Northwest Community Policing Council

Meeting

September 18, 2019

Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center

Council Present: Eric Jackson, Jill Greene, Yolanda Sanchez, Eric Nixon and Harold Pope

Absent: Tom Borst

31 member of the public attended, 7 APD

1. Call to order - 6:03 pm

2. APD Reports

Since the retirement of Commander Olvera, the Northwest area command has a new acting commander, Jennifer Garcia. Acting Commander Garcia joined the Albuquerque Police Department in February 2003. During this her career with the department, she has worked various assignments including Patrol, Major Crime Scene Team, and Operations Review. As a sergeant Acting Commander Garcia supervised patrol squads in the Southeast and Valley area commands, the Crime Scene Specialist Units, Operations Review and oversaw the, Field Training Officer Program, Volunteer Chaplain Unit, Crime Stoppers, and managed the department’s fleet.

Q: What is happening on Montano and Coors?

A: The County is having a barricaded situation

In the northwest areas command there are two bike officers, three PRT officers, one sergeant.

Property Crime Report for last month

- Auto Burglary: 36
- Commercial Burglary: 7
- Residential Burglary: 23
- Auto Theft: 31

Q: Difference between auto theft and auto burglary?
A: Auto theft, they want to steal the vehicle and Auto burglary, they steal items inside.

Q: What does VIN Etching do?

A: It is a tool for officers to be able to identify that the vehicle isn’t stolen and if it is, they can do something about it.

Recruiting - Lt Salazar

- 57 cadets remaining, and will be graduating in March
- Next lateral class will start on March 30th
- The Police Service Aide classes started this week
- As of today, we have 40 cadets seated for the next class

Q: Success rate?

A: Very high, we have lost only three due to injuries, but if they heal, they can join again next class without all the hassle. After six months of training, it’s hard to walk away.

We were having issues with applicants applying and getting approved and having to wait for academy to start, so there is a pre-hire program. They work within the city and when the classes start, they go off to the academy

3. Presentation – Guest Speaker: District Attorney Raul Torrez

- Performance – we spent first year and a half cleaning up and there was 54,525 cases that needed to be sort through.
- We get about 25,000 referrals a year.
- There were only 97-98 attorneys when Mr. Torrez started
- DA’s officer only has 12 paid victim advocates and 25 volunteers.
- Victim’s resource center is being built, and it is a dedicated space for the victims while they wait to get an order of protection.
- In 2012, it took 117 days for a case opened to fill in court. In 2015, it went to its highest which was 171 days, in the last two years we have gotten it down to 69 days, and in the last couple of months it has taken about 21 days.
- Serious repeat offenders; 114 who had been arrested 843 times. There are 526 cases pending, 77% sentenced or pending sentencing, 23% pending.
- When compared to crime trends in 30 of the largest cities in the US from 2014 to 2016, Albuquerque was ranked: 1st in increase in all crime (26% increase), 4th in increase in violent crime (26% increase), 1st in increase for property crime (26% increase) and 1st in increase for murder (102% increase).
- Crime has dropped for the last 18 consecutive months
- Prioritize cases based upon an empirical assessment of the risk presented by individual defendants and allocate prosecutorial resources accordingly.
  - Tier 1: High Risk (Major Crime)
  - Tier 2: Medium Risk (General Crimes)
- Tier 3: Low Risk (Tier 3 Deterrence)
  - Crime strategies unit will facilitate an intelligence driven strategy of crime reductions that relies on.

Q: Where can restorative justice play in the juvenile?

A: Restorative justice model with community schools to get programs started. It brings together victims and offenders, victims get a chance to confront the offenders and develop a plan with the community.

Q: Is this presentation online?

A: It is not, there are a variety of presentations that I have for different audiences.

Adjourned

7:48 pm

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