will do pet licensing. Send out reminders when re-licensing is due, along with information on vaccine clinics.

- End-of-life service: PHS offers this service. PHS will also pick up an animal that has died, for a small fee. PHS will also pick up wild animals that have died on your property, within 24 hours of your call.
- If you catch a raccoon, PHS advises to set it free. They will send out an officer to open the trap and teach you how to open it next time. Also, keep a towel over the trap so the raccoon (or skunk!) can't see you coming.

### **Recent Shootings and Gang Activity**

Chief Phillip Sanchez, Pasadena Police Department  
 Capt. Vicki Stuckey, Altadena Sheriff's Station  
 Natalie Salazar, Crime Stoppers

Capt. Stuckey:

Went over gang-related shootings from July 1, 2016 to the present (map in the PowerPoint agenda).

Incidents are occurring on weeknights (9 on Monday-Thursday vs. 10 on Friday-Saturday).  
 48 deputies and detectives are assigned to Altadena Station.

Chief Sanchez:

240 sworn officers

"We are not going to police our way out of failures of other systems" re education, employment, mental health.

Prop 47, 57, AB109 have aggravated the problem.

Prop 47: Reduces certain drug possession felonies to misdemeanors.

Prop 57: Increased parole and good behavior opportunities for felons convicted of nonviolent crimes and allowed judges, not prosecutors, to decide whether to try certain juveniles as adults in court.

AB109: Mandates that individuals sentenced to non-serious, non-violent or non-sex offenses will serve their sentences in county jails instead of state prison.

Tipping: walking up to someone and shooting them. Not random.

Exponential increase (8.5%) in violent crime (vs. 3.5% nationwide) in 2016.

Four main areas driving crime: Get Smart on Crime, demographic shift, Prop 47, and AB109.

Burglars are looking for guns, money, electronic devices.

Advice: buy a safe, bolt it to the floor, if you have guns, put them in the safe along with your tax returns. Seeing targeted efforts from gang members in Pasadena who have info about who has firearms.

Violence Reduction Effort: "cop on a dot" -- putting officers where incidents are calculated to happen.

"Yardnick" -- gang gatherings, social events with open display of weapons.

Jan. 1 - Mar. 22:

35 guns surrendered ("Safekeeping")

55 evidence -- crime guns

Natalie Salazar

Crime Stoppers is a way to make an anonymous report of a crime.

London, Australia, Canada have Crime Stoppers programs as well.

Hotline: 800-222-8477 (your phone number is scrambled)

Online tip: [www.lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org) (your email address is encrypted)

You are given a code number and invited to check back in in 60 days to check if there has been an arrest due to your tip. If so, you are eligible for a thousand-dollar cash reward (funded by donations to Crime Stoppers). Reward is collected at a Nix location upon presentation of two code numbers, with no ID required.