



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL
250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by President James Allen. (**Quorum of 14 Board Members**). Approximately 50 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Karen Ceaser	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Excused
Debra Hunter	Present
Collin King	Resigned
Kali Merideth	Resigned
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present (Resigned at end of meeting)
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present

2. **President's Report:**

- a. Announcement of vacancies on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board. The application is on the Central SPNC website.
- b. Motion to approve changing the Bylaws to make Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee a Standing Committee of the Central SPNC. Per the current bylaws a statement must be read at this meeting, then voted on at the next meeting. The Homelessness Committee statement is as follows:
 - i. The ad hoc committee for homelessness is a committee that looks at solutions for homelessness in Central San Pedro, and works with agencies and outreach teams that work within Central San Pedro diligently, and meets with the Stakeholders, once a month, and others who are interested in the topic of homelessness. They also work with the City Council Committee on Homelessness.

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. **John Ulloth** presented a petition to Save the Red Car and asked everyone to sign it. He is also asking Board members and Stakeholders to contact Major Garcetti, Joe Buscaino and the Port requesting their support for keeping the Red Car.
- b. **Mr. Washington** made comments in support of the Red Car and of expanding Red Car service.
- c. **Stella Ursua** with Green Education Inc. commented on the organization's work with LADWP and Councilmember Buscaino to retro fit homes and small businesses with energy efficient bulbs. They are having the Wilmington Green the Block event on Aug 22, 2015, from 11am – 2pm, at Watson and O. Street Park, in Wilmington.
- d. **Nancy Richardson** with the Garden Church provided information on a community garden on 6th street in collaboration with Green Girl Farms. Their mission is to feed and be fed in body, mind

and spirit. The garden is open on Fridays during the farmers market and on First Thursdays. On Sunday's they garden at 3pm, worship services at 4pm, followed by a meal at 5pm.

- e. **JK Drummond** stated that on September 16, 2015 there will be a public hearing on the extension of the MTA Silver Line held at 5pm, at the Grand Annex, in San Pedro. He distributed MTA maps.
- f. **Rudy Caseres** is an advocate for mental Health Awareness and homeless in San Pedro.
- g. **Carrie Scoville** stated that there are two free events to expunge criminal records (Prop 47 reclassification clinics); Saturday July 18th, in Long Beach, at the Center for Working Families from 10am – 12pm, and Wednesday July 22nd, at 5pm in Vernon at the LA Trade Tech Work Source Center.
- h. **Robert Brandin** stated that the most pressing issue of the day is the homeless in San Pedro. Unless we all come together to find a way to engage, and help the homeless, it's not going to get any better. It's a quality of life issue, not just for the homeless, but for everyone.

4. **Public Safety Reports:** (LAPD, CPAB, Port Police, LAFD, etc)

a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua, Senior Lead Officer**

- i. Officer Nua presented the crime stats. The information is available on the Central SP NC website. The website Crimemapping.com has detailed crime statistics.
- ii. Stakeholder Robert Brandin asked about the effects of Prop 47. Officer Nua has seen that criminals do seem to be less concerned about getting caught committing crimes now that many of those crimes are not offenses for which they go to jail.
- iii. Stakeholder James Baeza asked about graffiti. Officer Nua says he has seen more gang graffiti vs. tagging lately, particularly in Rancho San Pedro. There is a \$500 reward for reporting graffiti that leads to a conviction.
- iv. President Allen asked if Harbor Division would be getting more officers and if the jail would be opening. Officer Nua stated no to both.
- v. There will be a new 2nd in command, Capt. Walker, at Harbor Division.
- vi. LAPD is having a Movie Night in Rancho San Pedro on August 6th, starting at 2 pm. Little Company of Mary's mobile medical clinic will be there to administer school vaccines.

b. **LAFD Capt. Palacios**

- i. Capt. Palacios distributed a 2014 LAFD 911 Call Data sheet with stats for Central San Pedro. This information is available on the Central SP NC website.
- ii. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz asked if they have statistics on how many calls are generated by location.
- iii. Stakeholder asked do they bill for transport of a patient, and if so who do they bill? Yes they bill the patient. The cost for paramedic transport is approximately \$1,500, and basic life support approximately \$1,000. They bill insurance and turn it over to collections if not paid. Rates vary per year. The rates are voted on by the City Council each year. They raise approximately \$73 million per year, they are second only to parking enforcement.
- iv. Board Member Khixann Obioma-Sakhu asked where each fire station is located in San Pedro? Engine 112 on Harbor & 5th (fire boat station), Engine 48 at 16th & Grand, Engine 36 at the base of Channel & Gaffey and one on 25th & Western.
- v. In August the LAFD is launching a Pool Safety campaign. The office provided some flyers about pool safety.

5. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee** Debbie Rouser

a. **Update on Anderson Park improvements and Park Advisory Board (PAB) by new park Director and Area Supervisor**

- i. Anderson Park Director Art Jackson and Serrina Ward the Recreation Supervisor for the Harbor District gave an overview of the state of Anderson Park and answered questions from the Board and Stakeholders.
- ii. Ms. Ward announced that she and Mr. Jackson had conducted interviews for the new Park Advisory Board. Mr. Jackson has selected 9 potential members. Once selected the potential board members go through a security clearance process.
- iii. President Allen requested that Central SPNC have an official designated seat on the Anderson Park Advisory Board for a Central SPNC Board member. See item c. below for further information on this issue.

b. **Report on subcommittee meeting Re: Park Advisory Board - Debbie Rouser:**

- i. Larry Smith with LA Corps got approval for the Cal Fire Grant for the CalTrans triangle and will use some of those funds to fix the Leland Park terraces on Gaffey and Knoll Hill.
- ii. Debbie gave a presentation on Park Advisory Boards and what their role is with Rec and Park.

- iii. The Anderson Park bench removal is temporary due to construction. The benches will be returned when the construction is completed.
 - iv. Juan Bonitas emailed a report to President Allen that explained the work his department has been doing at the park in the past few weeks. Maintenance staff pruned the shrubs in the front of the planter and on the outside of the back patio wall. In addition the playground contractor is now in the process of replacing the playground equipment. They do not have any additional work planned at this time, however, they may need to make repairs to the existing concrete stairs in the front of the center.
- c. **Designate a Central San Pedro NC representative for the Anderson Park PAB.**
- i. President Allen requested that there be a designated person from Neighborhood Councils in which parks are located to have an official permanent position on the Park Advisory Board of each such park. Neighborhood Councils are also part of the City family and it is the chartered role of Neighborhood Councils to advise to various departments of the City on issues that affect our Neighborhood Councils.
 - ii. Ms. Ward commented that a PAB is selected by the Park Director and that notice to the public is given in advance to provide an opportunity for interested community members to apply for a place on the PAB.
 - iii. Board member Carrie Scoville suggested that perhaps what is needed is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the Department of Recreation and Parks.
 - iv. Michael Gatanz commented that he does not know where the information on the constitution of the PAB can be found. He agrees that someone from the Neighborhood Council should hold a dedicated position on the PAB.
 - v. A Stakeholder asked how many applicants applied for the PAB. Mr. Jackson stated that they received 11 applications of which he had follow up response from 9 applicants. Accordingly, everyone had a chance to apply.
 - vi. Stakeholder Terell Jerricks asked where the notices for the PAB applications are posted. They were posted at the park in front of the building, they passed it out to the surrounding community, Board member Rouser announced it and passed out applications at the last Central SPNC Board and Stakeholder meeting, Ms. Rouser had applications at her subcommittee meeting, and it was announced to seniors at Anderson Park.
 - vii. Stakeholder Zara also wondered how the outreach was done as she didn't hear about it. She wondered if the outreach could be done better.
 - viii. Stakeholder Cathy stated that the neighborhood watch around Anderson Park is not strong. She would like to restart the Mesa Street Neighborhood Watch. She will Contact Senior Lead Officer Nua.
 - ix. Stakeholder Cara asked how many seats are actually available. There was no set number of seats or a cap. It is the discretion of the park Director.
 - x. Stakeholder Bill Roberson stated he applied and was contacted and returned the call several times, but received no response.
 - xi. Stakeholder James is one of the 9 people elected to the board and would like the entire experience to be positive.
 - xii. Kathrine Gray volunteered to attend the meetings and report back.
 - xiii. Karen Ceaser asked who the acting senior recreation director for Anderson Park is and the response was that there is no acting director for the park.
 - xiv. **Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu to approve President Allen to write a letter on behalf of the Neighborhood Council to DONE and Mr. Carl Cooper, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks, to request an MOU between Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Recreation and Parks, seconded by Carrie Scoville and passed with 6 yes (Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Hunter, and Scoville), 5 no (Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, and Rouser), 3 abstentions (Galaz, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval)**
 - xv. Board member Debbie Rouser read a list of items that are the role of PAB members.
 - xvi. Board member Debbie Rouser read her letter of resignation aloud to the assembly and left the meeting.

6. **Land Use Planning and Public Works:**

- a. **Overview of Western Avenue Design Implementation Guidelines by Esther Amaya**, Los Angeles Dept. of City Planning, Policy Planner for San Pedro, additionally she works on the San Pedro Community Plan update.
 - i. In October 2011, Rancho Palos Verdes received a grant from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to develop a Vision Plan for Western Avenue. The Western Avenue Corridor Vision Plan was completed in 2013.

- ii. In 2014, with the help of another SCAG grant, Rancho Palos Verdes has partnered with the City of Los Angeles to develop implementation guidelines for Western Avenue.
 - iii. Western Avenue crosses many jurisdictions, making collaboration crucial in being able to create a cohesive corridor. Agencies include: the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the City of Los Angeles, Caltrans, and the Southern California Association of Governments. Advisory Groups include: Vision Committee (2011 – 2013) and Steering Committee (2015 – 2015)
 - iv. Key recommendations from the vision plan are;
 - I. Evolve the corridor into a Complete Street, usable by everyone and providing safe access and experiences for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders.
 - II. Shape future development along the corridor to contribute to and complement Complete Streets improvements.
 - v. What are design implementation guidelines?
 - I. Framework document to help implement the Vision Plan recommendations
 - II. Set of easy to understand rules and best practices
 - III. Future steps, before the vision becomes a reality, we need to: Seek additional funding; Complete traffic studies; Develop a streetscape plan; Develop design guidelines or standards; Additional public outreach; Separate adoption processes.
 - IV. Ms. Amaya presented 4 options (A – D): Option A: no bikeway; Option B: with class II bike lane; Option C: protected cycle track; Option D: two-way cycle track (created in response to feedback from the RPV Planning Commission and public comments at the April 28, 2015, City of RPV meeting.
 - V. Guidelines for private development: Building Design and Programming; Open Space; Access and Parking; Service and Loading; Signage
 - vi. Public feedback to date from the March 2015 open house: In general, feedback was mixed and participants had very diverse comments, design goals, vision, and preferences on how Western Avenue should be improved. No clear preference for one specific streetscape option emerged from the feedback.
 - vii. Next steps:
 - I. Ongoing: Receive community feedback for preferred option.
 - II. Tentative August 4: Receive feedback from LA Harbor Area Planning Commission.
 - III. Tentative August 11: Return to RPV Planning Commission.
 - IV. Fall 2015: Receive feedback from RPV City Council.
 - V. Fall 2015: Consultant team to make refinements based on feedback by Planning Commission, City Council, and staff and package final design implementation guidelines document.
 - viii. Resources for more information:
 - I. <http://www.rpvca.gov/403/Western-Avenue-Vision-Plan>
 - II. <https://sites.google.com/site/sanpedrocommunityplan/otherplanning-efforts/western-avenue-design-guidelines>
 - III. Esther Amaya, LA Department of City Planning, (213) 978-1211, Esther.Amaya@lacity.org
- b. **Board review and approval of letter to MTA Board in support of the Silver Line Express** (copy to be sent to Councilman Buscaino and Mayor Garcetti). **Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu to approve the letter to MTA Board in support of the Silver Line, seconded by Sue Castillo and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen). (A copy of the letter is available in the “Correspondence” section of the Central SPNC website.)**
- c. **Board review and approval of Letter to the City Planning Department requesting adherence to overall community design plan for 6th and Gaffey Proposed Project.** **Motion by Sue Castillo to approve the letter to City Planning Department requesting adherence to overall community design plan, seconded by Debra Hunter and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen). (A copy of the letter is available in the “Correspondence” section of the Central SPNC website.)**
- d. **Lilyan Fierman Walkway Update.** The information was left out of the agenda package. However, the final plan is in the hands of Councilmember Buscaino awaiting his input. There will be changes to the curb cut to allow truck loading.

7. **CD 15 Report** (Grant Hartwell)
 - a. Board member Hartwell sent an email to all Board members and asked for their input on items for the CD15 List. Board members are to contact Grant to let him know what issues need follow up.
 - b. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz would like more information on the Court House.
8. **Reports from Public Officials** NONE
9. **Port Committee Report** - Frank Anderson, Chair
 - a. **Update on plan to possibly hold Port Committee meeting jointly with the other San Pedro Neighborhood Council Port Committees.** Motion by James Allen to create a Joint Port Advisory Committee which meets jointly with the other San Pedro Neighborhood Council Port Committees, seconded by Alexander Hall and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen)
10. **Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee Report** - Karen Ceaser, Chair
 - a. Approval of Community Impact Statement Re: City Council Motion 15-0727 (wording as approved by Ad Hoc committee follows):
 The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has reviewed, considered, and is **in full support** of the motion 15-0727 requesting a preliminary report from the City of Los Angeles Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer, the Housing and Community Investment Department and other agencies as appropriate to be provided to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Homelessness of the L.A. City Council that would outline steps and resources necessary to provide *throughout the City of Los Angeles*, storage facilities, services such as public restrooms and showers for the unhoused and unsheltered homeless population of Los Angeles, in a manner that offers the homeless community dignity and access to basic necessities while additionally minimizing the impacts of encampments on our neighborhoods. Motion from committee, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen)
11. **Outreach Committee Report:** - Donald Galaz, Chair
 - a. Motion to approve expenses to Co-Sponsor Rancho San Pedro Movie Night Event with LAPD in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 for supplies and materials related to the Screening Night Event. (Supplies include popcorn, bags, and stickers with Central SPNC logos to be attached to bags). Motion from committee, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen)
 - b. Motion from Committee to approve expenditures of outreach items (pins and bags, magnets and banner), in an amount not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion from committee, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen)
 - c. Update on other items discussed at Committee meeting:
 - i. Create a new tri-fold brochure as they passed out most of the current ones at the Music by the Sea events. He asked for a list of volunteers for the upcoming Music by the Sea.
 - ii. Committee chairs that want to be an admin for the Face Book should talk to Kristina Smith.
 - iii. Donald asked for volunteers for the August 1st Toberman event and also asked Board members to attend.
12. **Finance Committee Report**
 - a. **Report on Budget Day** - Debra Hunter
 - i. On June 27th Mr. Hunter and Ms. Sandoval attended the Budget Advocate meeting. There was an orientation related to what Budget Advocacy is about and how to get involved.
 - ii. The Chair of the Board of Neighborhood Councils, Herb Wesson, stated that each neighborhood council will receive an additional \$5,000.00 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
 - iii. They voted on three Budget Advocates for the Harbor Area which included Danielle Sandoval.
 - b. **Budget Advocate Report** - Danielle Sandoval
 - i. The new Budget Advocates met after the Budget Day meeting and elected officers and created committees. They will serve a one year term.

- ii. The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 18, 2015. A few of the things they will be focusing on are; homelessness, transportation, affordable housing, jobs, and many, many other local issues.
- iii. She has volunteered for to be on three subcommittees; Controller's office, the City Attorney's office and Housing Authority.
- c. **Approval of Bank Statements and Monthly expenditures**
 - i. The June MER has a negative balance due to DONE needing to return funds to the council. Ms. Sandoval sent a letter to DONE regarding the negative balance and the owed funds. Both Thomas Soong and Mario Hernandez are working to get the owed funds into last fiscal year's bank account to cover the outstanding transactions. **Motion from committee to approve the June Monthly expenses passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen)**

13. **Report on Retreat** Debra Hunter – No new information.

14. **Other Reports:**

- a. **HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) - Frank Anderson
 - i. Energy Upgrade California gave a presentation related to efficient energy use. They are partnering with the LADWP and the Southern California Gas Company.
 - ii. EmpowerLA (DONE) discussed that they are considering bringing back the roll over for unspent neighborhood council funds at the end of the fiscal year.
 - iii. Ray Regalado announced a commemorative event on August 11, 2015 for the 50th anniversary of the Watts riots to revisit policing and community relations.
- b. **PBID** - Katherine Gray
 - i. They approved the minutes from their last minutes and approved giving the San Pedro International Film Festival \$3,500.00.
- c. **ACE** - Andrew Silber, no report.
- d. **Animal Services**

Motion to approve a letter to animal control that they replace ventilation panels on compartments on field trucks. **Motion by Katherine Gray to approve a letter to animal control, and cc'd to Council member Buscaino, that they replace ventilation panels on compartments on field trucks, seconded by Carrie Schoville. Motion passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen)**

15. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of June 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes: **Motion by Grant Hartwell to approve the June 2015 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes as corrected (Note: Correct item 13H to add James Allen's name to those thanked for assisting at Central's outreach booth at Music by the Sea). Motion to approve seconded by Debra Hunter and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen)**

16. **Announcements:**

- a. Toberman Event - Jose Guerrero: Healthy Start Back to School Food Fest with Backpack giveaway on August 1st, 9am-2pm. Preregistration is required, which can be completed on Toberman's website.

17. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting is August 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheryl Akerblom
 for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council



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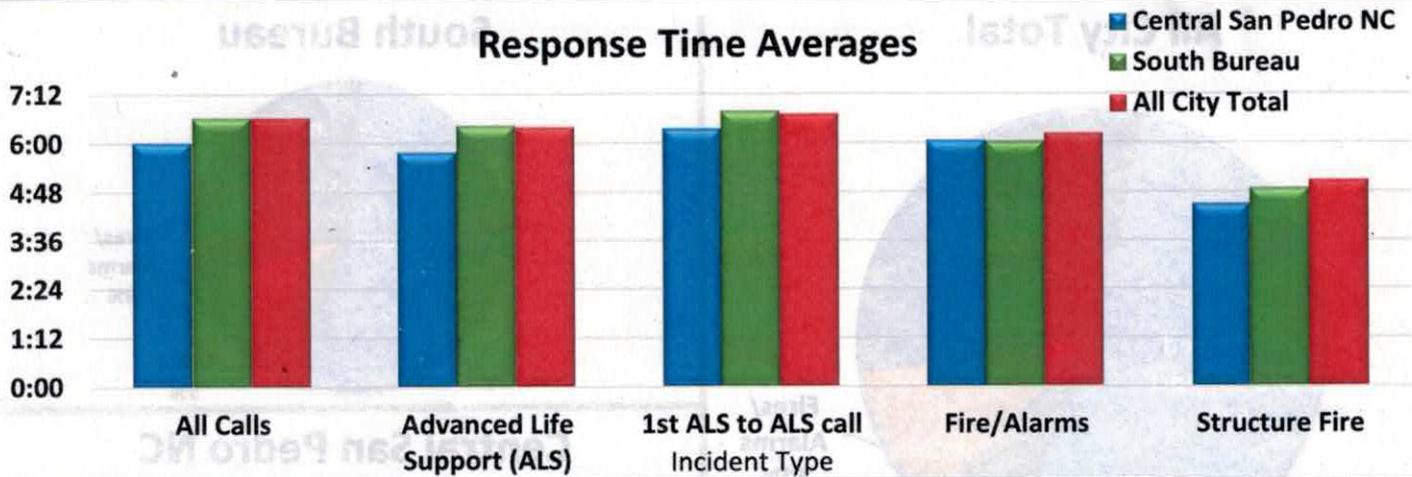
2014 LAFD 911 Call Data

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LAFD Receives and Creates 911 Incident to 1st Unit on Scene:

	Transports	All Calls	ALS	1st ALS to ALS call	Fire/Alarms	Structure Fire
Goal:		6:20-6:30	6:30	10:30	6:20	6:20
Area Served	Count	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Central San Pedro NC	2,492	6:01	5:47	6:21	6:04	4:30
South Bureau	61,152	6:38	6:26	6:47	6:02	4:53
All City Total	216,702	6:38	6:24	6:43	6:14	5:05

Response Time Averages



Top 5 LAFD Resources Responding into Central San Pedro NC:

LAFD Resource	Unit Type	Fire Station	Bureau
Rescue Ambulance 112	Paramedic	112	South Bureau
Engine 112	BLS	112	South Bureau
Rescue Ambulance 848	BLS	48	South Bureau
Engine 48	AE - ALS Assessment Engine	48	South Bureau
Engine 36	AE - ALS Assessment Engine	36	South Bureau

Top 911 Incident Types in Central San Pedro NC:

Incident Type	City Total	City #/1,000 people	Central San Pedro NC	Central San Pedro NC /1000
Sick	50,384	13.3	499	16.8
Difficult Respiration	35,279	9.3	264	8.9
Chest Pain/Heart	29,693	7.8	246	8.3
Fall	29,677	7.8	293	9.9
Unconscious	29,601	7.8	250	8.4
Traffic Accident	26,288	6.9	191	6.4
Automatic Fire Alarm	25,570	6.7	159	5.4
Person Down	20,534	5.4	201	6.8
Assault	17,919	4.7	209	7.0
Seizure	15,152	4.0	130	4.4
Over Dose	12,244	3.2	131	4.4

Highlight = greater than City average



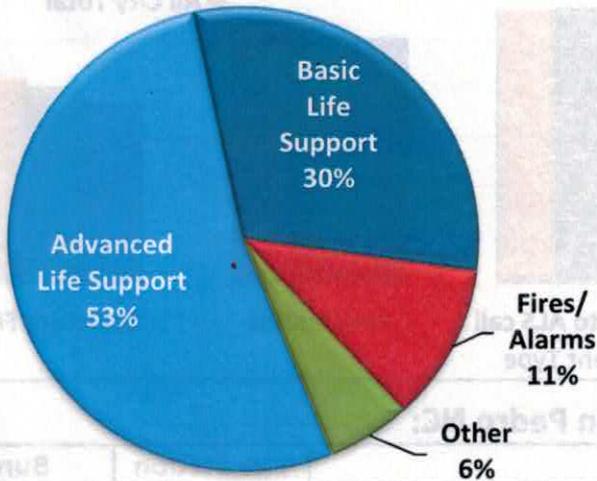
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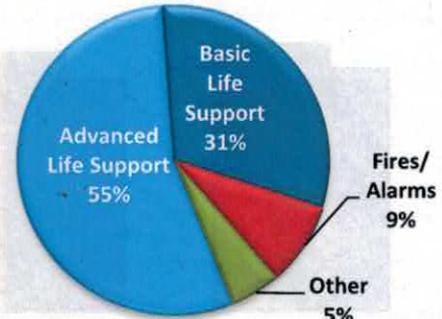
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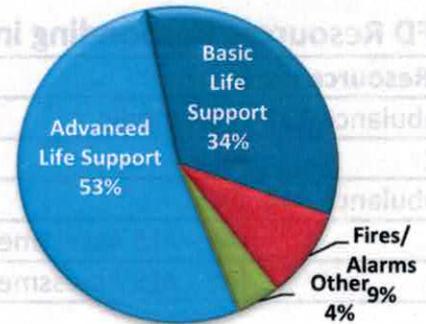
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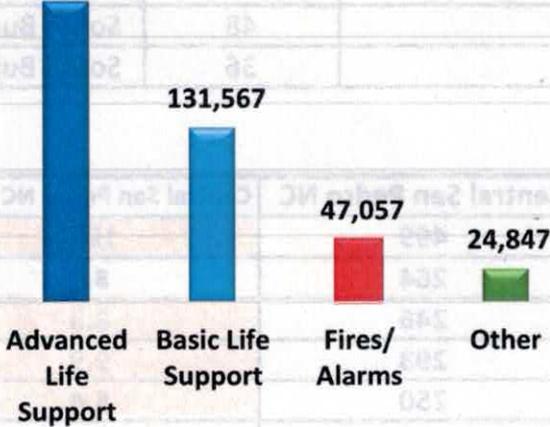
South Bureau



Central San Pedro NC



Incident Count



Incident Count



3,792,621

Population

29,669

470

Square Miles

2.2

8,069

Population Density (per sq. mile)

13,703