



Recommendation Submission/Response Form

Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E): A & B

This response is in reference to recommendation #18-05 Community Patrol Officers (Resubmission)/ Area Command Northwest

Responsible SME: DC H. Medina

Date received: 3/14/18

Date returned: 3/25/19

RECOMMENDATION (Recommendation/Reasoning must be 500 words or less for submission):

We recommend that APO develop a volunteer force that can assist with routine non-sworn functions that do not generate reports. These community patrol officers would drive marked vehicles, enhancing the presence of APO in the community. They would be tasked with providing extra patrols, assisting road closures, and traffic control duties. The use of volunteers would enable sworn officers and PSA's to concentrate on the duties they are specifically trained for. Community patrol officers would not be armed. They would be precluded from carrying any type of firearm or bladed weapons. They would be equipped with a radio and a flashlight. They would serve as additional eyes on the street. During extra patrols, the CPO would observe, calling for law enforcement support if suspicious activity or circumstances are present. CPO vehicles would be clearly marked, equipped with warning lights, and stocked with supplies like, crime-scene/caution tape, traffic cones, and portable barricaded. CPO training would include traffic control and observation. Existing academy staff would conduct required training. CPO's would wear a modified police uniform with polo-style shirt, uniform pants, and black shoes/boots. After training, CPO's would be expected to provide certain number of scheduled hours per month, to be determined. CPO's could be assigned to specific area commands or stationed throughout the city as needed.

APD RESPONSE/REASONING:

APD already employs public service aides, who perform such job functions (road closures, traffic control, minor reports). The concept of having more eyes and ears for police on the streets through volunteers is already being

done through neighborhood watch. The above recommendation would require extensive funding for additional vehicles and training for volunteer personnel. The city is unable to make such a commitment at this time.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes No

Recommendation Status: Approved Denied Needs more time