



Southwest
Community Policing Council
Minutes
November 14, 2018

1. Call to Order – Don Burns 6:09 pm

Member Present: Chris Sedillo, John Russo, Michael Zocholl, Jan LaPitz and Larry LaPitz

Approximately 7 members of the public attended, 6 APD

2. Old Business

a. Review Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

b. Review Minutes

Motion to approve July, August, September and October minutes, second and approved.

3. Area Command Report:

- Residential Burglary: 226 down by 30%
- Auto Burglaries: 407 down by 12%
- Auto Theft: 476 down by 24%
- Commercial Burglary is up 28% from 2017
- Vandalism are up 14% from 2017
- Overall property crime is down by 12% from 2017

We have assigned officer to block captains and since then we have seen some decreasing in crimes. Proactivity has gone up.

We have been doing briefings in regards to homeless issues around the bus stops, in how to handle it better.

Q: Where have you seen the most increase?

A: We have seen the most increase in the west gate area, so we will be trying to get more officers down there in that area.

4. Guest Speaker: Internal Affairs Force Division – Lt. Johnston

Internal affairs used to be just one division, it was a very small division that just dealt with misconducts and they had what they call a CIRT group and those groups would handle series Use of Force incidents such as, officers shootings, canine bites, use of Taser or if someone was hospitalized. In the IMR's 1-6 there are many recommendations and we are trying to come into compliance with. One of the recommendations was, to take force events out of the hands from supervisors and centralize it through one up. We started to rewrite the recommendations in March in how to use the Use of Force with the mission of figuring out how we would rewrite the policies for Use of Force because we had recognized that, not only would there be feedback but also our policies were not working in how we followed through. The monitoring team discovered what we call a "backlog", we were tasked on doing full investigations on this backlog. We developed a more scrutinized investigation style that finds all the trends and each detective takes two cases at a time. There are three levels of the use of force, level 1, level 2 and level 3. It can take up to 12-24 hours for a supervisor to document.

Q: Can you explain the levels?

A: Level 1 – Low level force. Ex: handcuffing (stay within the area command)

Level 2 – Actual injury or complaint of injury. Ex: broken wrist from the handcuffs or tasering twice. (force investigative section)

Level 3 – Serious use of force incidents. Ex: officer shootings, canine bite, and hospitalization. (Force investigative section)

Q: Is there a final Use of Force agreement that has been approved by all parties?

A: We have 2-52 and all parties approve it, we are just waiting for it to be to be finalized.

Q: If the officer does not report, what happens?

A: We would have to do an investigation on that officer and the incident.

Q: If there are any incidents that happen in front of a home or business, and they have surveillance cameras, can APD get them?

A: If we see they have any surveillance, we will ask the owners if we could view it or have it, that way we can review it and see what was caught on camera.

Q: Is there a recommendation we can bring to the table to help you people out?

A: I cannot think of anything right now from the top of my head but I can always tell Chris when I have something.

5. New Business/ Recommendations

Larry: I would like to look into making a recommendation for a “safe heaven”. If someone is being followed or feels like they are in danger, they should know where they could go other than to their homes. We can see what business will let them stay there until they are safe since the SW substation is not always opened to the public. This would be something good to look into in the future.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned 7:45 pm

Acronyms used:

IMR: Independent Monitors Report