



**Northwest**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**Minutes**  
**June 19, 2019**

- 1. Call to Order – Chair Eric Jackson 6:04 pm**  
**Council present: Jill Greene, Tom Borst, Eric Nixon and Yolanda Sanchez**  
**Absent: Cat Trujillo**  
**Approximately 30 attended from the public, 16 from APD**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Old Business**
  - a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda, second and approved.

- 4. APD Updates**
  - a. Crime Report – Commander Olvera**
    - Auto Burglary is down by 13%
    - Auto Theft is down by 41.72%
    - Commercial Burglary had an increase of 17.65%
    - Residential Burglary is down by 37.50%
    - Violent Crimes are down by 18%
    - Traffic stops were proactive, there 6,654 from January to May 31.
    - Compared to last year, APD is doing better.
    - Summer has arrived. People are out of school and people will be more active, if you see anything suspicious, call it in.
    - PRT has been doing great and catching the high crimes
    - 7 Laterals are graduating Friday and 19 Cadets that attended the CNM classes will be graduating next month.
    - There are about 50-60 cadets that will be starting classes in August.

Comment: 7800 calls for service in one week, 851 traffic stops, APD has been working hard which is why we never see them in the neighborhoods.

Q: Will the northwest areas be getting gunshot recognition?

A: As of now, we do not have the technology but are hoping to get something soon.

Q: How up to date are officers with SOPs?

A: Once the monitors have approved it, the officers have to study it and get to know it. Officers log onto PowerDMS to learn about it and sometimes even test on it.

Q: If you report graffiti to 311 and when they cover it, do they call APD if it's a recognizable sign/symbol?

A: I do not know how 311 handles that.

There is a 311 app, you can take pictures, and it will say map where it was taken if you forget where you see it.

Q: Are they turning desert hills into a homeless shelter?

A from Commander: That is a state question.

A from audience: a private company is buying that area.

#### **b. Use of Force**

There were 10 Use of Force reported for the month of May

- 1 Serious Use of Force
- 2 Show of Force
- 7 Use of Force

#### **5. CPOA/ POB Update**

Two new board members joined on Monday, however there is still one slot opened. Next monitoring report will end in July. Use of Force training tier 1 is starting its training and should be completed in November. Judge Browning will be conducting the hearing the same way the Judge Bracc was doing. July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> will be the hearings with the judge and it will be at the court.

Complaints are up but violations are down. Speaking to lateral class before they graduate process of revising of procedures.

#### **6. Presentation: APD Tactical Unit – Commander Sanchez**

- Under the Tactical there are three units that fall under: K-9, SWAT and EOD
- The Tactical Unit is responsible for 18 paragraphs in the CASA.
- The primary mission for Tactical unit is saving lives.
- In 2018 there were 65 calls regarding SWAT activations
- K-9 units are on call 24 hours per day via Communications. If no K-9 unit is on duty, an on-duty area supervisor must give approval before calling out the K-9 unit. The

department policy is to utilize the K-9 unit to search buildings for intruders and to track wanted subjects.

- APD Tactical Unit works a lot with the State Police
- Threat assessment is determined by whether that person has a criminal history, is a threat or has a warrant.
- The Tactical Unit is not part of the investigation process, they do not file charges, their main job is to get the individual out safely. The other officer handles what happens before and after the call.
- Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit (EOD) provides timely, well-coordinated, and proper response to high probability bomb threats, improvised explosive devices, and other explosive items to ensure the safety of the public and law enforcement personnel.
- On Tuesday and Friday's APD Tactical Unit sometime helps out in the field if they are short-handed. However they are careful on how they respond since they are trained as SWAT officers and have to follow different procedures.
- SWAT (Special Weapons & Tactic Unit) is a specialized unit that responds to certain critical events, which include responding to situations in which the crisis negotiation team is being used, hostage situations, barricaded and armed individuals, high-risked arrest, execution of search and arrest warrant with exigent or dangerous circumstances, major jail and civil disturbances, and specialized patrol functions.
- FBI requires the unit to attend HASMAT school and basic bomb school for training

Q: Does the tactical unit respond to all mental health calls?

A: We consider those cases, if they call us directly, our unit does not go.

Q: How many members are in the Tactical Unit?

A: There are 28 officers, 12 in SWAT, 6 in K-9, and 4 in EOD.

Q: The way your officers are deployed, does that have to do with the DOJ? Is it a problem with how you do things now?

A: Yes and no, at first it was difficult especially with all the paragraphs but it made us better on how we handle situations. Our training is better, we have to make sure they have skills and certain training.

Q: What are your equipment's?

A: Bomb van, bomb suits, bomb tools (X-RAY, disrupters, hand tools etc.), batteries removed or replaced, charged and tested, barecats (barely used), a robot that goes out to every call we go to, rams, rouke and other equipment's.

Q: How many bombs calls were there last year?

A: 10-20

Q: Does Albuquerque have a disposal site?

A: Yes, we have a bomb ranges where we dispose them.

Q: Is there ongoing training?

A: FBI requires us to be certified every 3 years to update us and maintain qualifications. Annual robot rodeo and they set up scenarios.

Q: What does the public need to know to make it easy for when the SWAT, K-9 or EOD are involved?

A: We would say patience is the most important thing the public needs to know. Contact the officers that are there if you have questions. Our PO will send out information to the people. If you are inside the perimeter and have an emergency, please call and not come out because the K-9 will be coming out on commands and we do not want to have accidental accidents. We sometimes do evacuation if needed, however always call before opening the door just to make sure.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Next meeting: July 17, 2019**

### **b. Matters from the public**

- Dennis Tofoya (Impact Unit) – they investigate all property and violent crimes. We had an issue with a house, there was burglary congregating in the house, we were able to shut it down and since then the auto burglaries have gone down. However, we are having issues with auto burglaries in the apartment complexes near cottonwood.
- On July 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm, APD will be having a Gun buyback event. It will be at the Cesar Chavez Community Center located at 7505 Kathryn SE.
- Officer appreciation is on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Northwest Substation Area Command.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Adjourned 7:32 pm**