



Foothills

Community Policing Council

Minutes

July 8, 2018

**1. Call to Order – Joe Abbin**

Attended: Trish Singh, Mickey Hagg, Mark Burton, David Barbour

Absent: Lovey Frazier, John Clark, Carmon Ryals and Justin Hadrych-Rosier

**Approximately 21 community members attended, 8 from APD**

**2. Introduction of Council, APD Representatives, and Visitors**

**3. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion was made to approve agenda, seconded and approved.

**4. Review/amendment/ approval of Minutes**

Motion was made to approve June minutes, seconded and approved.

**5. APD Presentations**

**a. Foothills Crime and Use of Force Reports – Lt Sanchez**

- There were 14 Use of Force reported for the month of June
  - 1 Serious Use of Force
  - 1 Show of Force
  - 12 Use of Force
- Robberies/ Commercial: 1
- Robbery/ Residential: 0
- Robbery to and Individual: 1
- Stolen Vehicles: 62
- Commercial Burglaries: 21

- Residential Burglaries: 48
- Auto Burglaries: 63
- Items left in a vehicles that were stolen:
  - Weapons stolen this month: Glock 9 MM hand gun, 22 Caliber Hand Gun, Glock 9 MM hand gun, firearm (caliber/make not arm (not specified and waited 10 days to report to police), 45 Caliber hand gun and APD badge, a 9 MM specified), fire hand gun left in unlocked vehicle parked at a gym.
  - Wallets, purses, backpacks, ID's, Social Security cards, credit cards, debit cards, cash, registration/insurance, bank account information, personal papers, vehicle title, temp tag, boxes of personal papers/income tax documents/old bills.
  - Post office mail box key
  - Multiple set of luggage from several cases
  - Tools, small radio, 20 batteries, GPS system, USB drives, cellphone, chargers, flashlights, laptops, headphones, vehicle battery, 2 TV screens..
  - Garage door opener
  - RX meds
  - License plate

Q: A citizen asked what constitutes use of force?

A: Lt Sanchez gave an example: A subject who is uncooperative and actively resisting the officer requires some level of physical action to place the subject in custody.

Q: Does verbal abuse from a subject justify police use of force?

A: No. Joe discussed and referred members of the audience to the City's APD SOP website for full definitions of use of force levels.

**b. APD Citizens Police Academy - Anna Ericksen**

- Next CPA class will be on August 27<sup>th</sup>, it is getting full, however we will be holding spots for CPC members. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday 6-9 pm for 12 weeks.
- We are also accepting applications for Junior Academy that is from August 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and it is a weeklong academy.

**6. Pulse of the neighborhood**

- There will be a “Chalk the Block” event on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5- 8 pm at the Singing Arrow Park. This is to bring everyone together and get to know each other. There will be food and will be passing around chalk to draw on the sidewalks to build some positivity.
- October is Domestic Violence Month, the foothills, northeast, and the southeast CPC are working together for a special event in October.
- National Night Out will be August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

- A Citizen discussed Fourth of July fireworks concerns. A belligerent neighbor was setting off illegal fireworks. Calls to the non-emergency police line referred them to the fire department. Nothing happened and no department responded to any calls for dangerous fireworks. When calling in regards to illegal fireworks, the call center asks the people to call the fire department, but how are they supposed to handle arrests for illegal fireworks?
  - Cmdr Collins: The fire fighters and police officers have to witness the firework violation before they can give citations. Normally no arrests. If officers are available, they will be sent out. Officers get dispatched in the order of calls and the priorities. Fireworks can be misidentified as gunshots.
  
- What about gunshots on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - Cmdr Collins: Shooting in the city limits is illegal. If it can be determined that shots were fired, the officers will attempt to locate the source and search the area to find the casings to take into evidence and possibly determine if they came from a gun used in another crime.
  
- David Barbour announced that there is a Foothills CPC Facebook Group. Everyone was encouraged to join this group. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/402507013685897/> .
  
- Joe discussed an incident where a citizen informed him that two persons were on site and threatening to shoot up the establishment. 911 was called but no response after 15+ minutes. The threat was determined to be not credible and 911 was called again to cancel the call. Joe will report on details of this call at the next meeting.
  
- An email was circulated among community members about gang members congregating on Overlook and Spain. APD was unaware of this gang related activity.
  
- A citizen discussed a problem with a vacant lot full of weeds and neighbors dumping trash on the lot. The citizen reports that APD handled the situation very well and was helpful. A thank you was given to Commander Collins for his support and help.
  
- Mickey reported that the last meeting's presentation regarding City Community Centers and their offerings was very helpful and he has observed local youth engaging more with the free lunch program as well as utilizing the community center.
  
- A citizen asked a question regarding the legalities of long term living in an RV at a residence. The citizen was referred to the zoning department.
  
- Los Altos church is doing a National Night Out event with an Ice Cream social.

- Vickie Williams, NE Command CPC Chair, invited everyone to attend Franchesca Purdue's discussion of National Night Out and Block Captain's roles at their meeting the following night at North Domingo Baca Community Center.
- A citizen discussed the arrest and quick release of a neighbor and had questions about the "catch and release" aspect of jail holds. This topic is complex and may be addressed at a future meeting.

#### **7. Presentation: APD Forward – Russ Biggs (Software Developer)**

- APD Forward is a community coalition of 18 groups of concerned Albuquerque citizens providing a powerful advocacy, outreach, and education platform for Albuquerque communities to press for sensible reforms in the APD .
- APD Forward was originally most concerned about APD's use of force and contributed to the Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) between the City of Albuquerque and the Department of Justice. The CASA consists of 325 paragraphs, most containing requirements for APD reform. The compliance with these requirements is monitored continuously and reported every 6 months. The CPC (Community Policing Councils) are part of the CASA requirements.
- Russ Biggs has developed a graphical data analysis presentation website that provides a quick graphical tool for progress reporting of compliance for all CASA requirement paragraphs.
- <https://smartcasa.org/> is the website that was created and allows people to find and browse each paragraph instead of having to read the entire document.
- This website can also give you the definitions of a word and acronyms you may not be familiar with.
- Each paragraph entry indicates level of compliance with comments and is color coded for the 3 types of compliance: Primary, Secondary and Operational
- The websites does have a search bar to be able to look up whichever paragraph instead of having to scroll down for it.
- All the independent monitor reports are on the website.

Q: Do the 18 APD Forward organizations provide the funding for *smartcasa*?

A: Some, but most of the work is done at no cost by volunteers.

Q: Has this been done somewhere else?

A: Not that I am aware of.

This presentation was very well received and many expressed the opinion that *smartcasa* should be a useful tool.

## **8. Status of Recommendations**

- The Violent Crime Statistics and Reserve Unit recommendations are being evaluated by the appropriate SME's (Subject Matter Experts).
- Youth and Community Outreach Recommendation is attached for citizen comment. It was approved by the Foothills CPC board and will be formally submitted next month with any changes.

## **9. Museum/Zoo Raffle**

There were four winners of passes for the Museum of Albuquerque, Explora, the Balloon Museum and the Bio Park/Zoo.

## **10. Adjournment at 7:50 pm**

# **Draft FH Community Policing Council Recommendation**

Created: 5-9-2019

**Title:** APD Youth Community Outreach

**Recommendation:** APD shall assign a patrol officer and a member of APD leadership to be part of the Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council Youth and Outreach Committee. Ideally this committee (FH CPC members and APD assigned Officer(s)) will commit to meet monthly for a minimum of three months and to follow up quarterly.

**Purpose of Recommendation:** To establish a plan of action to increase police outreach to identify and serve at-risk youth in the Foothills Area Command. This is part of a larger effort to facilitate a consistent and predictable APD dialogue with youth, to re-establish APD-public trust, to promote public safety, and to achieve documented positive APD community engagement.