

Blackhawk Police Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Blackhawk Country Club, Board Room
599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville, CA

1. Call to Order – @ 6:06 pm

Board Members Present: Andy Cohan, Dr. Vin Mathur, Linda Vaughn, Bruce Gekko, and Judy-Lynn Kiersey (alternate). Absent: Roger Guidi, Robert Durr and Linda Kralik.

County Reps: Jeff Schultz (Blackhawk Police Chief), Carol Mascali (Supervisor Andersen's Office), Tyler Hahn (CHP Representative)

Residents and guests present: In-Person: Andrew Konieczny (HOA), Jeffery Gintner (resident) Online: None

2. Public Comments, recognize & acknowledge the Public's participation via Zoom
2-Minute limit on comments – Mr. Gintner is interested in possibly applying to the Advisory when a position becomes available in January 2027. Asked for a high-level description of the Advisory duties, and how the information is disseminated. Andy Cohan shared the basic functions of oversight of the Blackhawk Police Services and postings on the County website. Chief Schultz shared that he sends out a newsletter monthly through email.

3. Review and Approve Draft Record of Actions for January 13, 2026 meeting
Judy-Lynn Kiersey - Motion, Bruce Gekko– Second: Motion Passed unanimously with members present.

4. Chief of Police Report – January '26

A. 555 Calls for Service: 5 Reports, 2 Felonies, 1 Misdemeanor, 0 Arrests
Felonies:

- Unknown suspects accessed the victim's "Trust Wallet" account and transferred a large amount of crypto currency from the account after a Trust Wallet security breach. The cyber theft case was forwarded to the Investigations Division.

- Unknown suspects broke a large window to the rear of a Tennis Villas residence leading to the primary bedroom and burglarized the home.

Several rooms and closets were ransacked and jewelry was stolen. Contra Costa Crime Lab processed the crime scene for evidence. The case has been forwarded to Investigations Division.

Misdemeanors:

- A driver was stopped for a moving violation and found to be driving without a license. The driver was issued a citation and his vehicle impounded.

- Other 2 reports were not criminal in nature.

B. No arrests in January

C. No Incidents of Interest

D. Volunteers in Policing: 12 hours served by four volunteers. All volunteers provided routine security checks and Vacation House Checks/extra patrol.

E. Items of interest:

- It has been a year since the last residential burglary. The Chief reminds residents to remain vigilant in protecting their homes. If you have them, arm alarms and lock doors and windows when leaving the home or consider installing audible alarm systems, exterior motion lights and surveillance cameras as they are all good deterrents. Also set interior lights on timers when gone for an extended period.

F. Retirement of Blackhawk Chief Schultz as of March 27th, 2026. Transition includes selection of a replacement. Announcement will be distributed tomorrow to the Contra Costa Co Sheriff's Department. Expect approximately six applicants and the Chief recommends setting an interview with the P2A Advisory Board early March to allow for overlap and orientation. Chief's contract is generally for 3-4 years. Most deputies stay for at least 18 months- 2+ years.

Coffee with the Chief will resume in March 18, 2026 – weather permitting.

5. C.H.P. Report

Officer Hahn reported, Crashes were down around 200 (170 on highways) one fatality in Livermore. Crashes on Tassajara include one involving two cars, and a vehicle versus bike. CHP seem to be removing a large number of guns out of cars and addressing domestic violence occurrences. Anyone can carry in the car if they abide by specific storage requirements (locked, unloaded) or if they possess a

concealed weapons permit. CHP is testing all guns secured and have identified some that have been used in other criminal activity.

6. Homeowner Association Report

None

7. Blackhawk Country Club Report

None

8. Old Business

A. Update on P2A Community Outreach – Close to 60 people at the Blackhawk Women’s Luncheon and the Police presentation was very well received. It appeared that many people were unaware that Police were not working in the community 24-7. Many good questions were asked. Was a great outreach event. Looking to schedule more with other groups.

9. New Business

A. Elect 2026 Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Andy Cohan was nominated for Chair, Bruce Gekko for Vice Chair, and Linda Vaughn for Secretary. No other nominees.

Dr. Vin Mather - Motion, Judy-Lynn Kiersley- Second. Motion Passed unanimously with members present.

B. Update budget projections through ‘32/’33 – We will dip into reserves for approximately \$60,000 this year, and another \$100,000 in 2026/27.

Reserves would be expended in 2028/29. Chief and Andy Cohan to meet to bring information at a future meeting.

10. Adjournment - @ 6:51pm

Dr. Vin Mather – Motion, Bruce Gekko - Second: Motion Unanimously Passed with members present.

Next Meeting March 10th, 2026