

**UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 27, 2025**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present (6):

Committee Member Shanice Virrueta
Committee Member Lizbeth Camacho
Committee Member Leah Miller
Committee Member Patsy Gasca
Committee Member Yolanda Hayes
Committee Chair Leo De La Rosa

Absent (1)

Committee Member Asya Guillory

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Received public comment from a member of the public in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

#25-262 Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2025

MOTION

Upon the motion by Committee Member Gasca, seconded by Committee Member Camacho, the Minutes of August 28, 2024, were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Committee Member Virrueta, Committee Member Camacho, Committee Member Gasca, Committee Member Hayes, Committee Member Miller, Chair De La Rosa

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Guillory

PRESENTATION:

2024 Salinas Police Department Annual Report

On behalf of Chief Carlos Acosta, Assistant Chief Luis Bravo presented a summary of the 2024 Annual Report. AC Bravo informed the committee members that the report had been completed and is now available on the Salinas Police Department website. He provided a brief overview of the report's key points, including that there were a total of 132,147 calls for service with an officer was on scene within 4 minutes for 95.03% of the priority one calls. Additionally, 2024 homicides reflected a 45.45% decrease from the prior year, and 161 sworn positions were authorized.

Other important topics discussed included K9 statistics, Internet Crimes Against Children, the Violence Suppression Task Force, Digital and Desk Reports, Property and Evidence statistics, the

Operating Budget, the Salinas Police Outreach Team, and the Salinas Police Cadets. Assistant Chief Bravo expressed gratitude to police officers and support staff for their accomplishments. He also thanked the community for its collaboration with the police department in helping to solve crimes.

AC Bravo encouraged Committee Members to visit the Salinas Police Department's website, where they can find the 2024 Annual Report as well as previous reports.

Assistant Chief Bravo addressed questions from the Committee Members.

Public comment was received from Eric Petersen.

No action required.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Assistant Chief Bravo stated that committee members received via email the answers to the questions from the last meeting, as well as links to the previous PCAC monthly presentations.

AC Bravo announced that on August 12, the City Council approved two new civilian positions in the police department: a Recruitment Coordinator and a Public Safety Communications Specialist. Both positions will be posted for recruitment soon.

AC Bravo informed that on August 26, the City Council approved the purchase of ten additional Axon Fleet camera systems, as well as 20 additional Axon Evidence licenses.

The Salinas Police Department received tentative approval to receive two Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grants. One grant is for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, and the second grant is for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. This item is scheduled to be presented to the City Council for approval on September 23, 2025.

AC Bravo thanked committee members, the community, the Fire Department, vendors, and all community organizations that participated in and attended National Night Out at the Salinas Sports Complex on August 5. Approximately 2,000 people participated in this excellent community engagement event. Next year's National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

During the meeting, Assistant Chief Bravo addressed questions raised by the committee members.

No public comment.

No action required.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS

Committee Member Hayes reported that she has been collaborating with Public Works and the Salinas Police Department to address the unhoused population in the Gavilan Creek bridge area. She also attended the Natividad Hospital Farmer's Market.

Committee Member Miller announced that Hartnell College is looking forward to scheduling a "Coffee with a Cop" event in partnership with the Salinas Police Department.

Committee Member Camacho shared that she attended both the National Night Out and the PAL Car Show. She expressed her happiness at seeing strong community participation in these events and thanked the departments and individuals involved in organizing them.

Committee Member Gasca mentioned that she did not receive the follow-up email sent to committee members, and Martha will follow up on this issue.

Committee Member Virrueta expressed her gratitude to the Police Department for their prompt response during a recent call.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting, Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

ADJOURNAMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.