

CLAREMONT POLICE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

“We are a vibrant, livable, and inclusive community dedicated to quality services, safety, financial strength, sustainability, preservation, and progress with equal representation for our community.”

City Council Chamber
225 Second Street
Claremont, CA 91711



Thursday
June 04, 2026
7:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS

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CHAIR

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OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment may be provided by one of the following methods. Each speaker will be given up to three (3) minutes to provide their comment.

IN-PERSON LIVE COMMENTS

When the item you wish to speak to is announced, please proceed to the speaker's podium one by one.

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Commission Secretary, (909)399-5404.**

CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CHIEF'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission has set aside this time for persons who wish to comment on items that are not listed on the agenda, but are within the jurisdiction of the Police Commission. Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Commission regarding all items on the agenda at the time the Commission considers those items.

General public comment will be taken for 30 minutes and will resume later in the meeting if there are speakers who did not get an opportunity to speak because of the 30-minute time limit.

The Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking action on oral requests relating to items that are not on the agenda. The Commission may engage in a brief discussion, refer the matter to staff, and/or schedule requests for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine. The Commission may act on these items by one motion following public comment. Only Commissioners may pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

1. POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2026

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Police Commission approve and file the regular Police Commission minutes of April 2, 2026.

Attachment(s): Police Commission Minutes of 04-02-26

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. TRI-CITY MOBILE CRISIS CARE TEAM (MMC TEAM) PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (ORAL REPORT)

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Police Commission receive an oral report on the partnership with the Tri-City Mental Health Authority's (TCMHA) Mobile Crisis Care Team (MCC Team).

3. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY OF THE CLAREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 481 - MILITARY EQUIPMENT: FUNDING, ACQUISITION, AND USE (FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND)

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Police Commission receive and file the Annual Report for Military Equipment Use Policy of the Claremont Police Department.

CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is reserved for those persons who were unable to speak earlier in the agenda because of the 30-minute time restriction.

REPORTS

Commissioner Comments

ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLAREMONT POLICE COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CLAREMONT COUNCIL CHAMBER, 225 WEST SECOND STREET, CLAREMONT, CA 91711.

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I, STEPHANIE NGUYEN, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CLAREMONT CITY HALL, 207 HARVARD AVENUE, ON MAY 28, 2026, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2.

POST THROUGH: JUNE 5, 2026



Claremont Police Commission

Agenda Report

File #: 6042

Item No: 1.

TO: POLICE COMMISSION

FROM: MICHAEL CISZEK, POLICE CHIEF

DATE: JUNE 4, 2026

SUBJECT:

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Police Commission approve and file the regular Police Commission minutes of April 2, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS

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Submitted by:

Michael Ciszek
Police Chief

Attachment:

Police Commission Minutes of 04-02-26

**CLAREMONT POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Video Recording is Archived on the City Website.

<https://www.claremontca.gov/Government/City-Council/Watch-a-Meeting>

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fung called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COMMISSIONER: FUNG, JOHNSON, DUNFEE,
HERNANDEZ, NOBLE, DE LEO

ABSENT

TIRRE

ALSO PRESENT

Michael Ciszek, Chief; Robert “Buzz” Ewing, Captain; Adam Pirrie, City Manager; Alisha Patterson, City Attorney; Stephanie Nguyen, Commission Secretary; Katsi Roa, Administrative Assistant

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Disclosure Requirements Following Use of Force Incidents

This item starts at 00:00:57 in the archived video.

Alisha Patterson provided an informational presentation to the Commission on the legal requirements that require and/or limit public disclosure of information, documents, and audio/video recordings following use of force incidents.

Chair Fung invited public comment.

Unidentified speaker, Claremont resident, spoke in support of releasing the names and status of the officers involved in the Diego Rios incident.

Jason, Claremont resident, spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios and requested accountability from the City.

Unidentified speaker, Claremont resident, asked to clarify that general public comment would follow.

James Roberson, Claremont resident, questioned what type of disclosure the public could expect from the City’s investigation into the Diego Rios incident.

Ms. Fairbanks, Claremont resident, spoke about the incident regarding Diego Rios and questioned the City's agreement with Tri-City Mental Health.

Unidentified speaker questioned how the City is compliant with the Brady List.

Andrew Alonzo, Claremont Courier, asked questions regarding the City's ability to create records on use of force incidents.

Olivia Yu, Claremont resident, spoke in support of discipline of the officers involved in the Diego Rios incident.

There were no other requests to speak.

Chair Fung closed public comment.

Alisha Patterson responded to questions raised during public comment.

The Commission received the presentation.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Ciszek reported on:

- Staffing Updates
- Commendations/Complaints

PUBLIC COMMENT

This item starts at 00:42:43 in the archived video.

Chair Fung invited public comment for items that are not listed on this agenda.

Isabel spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios and requested that an ad hoc committee be created to review the incident and that the Police Commission increase its membership by two additional members.

James Roberson, Claremont resident, requested that a presentation on the purpose, mission, and responsibilities of the Police Commission be shared at a later meeting.

Macy spoke about the cancellation of the February Police Commission meeting and requested the Police Commission increase its membership.

Unidentified speaker, Claremont resident, spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios and requested to agendaize integrating the Tri-City Mobile Crisis Care Unit into all police contact with the community as well as implementing an Ad Hoc to review the incident.

Unidentified speaker, Claremont resident, echoed the demands for an ad hoc use of force review board in response to the incident involving Diego Rios.

Jack, Claremont resident, spoke in support of releasing information regarding the incident involving Diego Rios.

Unidentified speaker, Claremont resident, expressed her support for trauma-informed care training for police officers.

Sky, Claremont resident, voiced her support for the Rios family and highlighted her concerns regarding public safety.

Mia, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the comments made regarding the Diego Rios incident.

Evan, Claremont resident, expressed his concern about arrest demographics.

Maria, Claremont resident, echoed the comments to integrate the Tri-City Mobile Crisis Care Team into all contacts between the police and community.

Noah, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Rios family and requested accountability from the Police Commission and the City.

Unidentified speaker spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios and requested transparency.

Maggie, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Police Commission taking action regarding the Diego Rios incident.

Unidentified speaker spoke about the release of information regarding the Diego Rios incident taking too long.

Armida, Rancho Cucamonga resident, expressed her support of earlier comments regarding accountability in the Diego Rios incident.

Olivia, Claremont College student, spoke in support of agendizing proper de-escalation processes for mental health calls for service.

David demanded the Police Commission take action regarding the Diego Rios incident.

Annika, Claremont resident, insisted the Police Commission take action.

Kate, Claremont resident, spoke about the cancellation of the February Police Commission meeting, requested to agendize the creation of an ad hoc use of force review board, and demanded that officers be disciplined regarding the Diego Rios incident.

Belen, Claremont College student, requested the Police Commission take action regarding the incident involving Diego Rios.

Chloe, Claremont resident, spoke about the cancellation of the February Police Commission meeting and urged the Police Commission to prioritize public safety and take action.

Unidentified speaker spoke about the incident involving Diego Rios.

Annabelle, Claremont College student, echoed the comments for requesting transparency and requested the Police Commission increase its membership.

There were no other requests to speak.

Chair Fung closed public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item starts at 01:30:28 in the archived video.

Chair Fung invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Fung closed public comment.

Commissioner De Leo moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez; and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: **Commissioner- Fung, De Leo, Johnson, Dunfee, Fung, Hernandez**
NOES: **Commissioner - None**
ABSENT: **Commissioner – Tirre**

1. Police Commission Minutes of February 5, 2026
Approved the regular Police Commission minutes of November 6, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. Citizen RIMS Program Launch (Oral Report)

This item starts at 01:32:08 in the archived video.

Captain Ewing provided a presentation on the Police department's new Citizen RIMS program. He responded to a question from the Commission regarding the possibility of a mobile app in the future.

Chair Fung invited public comment.

Sky, Claremont resident, commented on transparency with the community.

Unidentified speaker commented that he doesn't feel that the Citizen RIMS program should categorize certain crime types.

James Roberson, Claremont resident, asked for clarification on the terms transient and subject within the Citizen RIMS call logs.

Unidentified speaker commented that she does not agree with the use of the categories or Disturbing the Peace and Homelessness in the Citizen RIMS program.

There were no other requests to speak.

Chair Fung closed public comment.

Captain Ewing responded to questions regarding the call types in the Citizen RIMS program and how call for service types are determined by dispatch when calls are reported.

The Commission received and filed the report.

3. 2025 Year in Review (Oral Report)

This item starts at 01:44:46 in the archived video.

Chief Ciszek presented an oral report on the Claremont Police Department's 2025 Year in Review.

Chair Fung invited public comment.

Sky, Claremont resident, spoke on crime types, notable events, and questioned why the incident involving Diego Rios was not mentioned in the report.

James Roberson, Claremont resident, spoke about the Police Department annual budget and grant funds.

Unidentified speaker commented on crime and arrest statistics, and questioned why the incident involving Diego Rios was not mentioned in the report.

Unidentified speaker questioned why use of force statistics were not presented in the report and if the Dispatch Center upgrade included additional training for dispatchers.

Unidentified speaker expressed her support of earlier comments regarding the Diego Rios incident not being highlighted in the report.

Andy Zhang, Claremont resident, expressed concerns that Claremont Police Department participates in the FSET program.

There were no other requests to speak.

Chair Fung closed public comment.

City Manager Adam Pirrie responded to a question regarding the Police Department budget and opportunities for public engagement in the budget process.

The Commission received and filed the report.

REPORTS

There were no Commissioner reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fung adjourned the regular meeting of the Police Commission at 9:18 PM. The next regular meeting of the Police Commission will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, in the Claremont Council Chamber.

Chair, Allison Fung

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary, Stephanie Nguyen



Claremont Police Commission

Agenda Report

File #: 6043

Item No: 2.

TO: POLICE COMMISSION

FROM: MICHAEL CISZEK, POLICE CHIEF

DATE: JUNE 4, 2026

SUBJECT:

TRI-CITY MOBILE CRISIS CARE TEAM (MMC TEAM) PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (ORAL REPORT)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Police Commission receive an oral report on the partnership with the Tri-City Mental Health Authority's (TCMHA) Mobile Crisis Care Team (MCC Team).

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Submitted by:

Michael Ciszek
Police Chief



Claremont Police Commission

Agenda Report

File #: 6044

Item No: 3.

TO: POLICE COMMISSION
FROM: MICHAEL CISZEK, POLICE CHIEF
DATE: JUNE 4, 2026

SUBJECT:

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY OF THE CLAREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 481 - MILITARY EQUIPMENT: FUNDING, ACQUISITION, AND USE (FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND)

SUMMARY

Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), the Law Enforcement and State Agencies Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition and Use Act, was signed into law and became effective on January 1, 2022.

AB 481 requires law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from their governing bodies before purchasing, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment, by any means, including surplus military equipment from the federal government. At its April 26, 2022 meeting, the City Council approved the Military Equipment Use ordinance.

AB 481 requires the Police Department to submit an annual report to the City Council for the continued use of approved military equipment or before acquiring any new military equipment. The report must contain any use(s) of the equipment, any complaints received, any internal audits or other information about violations of the Military Equipment Use Policy, and the cost of such use.

The City Council accepted this report at its May 26th, City Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Police Commission receive and file the Annual Report for Military Equipment Use Policy of the Claremont Police Department.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION

In addition to the recommendation, there are the following alternatives:

- A. Reject staff's recommendation.

B. Delay staff's recommendation and request additional information.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Each type of military equipment has an independent financial review. The staff cost to prepare this report is estimated to be \$1,650 and is included in the operating budget of the Police Department.

ANALYSIS

The Police Department retains and employs a variety of military equipment to safely achieve its mission to "Safeguard and serve the Claremont community through timely, proactive, effective, and professional law enforcement services."

The mere possession of this equipment does not warrant its use for every incident, nor has the Department been accused recently or in the past of indiscriminate use of these types of equipment.

The Department recognizes that critical incidents are unpredictable, often fluid and dynamic in nature. The Department prides itself on its training, use of best practices, and forward-thinking in technology and the tools it acquires and utilizes in its mission for the safety of its personnel and the safety of community members and visitors alike.

The use of all equipment, not just "military equipment," is predicated on the mission of the Department, policy, training, law, the safety of officers, and the safety of the community. Officers and incident commanders alike are influenced by the totality of the circumstances, public safety, civil rights, and all available information at the time of a critical incident or disaster, and the desire to bring that incident to a safe resolution.

Uses

This annual report accounts for the time of March 25, 2025, to May 26, 2026, and includes the following updates:

Category 2:

The Armored Rescue Vehicle was utilized for training operations for the Foothill Special Enforcement Team, along with other members of the Claremont Police Department, on the following dates:

April 25, 2025

August 22, 2025

The Armored Rescue Vehicle was staged during the July 4, 2025 fireworks show to provide event security due to the large public gathering.

The vehicle was also displayed during the Claremont Police Department's National Night Out event on August 6, 2025.

On April 28, 2026 the vehicle was staged for event security at The California Gubernatorial Debate at Pomona College.

Category 2:

The Department's 2.5-ton disaster preparedness and response cargo truck was deployed in August 2025 to relocate disaster preparedness supplies within the City.

Future Equipment Considerations

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

The Claremont Police Department is currently evaluating the potential future use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones, to support public safety operations within the City of Claremont.

At this time, no equipment has been selected or acquired, and the department has not implemented a UAS program. The department is reviewing how other California law enforcement agencies use this technology to enhance situational awareness, improve officer safety, and support effective incident response.

Given the characteristics of the Claremont community, including the Claremont Colleges, large public gatherings such as the annual Fourth of July events, open space areas including the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, and residential neighborhoods, the ability to obtain rapid aerial perspectives may assist officers in assessing incidents and coordinating resources.

Potential uses being evaluated include critical incident response, search and rescue operations, missing persons, disaster response, traffic collision documentation, large public event monitoring, and perimeter searches for suspects.

Any potential future implementation of a UAS program would include the development of comprehensive policies governing:

- Authorized uses of unmanned aircraft
- Operator training and certification requirements
- Data collection and retention policies
- Privacy protections
- Transparency and community engagement

Compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations Ground Remotely Controlled Vehicles

The Claremont Police Department is also evaluating the potential future use of ground remotely controlled vehicles to support public safety operations.

These vehicles may assist officers during critical incidents by providing additional situational awareness in areas that may be unsafe or difficult for personnel to access. Potential uses being evaluated include critical incident response, suspicious package assessments, search operations, disaster responses, and incidents where remote observation may improve officer and community safety.

Any potential future implementation would include the development of appropriate policies addressing authorized uses, operator training, data collection, privacy protections, transparency, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Complaints

The Claremont Police Department did not receive any complaints regarding any of its military equipment or its use during this reporting period.

Audits

There were no violations found regarding the use of military equipment by Claremont Police Department personnel during this reporting period.

Fiscal Impacts

The annual costs incurred in 2025 were \$1,250 related to fuel costs and maintenance for the two vehicles.

CEQA REVIEW

This item is not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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Submitted by:

Mike Ciszek
Police Chief

Prepared by:

Garrett Earl
Police Sergeant