



Southeast Community Policing Council

Minutes

August 15, 2019

1. Call to Order – Chair Ron Halbgewachs 6:03 PM

Council Members Present: Ron Halbgewachs, Mike Kruchoski, Jeff Archuleta, Todd Kersting, Bernadette Portillo, Kathleen Burke, Andres Valdez, Thomas Dent, Suzy Sanchez Beg, and Jeff Holland (10)

Excused Absence: Connie Sedillo (1)

11 of community members attended, 6 APD

2. Old Business

a. Quorum is present.

b. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

Added a time for an announcement of the Domestic Violence Forum being in October.
Add executive meeting to follow the regular meeting which will be ending at 7:30.

Motion to approve the agenda, second and approved.

c. Review/amendment/approval of July Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes, second, and approved. (Vote: Yes-6; No-3)

3. Presentation & Discussion

Sgt. Diane Dosal, Behavioral Science Section Unit (Crisis Interventions Unit).

Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) works to safely connect people living with mental illness services through inclusive collaboration between law enforcement and the community specialized responses and training.

CIU has 24 personnel.

- 8 Home Visit Detectives and 2 APD Clinicians
- Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) has 5 Civilians
- 6 Mobile Crisis Teams: APD and BCSO Officers
- 4 Coordinators: Training & Curriculum

COAST Staff: Education and experience requirements are the following: related and experience may be interchangeable on a year for year basis. Bachelor's degree in social work, sociology, psychology or related field, plus four years' experience in counseling, social work or crisis intervention.

COAST: Crisis Outreach and Support Team

- COAST is designed to help people in a crisis. Their work involves more than homelessness. They truly help people who cannot help themselves.
- They do not receive any funding, are always reaching out for help with vouchers and help from non-profits.
- They assist field officers with people who suffer from mental illness
- January 2019 there were 68 cases of assistance outside of outreach by APD referrals.

The number of APD's Behavioral Health-Related calls:

- In 2017 there were, 6,535 calls
- In 2018 there were, 6,302 calls

LEAD: Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (SOP 2-72-9 Policy) it is the policy of the department to provide the LEAD program, which allows police officers to utilize discretion to divert low-level non-violent offenders whose offense is driven by problematic substance use, mental illness, homelessness, or poverty away from the criminal justice system.

Pilot program – Southeast Problem Response Team

Q: How does it tie in the veteran assistance program?

A: The case manager would link into that, not the officer

Q: What is a typical CIT training?

A: 100 hours of behavioral training where the training is as realistic to the officers.

Q: This is a pilot program, what is the standard for success?

A: The referrals are what will make it successful. The goal is 10 referrals a month to see the outcomes.

Q: Average success rate?

A: 70% of individuals are successful.

Q: Could you talk on how the training is conducted?

A: Officers do a 40-hour training program and learn how deescalate. There is an on-site visit at the psychiatric unit. Four days of learning and on the final day, professional actors come in and will make a scenario based on what they learned the first few days.

Q: Is there a standard, method, test or how the information is given?

A: Pre-test on how much they understand, need to pass with a 70% (will get with them on a one on one to discuss the questions). They take a posttest with 80% or better.

Lt. Dosal: All officers have CIT training. If someone wants to be really involved they have to do another 8 hours of training and will be in ECIT. We have a CIT class 3 times a year for the public and can only take up to 40 students.

Q: LEAD program; is that the same in domestic violence?

A: No, these are for low-level crimes who do not have any history but need help.

Q: Who do you call if you witness someone shooting up heroin?

A: 242-COPS is the non-emergency line; if the person is unconscious then call 911.

Domestic Violence Forum -

Dorothy Woodward and Vicki Williams from the Northeast CPC made an announcement in regards to the Domestic Violence Forum they will be holding in October 26. Will be informing people what are the traits and it will be covering many topics related in domestic violence. Will be having people from APD, DA, Assistant State Attorney, Domestic Violence Coalition (Kathleen Burke and Christine Barber). The goal is to educate the public on resources and services available.

Q: Are domestic violence calls are the most dangerous t to handle?

A: Yes, usually because the people do not want us there. We have to take precaution on how we approach it. Officers have to be careful when going to those calls

4. APD Report: Lt. Adam Anaya:

Crime Statistics from July 18 – August 14, 2019

1661 incidents (excluding accidents)

- Larceny – 151
- Auto Theft – 110
- Auto Burglary – 95
- Residential Burglary – 70

- Vandalism – 62
- Commercial Burglary – 24
- Disorderly Conduct – 118
- Drug Violation – 19
- DUI – 18
- Forgery – 9
- Fraud – 15
- Recovered Vehicle – 9
- Trespassing – 9
- Warrant – 56
- Weapon Violation – 1
- Family Offenses – 243
- Simple Assault – 31
- Aggravated Assault/Battery – 69
- Robbery (All Types) – 31
- Criminal Sexual Penetration – 4
- Homicide – 3
- Kidnapping – 1
- Prostitution – 0

42 Neighborhood Association Meetings/Community/ School Events (National Night Out)

4 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Security Surveys for business and homes

1 Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Total Use of Force reported in July were 16

- Serious Use of Force: 3
- Show of Force: 1
- Use of Force: 12

Q: Is there any follow up on the circumstance on the 80 year old?

A: It is an ongoing investigation, cannot speak on it.

5. New business

Ron: Working on recommendations that were approved by the SE Area CPC but nothing was ever done by APD.

Kathleen's recommendation has been submitted however, it has to go through many of the chains since this is hitting different departments.

Adjourned - 7:30 pm

EXECUTIVE CLOSED MEETING: There was a discussion regarding certain raids on properties by the Narcotics Unit. It was decided that additional information would be needed from several groups before the CPC would be involved.