



Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday 14 September 2015 6:00pm – 7:50pm
Holiday Park Community Center
11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111**

1. Call to order—Doug Brosveen, Vice-Chair

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm,

2. Introductions of Members and Visitors

- a. Among the visitors, Councilor Trudy Jones introduced herself; she has been on the City Council for eight years. She noted that the CPC is an important group for the city.

3. Review/approval of agenda

- a. The agenda was approved unanimously with no changes.

4. Review/approval of minutes from August 3rd meeting

- a. The minutes were approved unanimously, with no changes (motion by Layden, seconded by Abbin).

5. Recommendations

- a. Rec 9.6—Coordination of Mental Health (MH) resources.
An effort to coordinate City/County resources was not approved by the City Council. There is an effort, working with agencies and UNM Hospital, to provide MH services, as well as working with the Legislature to provide funding. Councilor Jones will provide additional information on City and County resources for the next CPC meeting.
 - i. APD has established a Mental Health Advisory Board, it was reported.
 - ii. The Recommendation was tabled until the October meeting.
- b. Rec 5.3—Registration and Notification of Alarm systems.
When this was brought forward previously, the voting was tied. Many citizens do not know that all systems must be registered annually; one CPC member reported misinformation supplied by an alarm company. Another said that her realtor was not aware that existing systems need registration. The question was raised as to whether systems that only notify the owner--not neighbors or the City--need to be registered,

understanding that they do not create a public nuisance. It was agreed that some form of city-wide publicity needs to take place, to alert citizens to the requirements.

i. When the vote was called, the recommendation was approved unanimously (5-0).

c. Rec 8.2—Positive news events involving APD officers

While efforts to improve the public image of APD are already underway, it was felt that putting this recommendation forward would further indicate public desire for affirmative publicity.

i. The recommendation was approved unanimously (5-0).

6. APD Communications—

a. **“Snapshot” of Area activities** [August report is attached]

i. A Good Samaritan risked being shot when pursuing a robber; it was emphasized that citizens call APD from a safe location to provide descriptions of criminal activity, rather than giving chase.

ii. Vehicles continue to be stolen by persons with keys—keys left in vehicles, vehicles left running, and garage openers stolen—resulting in stolen vehicles and residences entered through open garage doors. Garages should be locked and doors into residences from garages should also be kept locked. Majority of the property crimes are 100% preventable by locking front doors to homes and locking vehicles and removing items of value.

b. **Reports from Celina Espinoza**

i. In response to questions regarding staffing levels, Celina said that there is a long lag time for increase in number of officers—from first application to placement in the field. In order to maintain quality, the requirements and testing result in a small percentage of applicants actually becoming officers. This is a nationwide problem; there is less interest in becoming a police officer. At the same time, the number of trainees is actually increasing, due to the use of various hiring incentives (rather than lowering standards).

ii. A proposal to create a program within Albuquerque Public Schools comparable to ROTC to encourage young people to consider police work. Celina reported that the new training director is working with interested persons.

7. Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members

a. From conversations with neighbors, Trujillo asked whether there is an increase in crime in Albuquerque—or just an increase in media coverage. Celina responded that the answer is not clear.

b. Joe Abbin reported that neighbors are concerned with an increase in speeding near schools—people hurrying to work, etc.—and want greater enforcement.

8. Other business

a. Potential voting membership for APD officers

Some of the other CPCs include APD officers as voting members of their councils. The officers present suggested that they do influence the outcomes of decisions by providing expert opinion as well as information, but that voting membership is not necessary for them. In addition, they do not want to have the appearance of conflict of interest in decisions that may affect them directly. One CPC member pointed out there is no limit to the number of officers who may attend our meetings and that they are subject to availability conflicts and reassignment at any time. We would have to clarify who are the APD reps and how they would be chosen.

The Council was originally constituted to have eight members. Two potential members chose to not sign the background waiver form and hence did not join, leaving two vacancies. In discussion of this topic, it was pointed out that the Council may not need additional members, so long as the current membership remains engaged.

b. Use of Neighborhood Association list to publicize CPC and APD

There was a concern expressed that by inviting all the Neighborhood Associations in the Area Command, that the numbers might overwhelm the council. Others suggested that this should not be a concern—few members would actually show up. At the same time the NAs and the Coalitions can help pass along relevant information. City-wide information can be coordinated by Celina and APD.

c. Councilor Trudy Jones reminded us that the sales tax increase for mental health was owned by the county, not the city. However, the city citizens provide 87% of the county revenue so they should definitely be involved. She said her office will provide a city and county contact for inclusion at a future CPC meeting.

d. CPC member meeting—all CPC members citywide are invited to attend a roundtable discussion on Saturday September 26th, 11-1 @ the Albuquerque Police Academy, 5412 2nd Street NW 343-5000.

9. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 pm.

Next meeting:

Monday 5 October 2015 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center

Comments or questions:

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ATTENDEES

CPC Members:

Joseph Abbin
Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair
Jesus Casillas (absent)

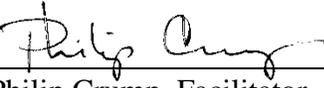
Dianne Layden
Ryan Trujillo
Carolyn Wilson, Chair
Philip Crump, Facilitator

APD FAC representatives:
Cdr Shane Rodgers
Lt Eric Jordan
Officer Colby Phillips (absent)
Lt Rob Middleton

APD Community Outreach:
Celina Espinoza

Visitors and Neighborhood representatives:
Melline Jullens

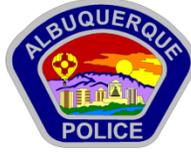
SUBMITTED:


Philip Crump, Facilitator

Armando Lara
Trudy Jones, District 8 Councilor
Mehreen Naqvi-Sherazee, JTHNA Vice-pres
Megen Blackburn, JTHNA Secretary
Richard & Carrie Lujan, JTHNA
Karen Douglas, League of Women Voters of
Central New Mexico
Roger Mickalson, East Gateway Coalition
Deborah Williams, Neighborhood Watch,
Phoenix/Marie Park

READ AND APPROVED:

Carolyn Wilson, Chair



Crime in the Foothills Area Command: August 2015

Property Crime Snapshot

Armed Robberies to Businesses: 2 (both at gas/convenience stores)

Robbery to an Individual: 4

- One at grocery store parking lot at Tramway/Central, one at intersection of Paisano/Menaul, one at transient-type of motel, one at parking lot at 9:30 p.m.
- All violent (shots fired, one a beating, one a good Samaritan who gave chase beaten with landscaping rock in face by offender, gun at girl's head). DO NOT CHASE – Just call 911 from a safe place and give best description you can.

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion): 1

- Very unusual, rare. Lock up, secure property and have a 'what if' plan.

Car Jackings: 0

Stolen Vehicles: 55

- Trend in vehicles stolen with keys; key custody is crucial! Who has your keys?
- At least 2 cases – keys were in vehicle at time of theft/owner in a store or house.
- Continuing to see vehicles stolen by gaining access through open garages.
- One stolen while unloaded off car delivery semi-truck. Situational awareness!
- Multiple stolen while committing residential burglary resulting from leaving the home's garage door open.
- Saw trend on 8/11 of targeting RVs, campers, trailers. One day trend.
- One at gas/convenience store; unattended vehicle with keys and garage door opener left inside. One hundred percent preventable crime.
- Increase in crimes (27-7, 27-5R) committed by people known to victims.

Commercial Burglaries: 2

- Surplus supply store (same store targeted twice in July), apartment complex management office, 2 at the same local storage facility over same weekend, music equipment store, convenience stores, health care facility, nail salon, pet grooming salon.

Residential Burglaries: 76

Forced entries: 36; Unforced entries: 41

- Must do better job of securing our own property and controlling our environment. This is your responsibility as a property owner. These types of cases attract a criminal element to the FH area and are 100% preventable crimes. Word spreads about easy targets among criminals. Just a simple change of habit will make you safer.

- Too many home owners are leaving garage doors open overnight inviting burglars into their garages, vehicles inside garages and into homes.
- FH Graveyard arrested 2 subjects for stolen vehicles, auto burglaries and residential burglary in 1 night with 4 vehicles that were stolen, \$7,500 worth of sporting equipment all due to accessing home through a garage door left partially open. Offenders had entered the home while residents were asleep; one offender was armed with a gun. LOCK UP YOUR GARAGES and the DOOR TO HOME FROM GARAGE. Your life and your family's lives are not worth 'ventilating' a garage. A neighbor a few blocks over called APD to report suspicious persons casing the area at 0139 hr on a Sun morning; this ONE CALL led to 2 excellent arrests. The offenders who were arrested love 6 and 2 miles away from their targeted areas. We need citizens to report suspicious persons to 242-COPS from a safe place and lock up your garages and doors to your homes.
- Family members and friends of victims being named as suspects and either using keys to enter or forcibly entering home. Key custody is KEY (pun, but seriously – need to review who has your keys and are they still trustworthy?).

Auto Burglaries: 90 Forced Entries: 40, Unforced Entries: 35, Undetermined: 15 (not noted at time of research)

- One purse/cash/meds stolen while going back and forth to apartment bringing in bags of groceries – can't leave property unsecured – this was 100% preventable.
- Starting to see more ignition damage, indicating attempted auto theft plus burglary. Also seeing keys stolen from inside vehicles that go to additional family vehicles, leading to multiple vehicles stolen from one family/owner. Auto burglaries are leading to auto thefts and residential burglaries.
- Too many unlocked vehicles and vehicles with rolled down windows; these are preventable crimes and a personal responsibility issue with victims. Change a habit to prevent being a victim of crime!

Articles stolen in the Foothills in August from vehicles:

NMSP officer's badge/wallet/IDs/gun

Fully loaded clip of hollow-point 40 caliber bullets (the kind that pierce body armor),
3 guns

Military equipment including gas mask and military vest and helmet

Work ID badge, keys to work site

Govt-issued iPad

Infrared flashlight, security guard vest (Securitas) and body armor

3 separate sets of luggage

9 purses, multiple wallets, IDs, birth certificate, vehicle title, multiple

credit/debit cards, cash and \$700 in 1 case, dr licenses, SS cards, bank cards

Multiple cell phones and 1 new inside the box, multiple iPods

Garage door openers and keys to other vehicles, and keys and papers to a storage unit

Clothing, jewelry, multiple back packs, prescription meds, books, glasses, sunglasses

A generator, TV and Blue Ray

Keys to a chapel, key fob entry to home's garage, keys to other vehicles, house keys

Subwoofer, 3 complete stereo systems, a vehicle window, vehicle head lamps, and

vehicle brake pads, various auto parts

\$7,500+ worth of sporting equipment

Multiple sets of tools, GPS systems, keys to other vehicles,

Resources – Things to Know About:

- Next Foothills Crime Prevention “**Workshop Wednesdays at the FH**”
- All workshops are 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 - September 23rd: Crime Prevention for the Home: FULL
 - October: Crime Prevention for Women – will ask for RSVPs at beginning of October on nextdoor.com, FH web site and fliers in FHSS lobby
 - November: Holiday Crime Prevention coming up!
- See www.crimemapping.com for crimes, date ranges, locations and auto emails.
- See www.foothillsareacommand.com for all FH crime prevention info.
- ***We want subscribers! This is where you will get the majority of your crime prevention and APD Foothills information.***