



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 12 December 2016 6-7:50 pm

Holiday Park Community Center

11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

1. Call to order—Carolyn Wilson, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum of Council members was present.

2. Introductions of Council and Visitors

In addition to Council members and citizens, the Council welcomed three West African members of a delegation entitled “Women Leaders: Promoting Peace & Security—A Project for Africa.” The program is locally sponsored by GlobalTiesABQ in conjunction with the US State Department.

3. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as published, upon motion by Abbin, second by Brosveen.

4. Review/correction/approval of Minutes from November 14th meeting *

The Minutes had previously been approved.

5. APD Communications—

a. “Snapshot” of Area activities--Foothills Crime Report from APD [appended]

Cdr Rodgers provided a brief report on property and personal criminal activity. The trend continues, that vehicles are being entered and stolen or having items stolen from them; 40% of such thefts involve no force—doors left unlocked or vehicles left running. In particular, weapons are being stolen, due to unlocked or inadequately secured vehicles. On the other hand, violent crimes in Foothills were significantly down—aggravated battery and aggravated assault down approximately 30% and home invasions down by 75%.

6. Featured Speaker: Cdr Shane Rodgers—Introduction to SOP and discussion of Use of Force Policy Statement 2-25-1 and related policies--

Council member Joe Abbin introduced the topic, noting that the manual of procedures has grown from a small book to 2500 pages—an enormous amount of material to be understood by an officer.

Cdr Rodgers provided copies of a PowerPoint presentation on the policy. Basically, he said that the new policy is based on the Supreme Court case (Graham v Connor), which outlined the limits of police use of force in light of the rights outlined in the Fourth Amendment. The new policy emphasizes de-escalation techniques to avoid use of force whenever possible. Force must be “objectively reasonable” and consider the “totality of circumstances.” That is, another officer in the same situation should act in a similar manner, taking into account all the conditions present in the situation.

The degree of force to be used is based on three criteria: the lawful reason for contact (cannot be

arbitrary on the part of the officer), the severity of the crime, and the degree of resistance encountered. The goal is surrender without involvement of force. Cdr Rodgers noted that even while most officer actions are appropriate, the effects of a bad arrest makes the news and affects all other officers. Incidents involving use of force are now to be evaluated by supervisors, taking into account the new standards. The evaluation process begins with the officer's own report and continues with examination of videos and interviews with all other officers present, as well as the background of the action. Any controversial cases are to be referred to Internal Affairs.

All procedures are being reviewed (and will be reviewed periodically) for clarity, brevity as well as content; the policies need to be stated succinctly enough that officers in the field can understand and follow them. Extensive reality-based training (i.e., using real-life scenarios) will help officers be able to respond appropriately. During Crisis Intervention Training, if there is an error in a trainee's action, it is noted, corrected, and re-done immediately.

An audience member said that de-escalation should be emphasized by deleting "when possible" wording from the SOP. Another member stated that SOPs should be based on more public input at the Office of Policy Analysis. It was pointed out that the CPCs are attempting to foster more community involvement.

Community Outreach coordinator Nicole Chavez-Lucero said that APD is developing a handout card with instructions on appropriate behavior toward officers, for deaf or non-English speakers.

7. Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members and citizens

Council member Dianne Layden described two auto thefts at her condo complex. Following those events, Crime Prevention Specialist Jill Garcia provided information on how to prevent such incidents in the future. Dianne also described her ride-along, which was very instructive.

8. Recommendations

There were no new recommendations forthcoming.

9. Other business

a. Recruitment of new CPC members

In a brief meeting of Council members following the general meeting, area resident Rod Kontny was unanimously voted in as a new member of the Council.

b. Recommendations for speakers

It was suggested that the discussion of APD Procedural Orders continue with a presentation on 2-52-2 (Definitions).

10. Adjournment

The general meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm and the member meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 9 January 2017 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center

Comments or questions:

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ATTENDEES:

CPC Members:

Joseph Abbin

Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair

Dianne Layden

Sabrina Slauson, Youth Representative (absent)

Carolyn Wilson, Chair

Philip Crump, Facilitator

APD Foothills Area Command:

Cdr Shane Rodgers

APD Community Outreach:

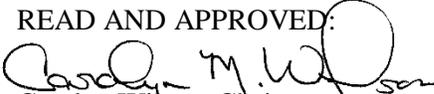
Nicole Chavez-Lucero

28 Visitors and Neighborhood representatives attended the meeting.

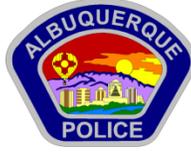
SUBMITTED:


Philip Crump, Facilitator

READ AND APPROVED:


Carolyn Wilson, Chair

* Minutes of CPC meetings are posted at <http://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-minutes>



Crime in the Foothills Area Command: November 2016

Armed Robberies to Businesses: 18

Robberies to an Individual: 6 (laundry facility, bank, motel, apt parking lot, ATM, school)

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion): 2

Robbery/Vehicle (Car Jacking): 2 (apartment parking lot); plus 1 attempted

Stolen Vehicles: 126 (+ 20 attempts to steal vehicles).

Commercial Burglaries: 23

Residential Burglaries: 101

Auto Burglaries: 150

Firearms stolen in the Foothills in November burglaries: 6

- 9 MM automatic Smith & Wesson from parked vehicle.
- Pistol; inside vehicle at time vehicle was stolen.
- Revolver stolen from drawer during residential burglary.
- 9 MM Smith & Wesson stolen from parked vehicle.
- Handgun stolen from parked vehicle.
- Ruger and hunting knife stolen from unlocked vehicle.

What are you leaving behind in your vehicle??

Articles stolen in the Foothills in November from vehicles:

- Guns, 7' knife, hunting knife, mace.
- Keys, garage door openers (leading to stolen vehicles and res burglaries).
- Purses, wallets, govt IDs, Bernalillo County Sheriff ID and access to Los Lunas facility, Presbyterian access badge and work ID.
- Vehicle title, vehicle registrations/insurance documents, registration sticker, multiple drivers licenses and Social Security cards, credit cards, debit cards, personal papers, mail, bills, spare change.
- Radios and stereos; vehicle CPU unit, vehicle battery, 2 TVs, tools, interlock device, screwdriver set, power tools, electrician's tools, Leatherman tool, first aid kit, generator, rim locks, flash drives, Notebook, laundry basket of clothes and laundry soap.
- Back packs, coupons, clothing, bags of items.