



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHWEST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
6:00 PM
Patrick Baca Library
8081 Central NW
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Michael Zocholl, Chair
- Don Burns – Co-Chair
- Jan LaPitz – Voting Member
- Larry LaPitz - Voting Member
- John Russo - Voting Member
- Lt. Jenn Perez – APD
- Sergeant Ingram - APD
- Detective Whigham - APD
- Celina Espinoza, APD Director of Communication
- Yvette Marentes, CPC Admin

0 members of the public were in attendance.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Michael Zocholl, Chair

Roll Call

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve agenda, motion was passed with amendments to agenda.

- Agenda correction that was made was to add approval of August minutes to Old Business section.

Approval of August minutes

The board went through the August and September minutes and amendments were recommend. Motion was made to approve the minutes and passed with corrections.

Crime Update * (APD) Lieutenant Jen Perez

Currently there is a grave yard plan on Coors and Illif. Thankfully no balloon or balloonists have crashed. They will be moving POP project to Coors and central, there is a significant issue with the transient population. That area in particular will create huge problems with the shopping and holidays. Police will generally stay there a year and will be using bike officers. There are a lot of bike certified officers that will be pulled off of their assigned beats and will be used during the holidays. There may also be horse mounted officers in the area if they are able to get them. In regard to the transients in the area APD is not taking the people to jail but instead are partnering with C.O.A.S.T. (Crisis Outreach and Support Team,) to see what resources they can offer them. This will probably start during the first week of November. The new cadet class that just came out, APD eCIT (Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team) unit will get another 3 officers taking them up to about 54 officers.

In terms of crime, number 1 is still stolen vehicles.

Larry LaPitz mentioned that for the last two weeks there has been at least 1 vehicle racing up and down 98th street with no muffler. This is happening from 9pm till 3am, it is also on Unser.

Lieutenant Perez stated that they are aware of what is going on but unfortunately most resources are tied up at balloon fiesta. 98th and Ladera are drag strips in the community. They have issued citations and have seen successful prosecutions. The problem is that an officer actually has to see it happen to be able to issue a citation. APD is also looking at getting one of two speed trailers and moving it as soon as they get public service aids out from the balloon fiesta to put on 98th. The speed trailer can track when people are speeding and give back data as to what time of day is a high violation time, then officers can patrol the areas during those times. Currently there are 6 officers missing from their own command due to balloon fiesta but there have been so many emails regarding the speeding on 98th that something has to be done.

Jan LaPitz asked if there is anyway, we get sheriffs officer present in the area since the area is so close to the county line?

The Sheriffs' do a lot of enforcement off of Rio Bravo and have more leeway in terms of following a car. They might listen to APD air and catch a vehicle that heads to their area. Captain Taylor runs the area command there if any citizens want to reach out to her.

John Russo asked what kind of crimes do people usually commit at central and Coors.

There is a lot of aggressive panhandling, mostly intoxicated people that are pestering citizens. They also are wandering into traffic and their safety is a concern. There is a Westside shelter that they can go to if needed. There is also security at these locations that do communicate with each other but they do need to contact the police if something is happening. Part of POP project is to get all business owners and managers in the area to communicate with each other.

Stake holder meetings will resume next month for the entire blue water village complex and the shopping complex in the area. There is an elementary school close to this area and the lava land park had to be shut down where a lot of kids go. Who addresses the stake holders? Jan LaPitz proposed a recommendation that the stakeholder's come to the CPC meeting to see what we do. Lieutenant Perez noted that this is something that is discussed with the stake holders.

On another note, Commander Campbell will be back in three weeks. She will probably make next month's meeting as well.

Old business

Larry LaPitz asked Celina Espinosa whether or not there is a time out on the electronic reporting online. She did confirm that there is a 30 minute time out. They are trying to see if they can get it taken off. It is an informal recommendation that is being worked on and she will let us know when it gets fixed. It was also suggested by Jan LaPitz that the form could be updated and information sharing could be optional as opposed to having all of the fields in the form a required field. People do not want to answer personal questions and so they do not want to report it. Remove the invasive questions. Larry LaPitz is hearing a lot of discussion where he goes where people are seeing criminal activity and are not reporting, there are frustrations due to these types of things. It was also suggested that the reporting be added to the page in other languages besides English. Larry and Jan LaPitz just had a new neighbor move in who knows little English, how would she get online and report it. Her comfort level is not there.

New Business

Budget

CPC does not have a budget however, Celina Espinosa let the council know if you need something that you want APD to spend money on, a request has to be put in through the department. The request goes through Celina Espinosa and they are able to purchase some things. But requests have to be put through the department. Celina can create a poster, bring in more brochures as well as bring in some business cards.

Jan LaPitz will get a total of what she is requesting and will email it to Celina Espinosa to see what she can accommodate.

Business Cards

Celina Espinosa will be bringing in business cards to the group

Ideas for recruiting new voting members

New on Proposals

Jan LaPitz – Sheriff's department has a dart program that they can put on a vehicle that they are using to try and track down and find a vehicle. Michael will try and research and try and find out more information.

Guest Speaker Body camera presentation Detective Chris Whigham

The presentation he does has to be more interactive with more people, he is open to questions and can come back when there are more people present.

He went over presentation with the new cameras that the department is using.

There is a buffer mode that the cameras go into that will record in the event that they are not able to activate the camera, he can hit the button and it will go back and record up to 30 seconds.

He showed the camera and demonstrated how it works, how to turn it on, how to record and how to turn it off. He also showed the different models of the cameras used one with a cord and one without. There are limitations either way that you go in terms of mounting a camera on someone and what it is going to record. For the most part when an officer is recording he usually is standing back far enough to record an incident.

View is:

81 degrees

143 angle on cordless camera - more standard platform on body.

Officers are going to be able to choose how they want to mount their cameras to their bodies options are: Belt mount, X magnet mount, Z bracket mount, pocket mount, heavy magnet mount (the strength of the magnet are super strength with a rapid lock feature.)

Every officer is getting two cameras.

The new cameras have just been approved by monitor today and APD now has the green light to go forward with the new cameras and training. The new cameras have a lot more storage capacity, battery life, they are more reliable, faster uploads, and cord elimination. The entire field will be able to have them in about two weeks once they start going out to the officers. They do not have them now but will be wearing them shortly.

Capacity is 3 times the resolution of the cameras that they have now, they cannot be erased or edited. The cameras operate with a system that is online, it is tied down to the global settings when a recording takes place the video is either on the camera or evidence.com. And while offline, the camera keeps the video on the device where the officer can choose where to send the data, it acts like a glorified smart phone or camera, something that has a memory card. The only people that have the authority to delete anything on the camera are evidence techs.

Question from the group: has the cord ever become an issue?

Detective Whigham, yes recently an officer was in a fight where the person tried to tie the cord around the officer's neck.

You dock the camera and it starts to upload to evidence.com side which is like the catcher (referencing baseball, catcher and pitcher as an analogy.) The video goes to the catcher, if the whole video does not send and is upload is finalized then it will go back to the device. Once the video upload is successful and finalized, it will be removed from the device. It can only be on one or the other. There will be a notification when the camera runs out of memory. Through policy, officers have to upload all video by the end of their next shift. All officers are getting an iPod touch as well so they can use the Wi-Fi to get a live view of what the camera is seeing it will stream on the iPod but will not save onto the device. It allows officers to view video and to also point the camera at something and view on their phone.

Michael Zocholl asked if live streaming available to other officers from what a camera is showing.

The technology is out there but supply and demand has not supported the ability to get the technology.

City legal has requested that APD keeps all of the cameras and the vendor has agreed to it.

We are the first, largest department to fully deploy these cameras. Detective Whigham wants to make sure officers have what they need to abide by polices put in place. He thinks that a lot of good will come from this and also that education the public on this really helps them to understand what is going on. It will help protect the citizens as well as officers.

Mute functionality is an issue but will be worked out as the cameras are being used. It can be helpful if an officer is having a side conversation so that they do not have to turn off the camera completely which could be an issue if used as evidence. Officers are encouraged to make a statement, watch the lapel video and then make another statement.

Detective Whigham suggested that everyone view the following:

Google New York Times Body Survey

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/04/01/us/police-bodycam-video.html>

Questions **

Michael Zocholl hopes that every presenter we have talk about the human factor and that all officers are human. And hopefully this can get out to others going through the citizens' academy.

Adjourn

Officer Whigham was thanked for his time and the council thought his presentation was very informative.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45

