



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHWEST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
6:00 PM
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER
CLASSROOM 5
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- (See Roll Call)

Approximately 2 members of the public were in attendance.

6:03 Call to order/Welcome

Call to order was made by Council Chair; Michael Zocholl
Facilitator and Admin Yvette Marentes was introduced to the group

Roll Call

Michal Zocholl, Chair

Jan LaPitz – Council Member

Larry LaPitz - Council Member

Mary Driscoll – Council Member

John Russo - Council Member

Don Burns - newest member voted in

Ron Kemp - APD crime presentation

Lt. Jenn Perez - APD

Vanessa Baca – writing an article on the function of the CPC

Frank Ernst - council member for the South East command

Nicole Chavez-Lucero – Community Policing Council Manager

Yvette Marentes – CPC Admin/Scribe

Nicole Chavez-Lucero let the council know to please tell all of your friends that we are really struggling with getting attendees. Let all of your friends and neighbors know about these meetings so we can try and increase the amount of attendees.

Approval of Minutes

June needs to be changed to July on the Minutes from last month
Michael called motion to approve, no opposed. Approval carries with change.

Old Business

Larry LaPitz wanted to know where we are on recommendations. Michael Zocholl let the council know that he is trying to fix his USB that got corrupted. He stated that the uniform recommendation has been approved. He has not heard back on the others yet.

New Business

- Guest Speaker: Ron Kemp- SW Crime Prevention Specialist(30 Minutes):
 1. Mr. Kemp is a former officer in the city for 30+ years, he is now a civilian that works with neighborhood watch. Also works with landlords to help teach them how to do proper background checks and gives advice on how to get rid of tenants that are causing problems, crime, etc.
 2. 505-377-6740

Ron Kemp let the group know that the last CPC meeting he went to was about a year ago. He is not going into a lot of numbers however, here are a few stats; there have been 30 burglaries in the area in the month of July, 40% burglaries were no forced entry, 20% of these admitted they left their doors and windows open. Out of the auto burglaries in the area, 50% admitted that they left their doors unlocked. Make sure to lock your doors and windows. Auto thefts are high all over the city 87 auto thefts for one month in the city. They are scattered all over different areas of the city. Central along new Coors to old Coors is the hot spot for auto thefts. Westgate heights and Alamosa neighbored are the hot spots for the home burglaries. Again, majority of these break-ins are unlocked homes, doors and windows.

Ron Kemp has spoken to several criminals in prison, they advised him that of robbers 70% do not look for neighborhoods with nosey neighbors, these neighborhoods are a major deterrent. The robbers typically live within a mile of the home they rob. Keep an eye out for suspicious people around the neighborhood that do not belong.

He gets frustrated when he does the crime prevention workshops because people are not attending so he does not have people to educate on these matters. He has already done 3 workshops, the first three had at least 20 people attend, and the third meeting only had a handful of people. There will be a 4th meeting in October, after Balloon Fiesta, hopefully more will come. The meeting is about an hour and all types of burglary and personal safety are discussed.

Frank Ernst stated that neighbors he has talked to have had break-ins into their cars and what they lost is worth less than what it costs to replace their windows. Neighbors have been telling him that they are leaving it unlocked to prevent break-in. Ron Kemp urged us to not leave our cars open, that will allow buglers to steal the vehicle if it is unlocked. The club is the best thing that can prevent your vehicle from being stolen. Usually when the car is stolen the ignition is broken. Auto recovery is usually around 40-45% as most vehicles that are stolen are just for transportation. These crimes are typically occurring between 12pm-4am. The worst place to park your vehicle at night is on the street or where there is no light.

For your home, if you need to leave a window open for the swamp cooler, there are window locks that you can get at the hardware store. Other deterrents you can get for your home:

1 Alarm system, 2. Rod Iron 3. Nosey neighbor. 4. Allow neighbors to see the sides of your home, do not constrict your windows from neighbors so that they can see if there is a bugler trying to get into the window. 5. Dogs.

You should not leave blinds completely open. You want to make the home look like there is someone there, for example there are auto timers for the TV, radio or lights; you can set them to turn on specific times when you are not home to deter burglars. There is also a camera available that allows you to talk from your doorbell, it has a camera and you can see who is at your door from your phone or computer (ring.com.)

Lieutenant Perez ads that she has worked in every area command and Ron is one of the best resources that we have here. Please tell your neighbors to join his crime prevention workshops, they are worth going. Take advantage of what we have.

Ron Kemp sated that he will send out info as to when his next crime prevention will be. As well as a weekly email of what crime is happening in the neighborhood.

Lieutenant Perez let the group know that officers new bid starts on the 19th of September, there will be a lot of new officers coming in to the area, but will also have many officers returning. Officer appreciation day is coming up on August 17, 1-7pm. There will be good food and officers to interact with, it will be at the southwest substation. At the start of every bid officers will get information on what CPC is as they should all know but not all know.

P.O.P. (Problem Oriented Policing) project deals with problem areas and reporting on those areas, we will add to the agenda and discuss at monthly CPC meeting from now on.

Future recommendation discussion (25 minutes):

- Some of the proposals we were going to have but they need to be retyped by Michael Zocholl. He wants to retype them and email them before our next

meeting so everyone can review them and next month he can possibly submit them.

1. Provide officers on the Westside the opportunity to fuel vehicles closer to area commands.
 - Currently the fuel stations are at 2nd and freeway and there is also one off of Pino. Council wants a fuel station on this side of the river to cut time that they are fueling up.
 - They used to have gas cards for officers so they can use designated areas to fuel. It is not being done because the City station reads the gas tank, they do not need to use a card.
 - If it is not cost effective to build a whole new unit, look at a pre-existing unit, maybe take a public gas station and make it more secure as an alternative to building something from scratch.
 - Main objective is to get it on this side of the river.

2. The cadet academy: Provide a family and friends orientation the first week of the academy. Have a “follow-up” orientation the last week of the academy.
 - Reason behind the thinking is CPA is stating that when a cadet bailed it is sometimes due to no support from family or family conflict. Cadets should know they have a support system. Families should know there is support for them as well.
 - Doesn't make sense to have a cadet work with their family for an orientation at the end of the academy. Orientation for family should be at the beginning of the academy and at the end.
 - Family can be prepared as to what is going to happen after the cadet graduates from the academy.
 - Should be simple just a scheduling change with the academy.

3. Firearms and Electric Control Weapons (ECW) identify officers through fingerprint recognition.
 - In order to activate the weapon, smart chip on weapons. Denied in May, 17, technology is not there yet.
 - One problem is sweaty hands or gloves, they wear gloves at swart calls.
 - Are they at some point introducing Tasers that have some better features? Nicole - On the news there is a company that is coming out with other features but Albuquerque is not one of the testing locations for these.

4. Encourage command staff (fifth floor command staff) to be more “visible” to the public and encourage officers and area command staff with praise on the job they perform. Michael Zocholl – Thinks it is important that the

5th floor command staff takes calls once a quarter so they do not lose site as to what the officers in the field are doing. Being tied to a desk

- Chief already does that, he is responding to calls. Majors are out on the field too.
- One thing that needs to change in APD is the culture.
- Officers morale needs to increase
- There should be a highly trained officer to speak to the press.
 - Has Drobik been through training? Yes he has He is the Public Information Officer, he is also on the street as a patrolman.
 - Celina is the Communications and Community Outreach Director has her degree in Journalism.
- Recommendation that needs to be made points out the positives what the officers are doing there. Michael wants the command staff to be dispatched to a call instead of a regular police officer.
- Michael – an officer might lose touch if he/she is not in the field after a period of time. Take radio calls once or twice a year just so that they can keep in touch.
- Larry – This needs to be well researched and well written if we are going to move forward with this.
- Larry – We need to prioritize what we want to work on and what we think will be accepted. Then look at other things and do our research because we do not know the logistics behind everything.
- Jan - We cannot have a department that has lost its brotherhood. APD needs to start educating the public about CPC.
- Michael Zocholl – Everyone will get a copy of these recommendations so that the council can vote on it and then Nicole can take it to APD.
- Nicole Chavez-Lucero, once the new mayor takes over Dec. 1st the whole 5th floor will probably change in terms of who is up there.

Questions/Concerns

Frank Ernst – Is going to all of the other CPC meetings to discuss the alarm ordinance. He thinks that it is a waste of time and wants the public that is not affiliated with the police to get together a committee and go to the police and/or council.

- Nicole Chavez-Lucero– suggests that everyone wait until after December because city council members are all going to be changing too.
- Jan LaPitz– This needs to be tabled until after the beginning of the year.

Are we going to have a guest for the meeting next week? Nicole suggested the school resource officers that were at North East last night.

Jan LaPitz - At some point we need to take a look at the Pink Behind the Blue Org. and have them come and speak at a CPC meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31