

## **PALMDALE SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Palmdale Sheriff's Community Advisory Committee is comprised of seven civilian representatives of the community. Members are selected from the community at large and shall be representative of the diverse communities in the Antelope Valley, including members of various faith communities, diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, and from a variety of community organizations.

Service on the Palmdale Community Advisory Committee is strictly voluntary. There will be no monetary or other compensation for Palmdale Community Advisory Committee members as part of their service.

The terms for Palmdale Community Advisory Committee members shall be two years. Membership in the advisory committee is not restricted to a given number of terms; however, the Unit Commander shall periodically review the membership and work with the Community Advisory Committee to ensure it is truly representative for community composition and needs.

### **Scope and Duties:**

The Palmdale Community Advisory Committee will advise and provide feedback to the Palmdale Sheriff's Station. The committee will leverage the insights and expertise of the community to address policing concerns, including but not limited to, racial or ethnic profiling and access to law enforcement services, and promote greater transparency and public understanding of the Sheriff's Department.

The Palmdale Community Advisory Committee shall serve to act as a liaison between the Palmdale Sheriff's Station and the communities it serves. The Committee will consult with the Unit Commander and their staff on matters relating to public perception of law enforcement issues.

The scope of responsibilities for the Palmdale Community Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

- Advising the Palmdale Sheriff's Station on strategies and training to improve community relations, bias-free policing, and access to the civilian complaint system
- Working with the Palmdale Sheriff's Station to establish and carry out community public safety priorities
- Receiving and conveying to the Palmdale Sheriff's Station public comments and concerns
- Advising the Palmdale Sheriff's Station on matters relating to public perception of law enforcement issues, services and performance and sharing information with the public regarding the same

- Representing the views of the local community relating to law enforcement efforts, programs, needs and concerns
- Assisting the Palmdale Sheriff's Station staff by providing advice and tailoring programs which are uniquely suited to meet the community's needs
- Assisting in establishing community partnerships and the education of the community to the needs and goals of law enforcement
- Provide the community with information regarding implementation of LASD's Agreement with the United States Department of Justice to ensure constitutional policing
- Provide reports and recommendations on topics selected by the CAC.

The Palmdale Community Advisory Committee will have no formal involvement in the resolution or review of citizen complaints; however, they will perform a valuable service by serving as another conduit for personnel and service complaints and in the elimination of erroneous perceptions regarding Department procedures.

The Palmdale Community Advisory Committee will not have access to any non-public information regarding an individual deputy or allegation of misconduct or disciplinary action.

The Palmdale Community Advisory Committee may seek advice and technical assistance from the Monitoring Team.

Palmdale Community Advisory Committee members shall:

- Be a resident or community representative of the Palmdale area
- Not be seeking or hold an elected office
- Not be currently involved in any criminal or civil action against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department either as a party, defendant, expert, legal representative or any other role which may constitute a conflict of interest.

All persons selected for membership on the Palmdale Community Advisory Committee must meet the Sheriff's Volunteer guidelines. Additionally, they must:

- Submit to a Live Scan fingerprint check
- Successfully complete a background check
- Submit to a Criminal History check
- Submit to a Wants and Warrants check
- Submit to a Department of Motor Vehicle check.

An applicant's legal residency/immigration status will not be requested or used in determining who should serve as a Palmdale Community Advisory Committee member. Final determination on all appointments rests with the Unit Commander.