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**MEETING MINUTES
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
6:30 PM
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER
CLASSROOM 5
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

In Attendance:

- Eric Olivas, Chair
- Brennan Williams, Vice Chair
- Bettina Eklund
- Ane Romero
- Dorothy Woodward
- Lieutenant David Saladin
- Sergeant Dain Symes
- Sergeant Josh Brown
- Detective Adam Perea
- Celina Espinoza, APD Communications and Community Outreach Director
- Hannah Glasgow, APD Communications and Community Outreach Intern
- Yvette Marentes, APD Community Policing Council Staff
- Jessie Lawrence, CABQ Contract Facilitator

Approximately 32 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Call to Order/Welcome – Eric Olivas

Chair Eric Olivas called the meeting to order at 6:30. He welcomed all meeting participants, provided an overview of meeting procedures for providing feedback and comments, and reminded people to be respectful of others' views and the available time. He directed attendees to information on the white board about how to respond to speeding or distracted APS bus drivers. Concerns can be directed to 880-3989 or 243-7712 (APS police) with the bus number, date, and time of the incident. He also reminded attendees that the NE CPC board is always looking for new members.

2. Old Business: Approval of Agenda, Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Dorothy Woodward moved to approve the agenda and the August 2017 meeting minutes as drafted. Brennan Williams seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Eric Olivas noted that because Nicole Chavez-Lucero is no longer with APD, there will not be an update on CPC-related outreach activities at this meeting.

Penny Hoe provided an update on the work of the Neighborhood Watch and Safety Advocates Committee (NWSA). The NWSA was formed as an ad hoc committee of the NE CPC. The committee's next workshop will be on Monday, September 25, at 6:30 PM at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church Adult Education Center. Block captains are invited to attend and learn more about SWAT. Interested individuals can contact Penny for more information.

3. Report from APD on Crime and Crime Prevention in the Northeast Area Command – Sgt. Dain Symes

Sergeant Dain Symes presented information about recent crime and police activities in the Northeast Area Command. Auto thefts are still a concern, and he recommended not leaving items in cars and keeping keys in a secure location in the house. He also said that electronic versions of vehicle registrations and insurance cards are acceptable, so these, which can create a risk of home burglary or identity theft if stolen, don't need to be kept in the car. He also said that residential burglaries continue to be an issue, and if a home has a dog door it should be secured. He recommended that people call and report any crimes or suspicious incidents that they witness to provide more information to APD. He recommended Sharanne Press as a resource for crime prevention information and the Northeast Area Command website, www.northeastareacommand.com, for additional information.

Discussion included a request to provide more data about the numbers of burglaries and apprehensions. Sgt. Symes said that statistics may be difficult to provide, but if individuals have questions about specific cases, they can contact the substation; another meeting attendee added that neighborhood watch coordinators can also help provide information about individual cases. Discussion also included questions about reporting and addressing incidents at specific retail locations. Sgt. Symes again urged reporting because it assists APD in identifying specific targeted efforts. Non-emergency reporting can be accomplished via 242-COPS or the telephone reporting unit. He also said that he would follow up to discuss the specific retail issue discussed.

Eric Olivas welcomed a new NE CPC board member, Ane Romero. Dorothy Woodward moved to nominate her for the board. Brennan Williams seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Ane Romero introduced herself. Her background is in behavioral health, including policy and suicide prevention. She said that she is interested in finding ways for the NE CPC to be proactive, in finding ways to engage young people, and in discussing ways to address behavioral health needs in the community.

4. Introduction of Guest Speakers: Lt. David Saladin, Violent Crimes Section, Acting Commander: Family Advocacy Center; Sgt. Josh Brown, Auto Theft Unit; Detective Adam Perea, Armed Robbery Unit

Lt. David Saladin, Sgt. John Brown, and Detective Adam Perea each presented information about their work and answered questions from meeting attendees. Lt. Saladin spoke about the Family Advocacy Center, located at 625 Silver, which provides resources for victims of interpersonal crime. Sgt. Brown presented information about auto thefts and suggestions for how attendees can make themselves “harder targets.” Detective Perea presented information about home and business crime prevention and how the police try to work with the community to address these property crime issues.

Discussion included questions about APD’s compliance with the DOJ settlement agreement, the role of the judiciary in putting criminals in jail and deterring crime, types of auto theft, types of crime prevention techniques, police response times, and the use of the chief’s overtime program by businesses to prevent crime.

Dorothy Woodward suggested that APD should communicate with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination to increase the amount of dialogue to neighborhood associations about crime prevention, especially for the elderly.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM. The next meeting will be on October at 6:30 PM. It will be a roundtable discussion of issues that attendees have indicated that they are interested in, with the goal of providing information to the new mayor at the beginning of 2018.