

Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 12 September 2016: 6:00pm – 7:50pm
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 6:03 pm, with a quorum present.

2. Introductions of Council and Visitors

3. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by voice vote on motion by Abbin, seconded by Trujillo

4. Review/correction/approval of Minutes from August 1st meeting

The minutes had previously been reviewed by Council members, revised, and approved by Chair Wilson via email.

5. APD Communications—

a. “Snapshot” of Area activities [August Crime Report attached]--

Sgt Anaya delivered the Crime Report. He noted the number of vehicle thefts—just over the previous weekend, there had been 17 such thefts, including many newer vehicles have high-tech alarm systems. He also noted that APD is patrolling the State Fair and arrested several suspects in vehicle thefts

Commander Rodgers reported on Crimes against Persons. Although continuing, the numbers are down about 20% for the month of August. These include one carjacking, robbery (down 25%), aggravated assault and four reported rapes—an increase in the Area Command. He noted that 12-hour shifts would begin Friday the 16th.

b. Presentation by Amanda Bustos, CPOA Community Engagement

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will be having its national conference in Albuquerque (September 25-29). The topic is Confronting Systemic Injustice. As part of the conference, there will be a public Community Forum—free of charge—on Sunday September 25th from 1 to 2:30 pm. A visitor asked whether CPOA and NACOLE are supporting only APD. She said that they are neutral—they want to hear from everyone.

She noted that CPOA posts commendations of officers on its site, as well as the results of investigations of complaints. <https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa> Complaint forms are currently being distributed throughout the city at libraries and community centers.

c. Presentations by Nicole Chavez-Lucero, APD Community Outreach

Ms Chavez-Lucero has taken the role of liaison between CPC s and APD. She is posting agendas and minutes on the CPC site and keeping the calendar up to date. (<https://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council>) She will be adding space for comments, concerns and FAQs on the CPC site.

She noted that APD is working to prevent property crimes during the State Fair and has arrested several suspects. In response to a query from a Council member, she reported that APD does not have an informational or recruiting booth at the Fair as in past years, but will look into the possibility for a booth at the Balloon Fiesta and the Fair. Another member noted that he saw no APD at the Fair. Apparently, the State Police have taken over the job of patrolling the Fair. A visitor suggested that there be CPC cards or stickers on police cars, to inform the public of the councils.

6. Featured Speaker—Erika Wilson, APD 911 Manager

Ms Wilson is a civilian employee of the City, with 17 years' prior experience in emergency centers and has been with APD since 2008. There are 136 positions in the center and a \$9 million budget. In 2015, they handled almost one million 911 and 242-COPS calls. She emphasized the critical importance of keeping 911 for life-threatening emergencies. She and her staff are trained to listen carefully and route calls to the proper agency dispatchers—APD, AFD, etc.—according to a set of priorities. In the near future, they will begin to inform callers of the timeframe for response. She noted that they screen first for safety; they will not send a call to AFD if there is the possibility of danger to firefighters.

She described in detail the different technical pathways between callers and the center, whether through landlines, cell phones or cable or VOIP phones. She provided information for people considering abandoning their landlines; the information that is automatically sent to 911 from landlines is greater and more accurate than that sent by cell phone networks. For instance, an open landline (with no conversation) still provides the 911 operator with a specific location, whereas an open cell phone line does not. In addition, she provided an information sheet on making 911 calls and listing pay and education requirements for 911 operators and dispatchers.

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

Council member Trujillo brought up issues with traffic, e.g. speeding, noise along Tramway/Lomas. An attendee mentioned that he has same problem on Candelaria/Tramway.

8. Recommendations

Council members Trujillo and Abbin will craft a recommendation for APD booths at public events (e.g., State Fair, Balloon Fiesta) for submission to the Council via email.

9. Other business

a. Recruitment of new CPC members

Chair Wilson urged visitors to consider applying for membership on the Council.

b. Recommendations for Speakers

A Police Union representative will be invited to speak at the October meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting: Monday 10 October 2016 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center

Comments or questions:

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ATTENDEES:

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Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair

Dianne Layden

Sabrina Slauson, Youth Representative

Ryan Trujillo

Carolyn Wilson, Chair

Philip Crump, Facilitator

APD FAC representatives:

Cdr Shane Rodgers

Sgt Adam Anaya

APD:

Nicole Chavez-Lucero, Community Outreach

Erika Wilson, 911 Manager

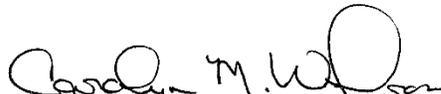
Amanda Bustos, CPOA Community Engagement

Visitors and Neighborhood representatives: 18 citizens attended the meeting.

SUBMITTED:


Philip Crump, Facilitator

READ AND APPROVED:


Carolyn Wilson, Chair



Crime in the Foothills Area Command: August 2016

Armed Robberies to Businesses: 8 (fast food, retail, grocery, convenience, banks, hardware)

Robberies to an Individual: 7 (bus stops, in front of convenience stores/gas stations)

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion): 1 (research indicates possibly involved drugs)

Robbery/Vehicle (Car Jacking): 0

Stolen Vehicles: 99 and 9 more attempted

Commercial Burglaries: 11 (storage, construction sites, apt sheds, nail salon, laundromat)

Residential Burglaries: 50

- Kicking in front doors
- Entering through unlocked doors/windows, open garage doors, doggy doors.
- Using a key (accusing maintenance man at apt).
- Stealing garage door openers and entering via the garages.
- 3 model homes in one location/one case (stole the appliances).

Auto Burglaries: 130

- Running about 50/50 for forced vs unforced entries – 50% were 100% preventable...
- Running about 60% occurring in residential areas to vehicles parked outside overnight. The remainder at repair/detail businesses, commercial and apartment parking lots.

Firearms stolen in the Foothills in burglaries: 12

Trending –

- Saw unusual uptick of stealing trailers, RVs, ATVs, construction equipment.
- Continuing to see a 'snowball' effect of crimes resulting from leaving garage door openers in vehicles parked outside homes overnight – auto thefts, multiple auto burglaries to the vehicles inside the garage and residential burglaries using the garage door opener to enter the home are being committed by one simple habit: leaving vehicles unsecured and not bringing garage door openers inside with you when parking the vehicle.
- Launched 30-day Garage Door Pledge – asking citizens to pledge to keep the garage door closed and alert neighbor if their garage door is left open.
- Most people are terrified of home invasions. These are rare and usually the victim knows the offender. However, leaving garage doors open and not locking the door from the garage to the home is like inviting offenders inside the home.

What are you leaving behind in your vehicle??

Articles stolen in the Foothills in August from vehicles:

- 12 Guns, 1 machete, 5 knives.

- Multiple vehicle registration/insurance documents, titles, paperwork, IDs, checkbooks, credit cards, wallets, purses, govt IDs, letters, receipts, vehicle owner's manuals, handicap placard.
- Multiple garage door openers.
- License plate.
- Oxycodone and prescription for oxycodone, oxygen tank.
- \$300 cash, \$2 cash, \$125 cash, various amounts of cash left in center consoles.
- Gum.
- Laptops, text books, Bluetooth headset, phone charger, radio face plate, cell phones, iPad and charger, various cables.
- Bag full of pens and brochures for work.
- APS-issued laptop from vehicle parked overnight at restaurant parking lot.
- Tools (Multiple sets of tools), screw gun, hard hat.
- Camping gear, multiple cases of stolen basketball and baseball gear/bags of gear, golf clubs, gym bag.
- Multiple bags of shoes and clothing, horse grooming kit, suitcase, back packs, custom made shirts.

What Crime Prevention Specialist Senses Coming Up:

- Better weather – trail head parking lots still will be targeted for smash & grabs.
- Sports/school events – vast parking lots with lots of items left behind in cars – targets.
- State Fair – guests staying at homes/hotels in FH will be vulnerable if not used to removing articles of value from vehicles and locking up. May have increased crime in FH hotels/motels or additional cars in residential areas for guests in town for the fair.

Resources – Things to Know About:

Workshop Wednesday: October 12th – Crime Prevention for the Home

- Watch nextdoor.com and FH web site for notices and to sign up
- Sharing favorite tools/gadgets/strategies – adult 'show and tell' portion
- Special guest from High Desert community with his strategy for home protection
- Should be fun, interactive night and will be 90 minutes, not 1 hour.