



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Minutes of the Northwest Area Community Policing Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2018

Northwest Area Command

10401 Cibola Loop NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Eric Jackson, Chair -
Tom Borst
Jill Greene
Judy Kanester
Yolanda Sanchez

Absent:
Eric Nixon

Also Present:

Commander Paul Szych, APD Aviation Unit
Commander Donovan Olvera, APD NW Area Command
Pete Gelabert, APD Crime Prevention Specialist
Sandy Pino, APD Crime Prevention Specialist
Chris Sylvan, APD CPC Manager
Yvette Marentes, APD CPC Admin

Community Members: More than 20 community members were present.

The council said the Pledge of Allegiance, approved the December minutes and agenda for the meeting, minutes with no changes agenda is approved after striking item #7.

Street safe New Mexico will not be able to make their presentation tonight. They will be back out at another time.

CPOA/POB Update

Ed Harness executive director of police oversight board was present with two other members: Dr. Kass and Chantel Galloway, their function is to investigate citizen complaints against the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and to review serious use of force from APD and make recommendations. They are being evaluated under the Court Appointed Settlement Agreement (CASA).

Next CPC summit will be the 14th of March at the Plaza Del Sol building at 6pm. Mayor Keller will be present at the meeting. If the new US Attorney is seated he will be present as well. It will be open to the public however, there will be no public comment.

Outreach committee met last night and reached a mission statement and goals for the board. Next meeting is March 8th.

If you are part of the CPC or oversight board you must attend a Citizens Police Academy (CPA), there is a bridge program starting over the next two weekends.

Area Command Update

Commander Donovan Olvera; last month's NWCPC meeting the DOJ and the mentors were present at the meeting and were very pleased to see the turnout, organization and the relationship between the community and APD.

Lieutenant Scott Norris read the area command update, one initiative they have recently started are bike units starting to patrol specific areas. The bike units are responsible for being proactive in their specific areas, they are not taking calls. They just started on Saturday and have made felony arrests every day since. They are looking at problem houses in the area as well. Everything in the area command has been running smoothly.

What is proactive policing?

Doing traffic stops, patrolling up and down a bike path and alley ways of particular business. They are also responsible for business contacts every day, to see how the businesses are doing and if there are any trends going on. They also engage with the community, this will help the public to be more comfortable when interacting with an officer. And helping to provide resources and/or diversionary programs to anyone that may need them. Tomorrow and today they have had meetings at schools where they are meeting the students, and answering any questions that they may have as well as educating in literacy.

What are the hours for bike patrol?

They are working during the highest crime times discovered during crime analysis. Friday-Monday from 12pm-10pm. The schedule can change and/or adjust depending on the need of the community. They will also be moved around accordingly, the main goal is to keep them in active areas.

A member from the community has seen the bike police around, how can we get the waste cleaned up in the area?

This is something that waste management can take care of, phone calls from the community are what will help to get this cleaned up, you can call 311.

There was a discussion as to APS schools, APS employees their own officers however, active shooter training is offered through APD. When a school is on lockdown the officers are not able to get in unless the school allows.

APD can communicate with other agencies through the radio system but they are not on the same frequency as one another, however, APS does not have access to APD radio. The CPC can make a recommendation on this if needed, that is what we are here for; to look at policy changes and tactical changes. This has been an issue before; during disaster the fire department cannot comment with APD. APD is looking at a new updated radio system, as the radio system APD uses is out of date.

A community member's neighbor's house was shot at a few weeks ago, they had a security system that was poor quality. What are good quality cameras?

APD cannot make recommendations but you can look to the crime prevention specialists in your area command and they can tell you exactly what to look for. Pete Gilaber and/or Sandy Pino are the people to contact for this area command, you can reach them by calling the substation. They will also come out to your home on your schedule and conduct a security inspection and recommend things you can change, free of charge.

The new Mobile Crisis teams are with the Crisis Intervention Team/Unit that provides resources and provides welfare checks on people with mental illness or behavioral health problems. There are eCIT (enhanced crisis intervention training) officers, they have a clinician riding with them. The clinician can then assess the person right on the spot. The eCIT officers are in uniform, the detectives and clinicians have vests that they wear to identify themselves. This new unit is still in process, they are still building the teams. For more information you can contact the Lieutenant Wesley as he is in charge of the CIU (Crisis Intervention Unit.)

APD Northwest Command are in the process right now of working to create a public safety meeting, the goal is to have it set up by May. They are meeting next week on the 28th to try and figure out how to help with the crime in the area. One thing they have noticed is that neighbors are not talking to one another, neighborhood associations and talking to your neighbor can be a big help in getting a person caught or helping to stop the crime in the area.

Lt. Norris, Sent out a mass bulletin to all of the neighborhood associations in the area to try and facilitate additional meetings and create a lot more communication between the police and the neighborhood as well as networking different neighborhoods. If you have not responded to the email, please look for the email and respond, they are looking for more responses than what they have received. Talk to the other block captains about this as well, they are just looking for responses and then they can coordinate the areas within each other.

Eric Jackson, make sure to use nextdoor.com you can see posts from APD and Berinallo County but they cannot read or see the posts. If you see posts and think that the police will respond they will not as they cannot see the posts. Make sure to report to the police by calling 911 or 242-COPS.

New Business

- Resubmission of Recommendations.

We have a brand new administration, a new command team and the NWCPD will be resubmitting recommendations that we have made. All CPC's make recommendations and suggestions on policy changes, tactic strategy etc. Most CPC's have recommendations to resubmit.

The NWCPC will resubmit the following recommendations:

- NWCPC is resubmitting the mail theft recommendation; it asks that the department start tracking mail theft and vandalism to mail boxes so that officers can be more proactive.
- The request for lock zone (narcans) training, to help reduce and/or stop an overdose.
- Rescue tools in police vehicles recommendation; having officers carry various items in their vehicle to help with a rescue situation.
- Safe exchanges zones; a place monitored by the real time crime center where they can video tape what is going on if you are meeting someone you do not know to exchange goods, etc.
- They are also working on a suggestions box for the area command that is for officers to make to the council without having to go through their chain of command.
- APD has a museum that hardly anyone knows about and you can only get to it by appointment. The person in charge of the museum will let you in and let you tour it. The recommendation was to make the museum more accessible.

Matters from the public

Sandy Pino stated that the postal service is currently working replacing all community mail boxes with greater mailboxes that are harder to break into.

Chris Sylvan, the new CPC manager introduced himself he came from city council and was appointed by the mayor this month.

James Lewis the newly appointed Senior Advisor for Public Safety introduced himself. He is a retired state treasure as of yesterday he is coming on board to work with police officers, the CPC's and the community regarding crime. He has been in the Taylor ranch area for years. There is concern with the crime that is going on, he will be visiting with the mayor regarding his responsibilities and duties. The police officers need to get back into the community and the community needs to get back into policing.

Tom Borst, is with the Coalition of neighborhoods, one thing that he works on is transportation, there are new apparatuses on the lights on Coors, they are called ATSPM which is a maintenance program where the city can see the timing of the light, if it is not changing, or if it glitches. They can update the timing of the lights as well, it is a little camera with a sensor.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20