

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL (SEACPC)
THURSDAY, November 17, 2016
APD Training Facility
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

This was a joint meeting with the Valley Command Area Community Policing Council.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jim Souter – VACCPC
Chair Ron Halbgewachs - SEACPC

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

II. Determination of Quorums:

VACCPC Present:

James Souter - Chair
Edwina Kiro – Vice Chair
Richard Deichsel - Secretary
Joan Wierzba
Kathleen O'Malley
Maxine Cowton
Paul Watson
Regina Sanchez
Lt. Sanchez
Cmdr. Olivera

SEACPC Present:

Ron Halbgewachs – Chair
Caroline Monie
Riley Jordan
Frank Ernst
Todd Kersting
Cmdr. J.J. Griego
Sgt. D. Dosal

Also Present:

Nicole Chavez-Lucero APD
Facilitator – David Gold, VACCPC

Community members present: There were 18 others present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joan Wierzba, seconded by Maureen Cowton, and approved by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF October, 2016 MINUTES

Motion to approve the October, VACCPC 2016 Minutes was made by James Souter, seconded by Richard Deichsel, and approved by voice vote. For the SE Area Motion to approve the October, 2016 Minutes was made by Frank Ernst , seconded by Caroline Monie, and approved by voice vote.

V. PRESENTERS

A. Incoming District Attorney Raul Torrez

- a. Grew up surrounded by legal influences.
 - i. Watched Dad in Kitchen prepare for trial as longest serving prosecutor in state.
 - ii. Went to Valencia County DA office where he worked. People babysat me as a kid.
- b. Experience in prosecution.
 - i. Wanted felony trial experience especially with violent crimes. Work for State Attorney General. Did Internet crimes against children.
 - ii. Worked for the US Prosecutors Office doing violent crimes. Like being a prosecutor. Nothing compares to when a child victim came up and give hug after sentencing perpetrator.
- c. Wants to make two changes, Step 1: identify violent criminals. Step 2: Community Prosecution.
 - i. DA office budget is \$19 million with 300 people.
 - ii. Same budget and Attorney General's office but DA has 100 more people, 25,000 cases instead of 2,500.
- d. Step 1: Identify violent criminals.
 - i. Use existing technology to do risk assessment.
 - ii. Use criminal history to determine which offenders are the greatest risk, even if they are charged with the same crime as others.
 - iii. Concentrate on the greatest risks.
 - iv. Quality criminals deserve excellent customer service.
- e. Step 2: Community Prosecution.
 - i. Current structure of DA office is organized by crime.
 - ii. It will be changed to match APD area commands, to be able to work more closely with APD.
 - iii. This will help identify the most dangerous criminals. DA's office can focus.
- f. Officer involved shootings.
 - i. Avoid appear of conflict of interest since DA works closely with police.
 - ii. Choice 1: Have AG appoint a special prosecutor.
 - iii. Choice 2: Have other state DA's prosecute out of their areas.
- g. Question: will technology create unforeseen biases?
 - i. Doesn't effect charging. Effects who is assigned. Most experience prosecutors can deal with most dangerous criminals.
- h. Question: Will this result in mis-arrests?

- i. No. It is used after someone is arrested.
- i. LEAD. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion.
 - i. In Seattle and Santa Fe they can take from street to treatment. No arrest. Comprehensive case management. I'm for diversion but there isn't capacity.
 - ii. Initial findings Seattle. Cost 70% less. Recidivism 2/3 lower.
 - iii. How are people monitored? Meet w/case worker.
- j. Family and Crime
 - i. Violent offenders usually don't grow up in stable households. Need to keep families together if possible.
 - ii. In juvenile detention 70-80% men, 100% women have been abused.
 - iii. Are reviewing more juvenile cases? More violent? Yes.
- k. What are major obstacles to doing what you say?
 - i. Money. Will go to Santa Fe.
 - ii. Want to write grants.
 - iii. Have \$19 million, need \$24 million.

B. Chief Deputy Sid Flemington – Bernalillo County Sheriff

- a. Background.
 - i. Master degree public administration.
 - ii. 19 years experience.
- b. About the Sheriff's Department.
 - i. Patrol unincorporated areas of Bernalillo county. Patrol areas not in city of Albuquerque.
 - ii. Work direct with APD. Share records, reports, DA office, evidence lab.
 - iii. Have 304 sworn officers, 100 civilian employees.
 - iv. Three different divisions. Have all investigative units. We train other units at our academy. Security for district and juvenile court. Extradite criminals, APD, Bernco. Worked in homicide, narcotics.
- c. SOP Coordination
 - i. Under consent agreement APD is rewriting SOPs. How much to county and city coordinate SOPs? Will impact us. We work same SOPs usually. Some areas are different. Informally we influence SOP. No formal SOP meeting.
 - ii. When we have an Officer involved shooting we use team approach.
- d. Who patrols freeways? State police. For crashes in the middle of city, APD will respond. If you're west of Camino Volcan, sheriff will respond. We have same radio functions as APD. State police is on different frequency.
- e. How will you stop drag racing?
 - i. 6 month ago ordinance passed that say we can confiscate vehicles.
 - ii. If it specific time of day, APD is good, because they are very large and can go to areas.
 - iii. We are mirroring city ordinance. Multiple convictions you can lose vehicle.

- iv. What does city council have to do? Taking the car ordinance is effective.
- v. Our pursuit policy is more lenient than APD. 20 years ago we could pursue anything. Not best course of action. We pursue violent felonies.
- f. Work with marshals? We work with fugitive apprehension. Sheriffs and APD work on task force to apprehend.
- g. DWI
 - i. NM has terrible DWI records. Some people have 8 tickets.
 - ii. In the interest of moving things, we'll sometimes drop priors, to save money.
 - iii. There are 22 of ways to kick out a DWI case. It's a function of case law. For DWI, it takes three hours for paperwork. 3 hours in 10 hour for shift. Paperwork for DWI is worse than homicide. Homicide is easier.

VI. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

A. Bicycle Patrols – Lt. Michelle Campbell

- a. Valley submitted recommendation to bring back bike patrols. Settlement agreement has section about community policing. SW Area has a bicycle patrol
- b. Lt. Michelle Campbell (APD SW Area) - Background
 - i. Was watch commander for swing shift.
 - ii. Brought stakeholders together in high crime area, Coors and Central.
 - iii. Got permission for bike patrol even though manpower is an issue.
 - iv. TDYed two experienced officers into specific times.
 - v. Art from Valley lent us bikes.
- c. Question: University could benefit?
 - i. Could mirror what we did.
 - ii. We have six officers on bike.
 - iii. On a slow day you could bring bike and patrol.
- d. Could aides be used?
 - i. No. Police need to certify.
- e. Balance
 - i. Question: Eden's response not correct? We need to balance.
 - ii. SE has more calls for service. ←
 - iii. Everyone wants bike units.
 - iv. Requires innovations to integrate.
 - v. Statistics show it does reduce crime.

B. Crime Reports

- a. Valley: Compare with last year. Unofficial statistics
 - i. Oct 1-31 99 stolen vehicles, 15 days Nov 38 vehicles. 10 vehicle decrease in same time period. Compared to last years, numbers starting to drop.
 - ii. Burglaries first two 2 weeks comparison Oct 58, 69 this year.
 - iii. Residential Burglaries 2 week Nov 29, 19 this year
 - iv. Know your neighbors. Lock vehicles.

- b. **Southeast:**
 - i. Monday busiest day. 10AM - 4PM busiest. 1600 police reports not including traffic accidents.
 - ii. Auto thefts 89, auto burg 80, domestic 160.
 - iii. We get with COAST units to help homeless. Give them bus passes.
 - iv. People call in, don't want to contact officer or make statement. Makes it hard to prove a case. Please make contact with an officer. Can give you information you need. Other day a child was being raped at a park. We couldn't find the person calling it in.
- c. Question: Bank owned houses.
 - i. They are left empty. Constant source of crime.
 - ii. Contact a Strike City Task Force. Angelo Metzgar. Nuisance Abatement Unit gone.
 - iii. City has to go through lengthy process, to demolish or bring up to code. Don't know why NAU is gone.

C. Members Rotating off Valley CPC

- a. Richard Deichsel – Secretary, Joan Wierzba, Maxine Cowton are rotating off.
- b. Many thanks for their participation.

D. Next Meetings

- a. No December Valley meeting.
- b. SE meeting December 15, Cesar Chavez CC.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 PM by Jim Souter, seconded by Kathleen O' Malley, and approved by voice vote

CLOSED MEETING SEACPC

Tom O'Connell was interviewed by the Voting Members of the Southeast Area CPC and elected to serve a two-year term.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ron Halbgewachs – Chair, SE Area CPC