



Southwest
Community Policing Council
Minutes
July 3, 2019

- 1. Call to Order – 6:00 pm**
Council present: Chris Sedillo and Wanda Harrison
Approximately 11 attended from the public, 6 from APD

- 2. Old Business**
 - a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

- b. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the June minutes, second and approved.

- 3. APD Presentations**

- a. Crime/ Update Report –**

- The Southwest are dealing with calls regarding shots fired around the Alamosa Park.
- APD are doing projects using NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information) to get control of the situation.
- NIBIN can test the casings recovered from the site and they test the casing to see if they can be connected to any other incidents that have happened.
- Citizens have been helping catch incidents.
- APD will be having a new BID and the Southwest Area Command are looking forward to get more officers.
- The Southwest officers are starting a community project for the youth. They will be building a Low Rider Car with the help of the kids. It will staying in the Southwest Area Command.
- There will be a car show will be this Monday at the buffalo wild wings. (See officers for more details)
- Residential Burglaries are down by 11% from 2018

- Auto Burglaries are up 9% from 2018
- Auto Thefts are down 12% from 2018
- Commercial Burglaries are down 10% from 2018 (Rental storages businesses are a major target for commercial burglaries)
- Calls for service are down by 15%, Disturbance calls are down 10%, Suspicious Calls are down 15%, officers initiated 57% of the suspicious person's calls.

b. Use of Force

There were a total of 9 Use of Force for the month of June in the Southwest area command.

- 1 Serious of Force
- 8 Show of Force

Q: Shots fired, are those people having gun practice?

A: In this part of town, we get many calls in regards to shots fired. They set up targets and shoot at them, and people just do it for fun. We do issue citations when we get a call, sometimes it is in the open space.

Q: Is it legal to shoot in the open space?

A: It is not but the Sheriffs might handle it differently.

- APD will not chase people on four-wheelers. The people driving them are mostly kids and APD does not want them to get hurt. They have caught some of them and they have given out citations and sometimes towed the four-wheelers.

Q: What can we (the citizens) do get the good news out to the public in regards to good policing? Is there a way a committee?

A: Good news for cops. 10-15 positive news stories to all media outlets every single day.

Q: Whom do we call when people are on the streets, 242-COPS or 911?

A: We recommend calling 242-COPS as that is a non-emergency line. An officer will be dispatched no matter which line you call.

C: If continue to give panhandlers money, they will be using that and taking advantage.

- Fire department is taking lead on responding for fireworks, you can report through the app and online. If you think it is shots fired, call 911. If you do not know if its gunshots call 242-COPS.

Next meeting: August 7, 2019

Adjournment

7:00 pm