

Pleasanton Police Department
Community Advisory Board
Tuesday January 27, 2026
4833 Bernal Avenue, Briefing Room

Department Attendees: Chief of Police Tracy Avelar, Administrative Assistant Kim Monfort

CAB Members in Attendance: Torin Fischer, Bill Foley, Andrew Gelb

Absent: Erica Gallegos, Raffiq Rajabali, Carroll Jacoby, Pinky Mukherjee, Camron Shimy, Maritess Simmons, Kenya Sullivan, Mike Telang, Mary Woo

I. Welcome

Chief Avelar noted the low attendance at the meeting.

II. Police Department Updates

a. 2026 Department Awards Ceremony

The department Awards Ceremony was held on January 8. It was a great event to celebrate the incredible men and women of the department who work tirelessly to serve and protect Pleasanton and to recognize and commend the dedication and selflessness displayed by officers and professional staff. Thirteen individuals received the Meritorious Conduct Award, eight received the Distinguished Service Award, 25 employees received the Lifesaving Award for everything from administering Narcan to individuals who had overdosed, applied AED's and provided CPR to those in cardiac and respiratory failure, saved drowned children and successfully negotiated with individuals attempting suicide. In addition, 2024 & 2025 Officer, Dispatcher, and Professional Staff Members of the Year were recognized. Other awards included the Chief's Service Award, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Bronze Star for Heroism.

b. Department Photo

A Department Photo will be taken on Thursday, February 5. Allied agencies will patrol Pleasanton and dispatch calls for service during this time.

c. Other Department Updates

There are currently six staffing vacancies in the department. A Police Recruit will graduate the Contra Costa Police Academy on February 13 and begin field training. Other applicants are being processed.

III. Old Business

No issues were raised.

IV. New Business

a. Traffic Enforcement

The police department will provide an annual update to City Council in April. Chief Avelar shared very preliminary traffic enforcement stats from that report comparing data from 2024 to 2025. DUI arrests are up. Collisions are down. Traffic stops are up and a greater percentage are being handled by the Motors unit. Enforcement efforts are partially funded by a grant from the Office of Traffic and Safety.

b. Preview of 2025 Crime Stats

Chief Avelar reviewed the change from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to California Incident Based Reporting (CIBRS). The change went into effect at the beginning of 2025. UCR collected summary data focusing on more serious Part 1 offenses, i.e. homicide, rape, assault, burglary, property, arson and vehicle. If an incident involved multiple offenses, only the most serious offense was counted. CIBRS captures details on each crime incident, as well as on separate offenses within the same incident. With this change, stats are expected to go up.

c. Discussion Regarding CAB Vision, Expectations and Meeting Times

Chief Avelar hosted a discussion relative to changing the frequency of meetings from every two to every three months given attendance at the meetings has been so low. CAB members Gelb, Foley and Fischer expressed a preference to meet more frequently. The group agreed that articulating expectations at the beginning of the year is important. The group also discussed a desire to recruit more youth for the board.

CAB member Foley complemented Dispatcher Sydney Mait. He participated in a sit along in dispatch with Sydney and enjoyed seeing the systems and technology available in the dispatch center. He also plans to do sit alongs in the RTIC center and Records unit. Mr. Foley gave a shout out to SRO Jones whom he saw in action at AVHS recently.

Due to a conflict with the department's Team Building Workshop, the next CAB meeting is being moved to March 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.