



Southwest Community Policing Council

Minutes

August 8, 2018

Council members present:

Michael Zocholl, Don Burns, John Russo, Chris Sedillo

19 attended

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Motion to prove agenda, second and approved.

July's minutes are still in the works.

No guest speaker tonight.

- Northeast council has proposed making ordinance to make Citizen Policing Council a more permanent fixture, so they cannot be waved. Would like some feedback from the audience in regarding that.
- They start with a definition of background of why we are here, how we were established. This is on the CASA online.
- Some of the concerns were, do we need it. I talked to another council and the

We need it because it keeps us in place, they city of Albuquerque especially APD, they operates under a community philosophy. It's not a model, not a program, it is a philosophy and under that there's a lot of moving pieces. The community is heavily involved with Community Policing Council and one of the things we do is, we solicitate to get better policies and how they practice things.

- GPS were absent on some of the officers cars. Some of these areas don't come through and they might not have an out, GPS will greatly help to get them out of possible danger.
- We can propose that that police cars are equip and that they are updated regularly. We can take this recommendation to the police commission.

- Other cities have created a neighborhood association, communities that create their own neighborhood watch. It has shown that when communities create this, crimes seem to drop.
- For example, in Los Angeles in the Southeast had bad crimes happening, they started a neighborhood watch and the crimes dropped about 40%.
- If you have an idea or recommendations on what we can do, we can create better policies and better practices.

In order for Community Policing Council to work, the community needs to be involved.

- All the Community Policing Council chair member will be meeting in a week are going to flush this out.

Q: Is there a procedure manual for the Community Policing Council?

A: There is one, they can be found online. We also have by laws for all the CPC's.

Q: About the GPS, isn't there something software that you can put on the computer the officer have?

A: Yes and it has been fixed.

Q: This is the 4th different meeting I've been to and I don't understand, do you have outreach or you don't? You have no support from your community, you need outreach and community.

A: This is a big meeting, I've had meetings here were officer outnumbered the community.

- We are not the only are that has gone through this, we are working to see what we can do to get more people interested.

Comment: The community is afraid of the Albuquerque Police Department.

- How can we make it better? It takes the community.
- The outreach is a critical piece, we are trying more thing, we are trying to get it out through the press to get the word out.
- If people see things changing and getting better, people may show up. They don't think there is any value of showing up when there has been no change.

Q: As far as SOP and Community Policing Council, people are not understanding, we need some guidance to see what it is all about.

Suggestion: Does anyone know what the mission is? When people come to these meetings, that needs to be said.

Q: What is your structure? What have you done in the last 4 years?

A: We were in the process of revising a proposal, they had some system in place but got lost in the process.

- Revision is in process.

- This council got the Protect and Serve to pass on the cars.

James Lewis -One of the things that is happening is that the Department of Justice hit the reset button. We are trying to work with all the Community Policing Council to refine. In all 6 areas commands, we are looking to see if we can prescribe and indemnity. The issues is that each area you're looking at, there is crime around there. I have gone to the Chief with the recommendations and told him that the community feels like they are not being heard.

- Department of Justice has abandoned ship, they dumped it to the community to fix the police department. Which it should have not been dropped to the community, it should have been the Department of Justice responsibility.

Crime report from Timothy Espinoza and George Vega

Our officer's transition is on August 18th, we will have more faces showing up. You will meet new supervisor and officers.

- Residential burglaries have reduced 32% in July.
- Auto burglaries had a 3.7% reduction in July.
- Auto thefts reduction was 25%.

Disturbance calls in pop area are down 21%. Suspicious call are up by 3% due to the increase in officer initiated calls. Thefts are up by 16%.

- There is going to be a meeting on either the 25th or 26th to go over the reform.
- On the Community Policing Council website, they issued a form on homeless. There is a number of programs that they are collaborating on.
- A lot of problems can be corrected, Albuquerque is innovative and it's all the community policing.

Now a days most people isolate themselves from the neighborhood and most the younger community is now moving into houses and the only way they know how to communicate is through social media.

- We have enough officers to get out there in the community.
- Trying to work on citizen control, this is something we need.

Q: As far as this Department of Justice is it going to go away?

A: Eventually.

- We are being competitive into getting new recruiters, we are down about 300 officer. But this is not just here in New Mexico, it is happening everywhere. Getting people to become officers is getting harder to recruit.

Q: I wonder if you got the council people, to explain this program from the very beginning.

A: We are working on it.

Someone had mention measuring the outcomes of Community Policing Council, is there a matrix so we can do that.

- We need to put what has been accomplished or approved out there, so the community can see.

Q: Squeezing in traffic stops, are you trying to do more?

A: They have increased by 54% in traffic stops.

I am concerned with survivorship, eventually the lawsuit against Albuquerque Police Department will terminate. Its inexpensive process, I'm glad they got sued because there has been improvements but at the same time I don't think we want a federal oversight because it cause hard workers paying for taxes. It's probably money well spend but I don't think we want to continue doing it. I'm concerned because Community Policing Council are a creator of that federal court order. I'd like to learn more of the origin and history of the Community Policing Council. I think our new Mayor and Chief are committed to Community Policing Council but eventually they will retire or get reelected. I think a proposed ordinance would be a good thing.

- What is a Community Policing Council, we need to let the community know we do not work for the government. We are volunteers, we do not get paid. You can't force people to do this kind of thing
- WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE MISSION IS!

Due to a number of things changing Michael Zocholl will be stepping down as chair. They will looking for a replacement. If anyone wants to join you can always submit an application.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm