



Minutes of the Northwest Area Community Policing Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2016

Northwest Area Command

10401 Cibola Loop NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

1. Call to Order

Chairperson, Eric Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, November 14, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson Eric Jackson

Jill Greene

Judy Kanester

Thomas Borst

Sgt. Tyrone Chambers

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicole Chavez-Lucero, APD

Steve Rickman, Monitor's Office

Sara Lopez and Luis Saucedo, DOJ Civil Rights

Mr. David Gold, Facilitator, Office of Diversity and Human Rights

CITIZENS PRESENT:

15+ Citizens attended.

2. Agenda

Chairperson Eric Jackson's motion to approve the November 14, 2016 agenda, seconded by Jill Greene, passed unanimously.

3. Minutes

Chairperson Eric Jacksons' motion to approve the October 10, 2016 minutes, seconded by Jill Greene, passed unanimously.

4. Area Command

Sgt. Tyrone Chambers discussed policing issues in the NW Area.

There is a scam where people are called saying they have a warrant, from Philadelphia, and ask people for a payment. Call 242-COPS to check if it is true. Same for the IRS scam, where they call saying you owe money.

Is the Get-Hard Crew (GHC, a gang) active? Not much in NW. In the SW there was interaction. Active GSU gang? It is City-wide. Some stole AK-47s. Questioner saw tags on I-40. Could be future presentation. Distinguish between gang tags and delinquents.

5. CPOA

No report.

6. Old Business

Response to two recommendations.

Rescue devices: Goal is to equip city police vehicles with an inexpensive (\$10-20) rescue hammer, glass breaker/seat belt cover. This could save lives because it can be difficult to break glass or cut a seat belt without it. Deputies arrived at a scene with fire and couldn't unseat pinned driver. The Chief likes the idea. It is being processed by city for procurement. Less than \$10 to purchase.

Ear protection for police animals: Goal is to provide ear protection to dogs and horses during training. It is under consideration, being reviewed. Units want to preserve hearing for those animals. Researching products to protect dogs and horses.

PERA: We want to refresh our recommendation to rehire retired police officers. This was done until 2010 when the legislature removed the exception for police officers. They are subject to the double dipping law. Exception for officers allowed them to come back to work and receive retirement. The problem with the state was people would retire Friday, return Monday at higher salary. Bills have been proposed would allow the department to back retired officers. The idea is to let folks in the promotion chain continue but have returnees on the streets. We will get support from chief and other departments around the state.

Why did it fail the first time? APOA was opposed to it. Arguments were that this is a band-aid, rather than addressing issues that lead to officers being improved. Looking at 18 months before rehiring retired officers.

We will get in touch with Shawn Willoughby, the APOA president.

Were West Side politicians against it? Did it get out of committee? Send Tommy the bill.

7. New Business

CPC Program For Youth

Presentation from Joe Kolb. Albuquerque per capita is one of highest crime rate per capita of violent crime. I've heard 70-80% are youth. Need to look at engagement of youth. Enhance buy-in with law enforcement. Kids know what's going on. This came out at Van Buren Middle School panel. We need to take the CPC concept and have this for high school students.

Give juniors a chance to make recommendations to police dept, like adults. Set up student-community policing councils. Commander could send 1-2 officers and set up social media avenue for anonymously talking about crimes. They could report tagging. Get them involved.

Could do pilot project a Cibola. Junior/senior high-school would meet once/month. We're trying to get students here, but is difficult. We could talk to disciplinary administrator, give kids a choice, this or detention. It's a positive alternative.

We could do it at lunch time. We could call principle at Cibola. Which district has highest crime rate in this area? There is Coffee with a Cop in APS high schools during December. We could bring it up.

Some kids may be sick of having stuff stolen. Touch base with core group, sick of stuff being stolen.

Good idea to get with Highland to do program. Did a walk on Saturday for anti-gun violence. Presentation on dating violence. Trying to get program funded with legislature. This would be a great add-in. DARE program no longer funded. Dropouts in second year know the people that are causing crimes.

Good to do at a pilot school. Board members could help facilitate. Eric will try to write something up. Will talk to commander. Could go to Boy and Girls club.

Need to call it something other than Student Policing. Could be called Community Safety. Community engagement. Ask children. Will talk to commander and principle. That will formulate recommendation.

Water Insert/CPC

Pleased to announce water bill insert. Has times/place of all 6 CPCs. Great idea, but I just went paperless. Could it be attached to paperless bill. Could be tag line on electronic bill.

Have new CPC flyers. Has what CPC does. Put them up at 14/55 locations.

Rescheduling CPC

We need to talk about rescheduling. This time conflicts with City Council meetings and Finance committee meetings. Also the Foothills meeting. The Citizen Police academy which meets twice/year, 12 weeks T/Th, 6-9PM. Good chance to learn about APD. Discussion on use of force, body cameras. What do officers do and why. Includes ride along. All departments come. SWAT, open space. Film of autopsy. Take you out shooting range, and fire every gun they have. Wonderful program. Better than TV. Free! Fascinating. Feel what Taser is like.

Change would require reprint. Reprint requires money. Website needs to change. Says subject to change. We ordered 1000. Can be changed. Change at new year. Impossible for Monday night. Concerned about overlap w/CPA. New board members would be gone three months. Tuesday minimal. 2nd/3rd Wednesday has conflicts. We could do it by email.

8. Matters from public

I'm from Molten Rock NH near Federal land. We have lots of vehicles that watch the sunset. 81st and Molten Rock. Also above the cliff near Unser and Montano. It was fine until they started throwing trash. Usually at sunset. Sometimes they spend the night there. Sometimes it patrolled by federal police but we haven't seen them. Response: call 242-COPS. Jot down times and description of cars. Call substation if you see pattern developing. It will be mentioned to the Commander and Sergeant tonight.

Speeders, take out bushes between Callente and McMahon on Irving. Supposed to be going 35, but is more like 60. Every day, all types of people. People are used to APD not doing traffic stops. Do speed traps. Years ago you could get speed bumps. Now it's very restrictive.

Stray dogs attack my dog in morning. Call 311. By time animal control arrives they were mauled by pit bulls.

Vacant homes. Call 311. They say they call the Nuisance Abatement Group. Nothing is done. What should we do? NAG gone. Now Safe City Strike Force. He'll call whatever area command. If there's someone or criminal activity call us. Contact SCSF: Angelo Metzgar 924-3455. ametzgar@cabq.gov.

Gang Ordinance on books, passed 7 years ago has never been enforced. Doesn't have massive teeth. Could be proactive and symbolic. We have multi-generation kids in gangs. Ordinance prevents this. Enhancement for committing gang-related crimes. Is civil, not criminal. Could be enforced. What do we have to lose? Run up flagpole.

Introduction: DOJ Civil Rights Sara Lopez. Luis Saucedo. Not part of monitoring team. DOJ did investigation. DOJ represents US. We want to create dialog and trust. APD said community policing would be hard. This is all really fitting together. Sara and I did the investigation. We sat with the City Attorney and negotiated the agreement. There is a hearing this Friday before Judge Brack in the Federal courthouse. With commitment of APD is working. Getting response from Chief is critical part.

Parks have a lot of activity at night. 15 patrollers in Santa Fe village. We've had shots fired. Please keep coming to park. Basin Park dips down. Command has put trailers out. Parks are continuously an issue. Under Parks and Rec you should be able to lock it. We wonder about more lighting. If you can't see that's where they want to go. Call 311.

At lot of NHs are using Next Door app. Great for social media.

Mayor will come to WSCONA first Wednesday of January. 7PM Taylor Ranch CC.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairperson Eric Jackson reminded everyone of the next Regular Meeting of the Council on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwest Area Substation. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

Mr. David Gold
Secretary to the Board

READ AND APPROVED:

Mr. Eric Jackson
Chairperson of the Board