

# CROCKETT POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

## Regular Business Meeting AGENDA FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

TIME: 7:00 PM  
PLACE: Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Avenue, Crockett

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*The Crockett Police Liaison Committee is an agent of the Crockett Community Services District.*

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:
2. CALL FOR REQUESTS TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUT OF ORDER:
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:  
*(The Committee is prohibited from discussing items not on this agenda. Matters brought up that are not on the agenda may be referred to staff for action or calendared on a future agenda.)*
4. LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND REPORTS:  
*(These items are typically for the exchange of information only. No action will be taken at this time.)*
  - a. Consider a report from the Resident Deputy and allow the public to discuss issues of concern.
  - b. Consider a report from the CHP Officer and allow the public to discuss issues of concern.
  - c. Consider a report from CCC Sheriff's office and allow the public to discuss issues of concern.
  - d. Receive Neighborhood Watch reports from neighborhood captains and others.
5. ADMINISTRATIVE:
  - a. Seating of Michael Pennisi
  - b. Receive update on ALPRs.
  - c. Discuss reporting of unregistered/nuisance vehicles.
  - a. Discuss changing meeting date and time.
6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
7. CONSENT CALENDAR: Consideration of a motion to approve the following items:
  - a. Approve Minutes for October 2, 2023.
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
9. ADJOURNMENT to December 4, 2023.

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## CROCKETT POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

October 24, 2023

On behalf of the townspeople of Crockett, CA the Police Liaison Committee is moving to pursue with the implementation of an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) program for our town.

We, the PLC, have decided that the company Flock would be the best fit for supplying our community with cameras. We have been informed that majority of other communities in our area are using Flock. We think that by us choosing Flock, it will make for a seamless transition.

Local cities that are already using Flock: Hercules, Vallejo, Benicia, Fairfield, Vacaville, Orinda, Richmond, Lafayette, Danville, and the View Point neighborhood in Rodeo.

The PLC will continue to work with the CCC Sheriff's Lt. Rodriguez and Flock's representative Kyle Egkan to arrange financing and for the installation of the cameras.

Our plan calls for the installation of 7 cameras. The exact locations will be determined by the Flock installers, with approval of the PLC and the Sheriff's dept.

The cameras are leased, not owned, and we have the right to cancel if we are not happy with them. Flock will furnish the cameras, complete the install, provide LTE connectivity, and provide the maintenance. Flock will also provide the software and be responsible for software updates. Flock does all the work themselves and does not hire subcontractors.

The PLC funded a town wide survey in order to gain insight on whether or not the townspeople are in favor of the ALPRs or not. A total of 170 surveys were returned. 86.5% were in favor of the ALPRs, 7% were against it, and 6.5% were unsure.

### COST

\$3,000/camera per year = \$21,000/year

\$2,500/year for advanced search software

<https://flocksafety.showpad.com/share/zUYAxvqwJWRNnjZBQqATG>

\$4,050 one time installation fee - \$150/camera on existing infrastructure, \$650/camera if needing a pole installed. It is expected that we need 6 poles installed and can use 1 already existing.  $650 \times 6 = 3,900 + 150 = 4,050$

1<sup>st</sup> year: \$27,550.00 – Includes one time set-up fee

2<sup>nd</sup> year and beyond: \$23,500.00

**\*Quote attached. Taxes not included**



## **FUNDING OPTIONS**

The PLC plans to get funding from outside sources. We are currently working with Lt. Rodriguez on finding funding. He is hopeful that we can get C&H and/or Phillips 66 to fund this. Below are a list of the potential funding options that we are exploring.

1. Grant from Glovers office – may not be available at this time
2. C&H and/or Phillips 66 – Lt. Rodriguez is in contact with both
3. “Uniform Account” – currently researching this account
4. P20 Account – Crockett’s weekend sheriff - Lt. Rodriguez received approval that this account could be used for this project if we wanted, but that would mean less sheriff coverage on the weekends.

## **ABOUT FLOCK**

- If a camera is vandalized or stolen, Flock will replace the first one at no cost. Any others after the first one are paid for by the customer.
- Cameras are solar powered with back up battery
- Unlimited LTE internet connectivity included
- Cameras can capture two lanes of traffic up to 100 mph
- Night vision capabilities – a study was conducted by LASD comparing ALPR systems at limited lighting times. Results showed that Flock captured 30% more vehicle images and provided more accurate readings.
- Data is stored in the cloud for 30 days then automatically deleted. Images can be downloaded and stored by the sheriff’s dept.
- Only law enforcement and designated admin users have access to the data
- All search history is auditable
- Not connected to any 3<sup>rd</sup> party databases (i.e. Carfax, DMV)
- No facial recognition
- Not used for traffic enforcement
- Footage is owned by the customer
- Vacaville study shows 33% decrease in reported vehicle thefts. 35% increase in arrests related to vehicle theft.

## **PROPOSED CAMERA LOCATIONS**

**#1 CUMMINGS SKYWAY & SAN PABLO AVE** – 2 cameras. One capturing vehicles entering town and one capturing vehicles leaving town via San Pablo Ave.

**#2 POMONA ST & I-80 OFF RAMP** – 1 camera capturing incoming vehicles from WB & EB I-80 off ramps.

**#3 POMONA ST & I-80 ON RAMP** – 1 camera to capture vehicles leaving town via I-80 WB.

**#4 POMONA ST & 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE** -1 camera to capture vehicles leaving town via I-80 EB

**#5 CROCKETT BLVD** – 1 camera to capture both directions. Located above park entrance

**#6 CARQUINEZ SCENIC BLVD** – 1 camera to capture both directions. Located past the intersection of Pomona St & Winslow.

**See attached maps**

**\*\*Exact location to be determined prior to installation. If no pole is available for camera to be mounted to, we must pay for pole to be placed where needed. \$650/pole**

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Currington. Present were Committee members Ritchey and Wais.

Staff present included General Manager Murdock, Administrative Services Manager Goodman, District Secretary Rivas, and Event Supervisor Morales.

2. CALL FOR REQUESTS TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUT OF ORDER: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

### 4a LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND REPORTS - REPORT FROM DEPUTY:

Lieutenant Rodriguez was not present. Deputy Ken Sheppard reported 210 calls for service mostly self-generated by sheriff staff: general patrol, parking enforcement, and vehicle stops. He responded to two residential burglaries. A bike was stolen but found in another yard. One was a civil matter. Burglaries appear to have slowed down due to more patrols. He participated in 43 outside assists. The resident deputy is not normally called to outside assists unless that beat's deputy is not available. This is where he will assist another beat and help with priority calls. There were no vehicles towed but several were tagged. Five citations were issued. A carjacking was reported by a different officer: a female customer wanted to take a Lyft driver's vehicle. Neither party is a Crockett resident.

A fire occurred at 1514 Lily on Sunday morning. An ex-firefighter was found deceased in the fire. Sheppard reported that while sheriff staff was on the scene, a report was not issued by their office because a crime was not committed nor anything suspicious about the incident.

A community member asked if anything was being done about cones in the public right of way to reserve parking in front of residential units, specifically a property located on Pomona between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This issue has not been reported. Cones are used for various reasons and are not considered a police matter. Deputy Sheppard recommended that neighbors try to resolve parking issues on their own but call for assistance if needed.

The recent explosions that occurred at Port Street and Wanda Street on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning were determined to be giant firecrackers. Their location, in the middle of the street under the bridge, was likely the reason why the sound was so loud. Bomb squad reported that these were homemade M80-type devices. They are illegal but not commercial grade. Unfortunately, there were no witnesses, and not enough evidence was available to follow up further. The community is encouraged to report what they see or hear. License plate reader cameras could help in these kinds of incidents.

The County has one parking enforcement person who covers the entire County. The deputy reiterated reporting parking issues.

Deputy Sheppard will make an effort to patrol the area around the schools between 3:30 and 4 pm to address double parking and illegal parking of parents waiting to pick up their children. Sheriff

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Members: Raina Currington (Chair), Mary Wais, Bob Ritchey (Vice-Chair)

staff shifts occur in the morning making morning patrols challenging. Mr. Murdock suggested contacting the Superintendent to send out a message over their phone tree system to get the message out to all parents.

The double-parking issue impacts the large C&H trucks forcing them to pull out into the far lane when turning right as they drive up Rolph Avenue. The red zones were specifically created to facilitate large truck-turning needs. Sheppard will reach out to John Angel to discuss a solution. Traffic issues, speeding, accidents, and pedestrians being hit are CHP jurisdictions. Sheriffs enforce parking. Public safety being present is often a deterrent to speeding, but unfortunately, staff cannot be present all of the time. It is up to the community to report activity. He will request that the morning deputy or CHP come out during the morning drop-off period.

Ms. Wais reported that the former general manager would report on Return to Source parking ticket revenue. Sheriffs apply a code to pickets for allocation. The fund amount is not much and is charged fees. The Administrative Services Manager was asked to follow up on the Return to Source program.

Sheppard reiterated that the community should call and report activity. Patrol cannot be at all places at one time. Calling to report an issue or incident places that item on board for a patrol officer to respond. Anonymous callers will not get a callback. Callers who leave a contact number will get a callback. A report is generated at the end of the day and helps him be more knowledgeable and better prepared for his shift. This data collection is also important for labor distribution and assessing if more resources are needed. Don't assume that someone else has already called.

Sheppard expressed his preference for vehicle stops because it allows him to speak to a person and often find more information. He prefers to tow problem vehicles such as ones that appear abandoned. The horse trailer has been tagged but continues to be moved.

NOTE: Officer Sheppard is typically available, Tuesday through Friday. Callers can call and ask for him by asking for 1Paul18. He can also be reached via email at [kshep001@so.cccounty.us](mailto:kshep001@so.cccounty.us)

To report illegal dumping, call the **non-emergency number (925) 646-2441** and provide as much information as possible, especially a license plate if it the dumping was witnessed.

4.b. REPORT FROM CHP ON TRAFFIC ISSUES: CHP was not in attendance.

4.c. REPORT FROM CCC SHERIFF'S OFFICE: A sheriff's representative was not in attendance.

4.d. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: No report.

5.a. RECEIVE APPLICATION FROM MICHAEL PENNISI FOR PLC VACANCY: The Committee received an application from Michael Pennisi for one of the vacancies. He is originally from Walnut Creek and was born and raised in Contra Costa County. He is a mechanical engineer and project manager in the automobile industry. Mr. Pennisi has worked in many unsafe cities including Detroit, Oakland, Richmond, and Stockton. He would like to take a proactive stance in helping to prevent crime from entering Crockett. A motion was made to recommend approval for a formal appointment by the District Board at their next meeting scheduled for October 25. (BR 1<sup>st</sup> MW 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3/0)

5.b RECEIVE UPDATE ON LPRS: Chair Currington presented a draft proposal for the LPR program and noted that funding sources are missing. A possible source may be the P20 fund as suggested by Lt. Rodriguez. Deputy Sheppard stated that officers sign up for P20 shifts. Ms. Wais reported that the cost for two deputies exceeded available funds. She reported that the District has a Uniform Fund with a balance of \$600,000 that has been set aside for a rainy day. She also reported that Supervisor Glover has identified \$600,000 of funds specifically for Crockett. The Supervisor has announced to various Crockett groups the availability of these grant funds. The fire department

has submitted projects that have been approved. Staff will research further. The former general manager was tracking these funds. Currently, it is unclear if the County Crockett grant and the Uniform Fund are the same. Lt. Rodrigues is seeking other funding sources but there are currently no grants available for LPRs.

A question was asked regarding costs to the district for sheriff patrol when the officer is called to partake in outside assistance. Deputy Sheppard explained that other jurisdictions reciprocate with outside assistance to Crockett and costs typically balance out.

Ms. Currington hopes to have a complete report with funding sources in time for the next scheduled meeting.

**5.c DISCUSS REPORTING OF UNREGISTERED/NUISANCE VEHICLES:** District Secretary Rivas created a form to log abandoned and/or unregistered vehicles Ms. Rivas has proposed to create an online form but, in the meantime, people can use the form or use a note-taking app on their smartphones and forward to her. Mr. Pennisi suggested posting QR codes on parking signs that will direct the public to a form on the website. The issue of privacy was discussed. Those reporting do not need to sign their forms. Those whose vehicles are listed may become upset because they are being called out. The use of Google Docs to create a form was suggested. The information is automatically entered into an Excel document. Deputy Sheppard stated that while license plates are great, a description of the vehicle and its location is typically sufficient to investigate. For example: a black Ford Ranger parked at a location is very easy to find.

Moving vehicles that have not been moved is challenging. The County policy is that vehicles cannot park continuously for over 72 hours. The vehicles are tagged and towed if they do not move. Nothing prevents them from returning.

**6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Ms. Wais reported that West Nile Virus was found in Crockett after reporting a dead crow to the County. A sickly crow found at the school was also found to test positive for West Nile Virus. The community should contact Vector Control and report sickly or dead crows. Standing water should be cleared and watch out for mosquitos.

**7.a CONSENT CALENDAR:** Minutes for September 11, 203 were approved. (MW 1<sup>st</sup>, BR 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3/0)

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Ms. Rivas asked if the committee wanted to discuss reducing the number of seats from seven to five. Ms. Wais shared that the District Board has not permitted reducing the number of seats. The rule for a quorum is that the majority of the filled seats must be present. The committee currently has only three members, therefore a quorum was met. When a quorum is not met, the committee can meet but no decisions can be made. This item will not be on a future agenda.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM until November 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sonia Rivas, MBA