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MEETING MINUTES
FOOTHILLS AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
Monday, February 12, 2017
6:00 PM
HOLIDAY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
11710 COMANCHE ROAD NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Rod Kontny, Chair
- Joseph Abbin
- Mark Burton
- David Barbour
- Ralph Butler
- Kathy Brown

- Chris Sylvan, CPC Manager
- Yvette Marentes, CPC Admin

Approximately 26 members of the public were in attendance, 12 from APD were in attendance

Call to order - Rod Kontny, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Rod Kontny, Chair.

- a. Reading of the Community Policing Council Goals
Rod Kontny read the goals of the CPC to the group.

b. Opening comments

The council introduced themselves to the group. David Barbour passed out the 2016 Constitutional Amendment to the group regarding keeping offenders in custody.

Rod Kontny pointed out that there will be a sponsored speaker next week, and tonight we have Ralph Butler talking about the FBI. Rod Kontny has been invited to a meeting with Chief Geier and Albuquerque journal regarding how to notify the public about protecting our personal property.

Introduction of Council, APD representatives, and Visitors

Everyone in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves. Commander Collins is the new Commander of the Foothills.

We will now be ending the meetings a little bit earlier so that the group can speak to one another prior to having leave the building when it closes.

Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve agenda, agenda was approved, none opposed.

Review/correction/approval of Minutes from January meeting

Motion was made to approve minutes, Joe Abbin wanted to revisit the minutes to make amendments prior to approving them. Minutes will be tabled until Joe Abbin can meet with CPC manager to amend the minutes.

APD Communications—

a. Review of Foothills Crime Report from APD

Crime report was reviewed by APD for the month, it was also compared with the report from November, 2017. Auto burglaries have been increasing, in order to prevent auto burglary, do not leave your valuables and belongings in your vehicle. Please share with everyone you come into contact with so that we can try and avoid crimes of opportunity. Officers that have graduated from the academy are now in phase 2 of training but are not assigned to any specific command areas.

b. Community Outreach Reports

Singing arrow neighborhood, there is an event rental in the neighborhood that is advertising large parties in the area and they are trying to prevent this as there is more traffic than usual.

Pulse of the Neighborhoods—Brief reports from CPC members and citizens

The group was able to speak to APD and discuss personal issues that they are having regarding various topics with APD.

Solicitors - if someone is not selling something then the soliciting ordinance does not apply to them. If you do see that someone is ringing your doorbell, make sure you know who they are and that they know you are home because they could be a potential burglar. If someone is at your door and they will not leave call the police. Criminal trespassing signs are normally used at business however, there is nothing stopping you from putting in on your residence.

There are extremely large amounts of calls for officers and there has been a shortage of officers. As much as we want to have officers patrol neighborhoods it is hard for them due to them having to take call after call, they will patrol if time allows.

A member of the community has seen that there have been more officers stopping cars in the area. It was something that the group was told was going to happen more at a prior meeting. Another member has also noticed that there are not as many vehicles driving around without license plates.

Recommendations from Council members and Citizens

a. Recommendation 2017-10 status-Reporting for Use of Force.

Rod Kontny asked for an update to the recommendation that was submitted. The recommendation has been heard by the Chief and they are working to have use of force investigations on all uses of force based on a 3 tier system that defines certain uses of force. The investigation process will depend on where the use of force falls on the 3 tier system. APD, the DOJ, the monitoring team and Judge Barak all have to agree to make the changes. It is a lengthy process that can take 9-12 months for the process to take place.

Rod Kontny wants to know about the report that is supposed to come back regarding the recommendation. Chris Sylvan, stated that the recommendation process is going to be streamlined and that the CPC's will be getting updates regarding the recommendations.

b. Recommendation 2018-2 status-APD Use of New Technology.

The recommendation was introduced to the group and is attached to the end of these meeting minutes.

APD is currently looking into drones, there is a process and they are looking to see what they can and cannot do, what are legal and not legal uses of the drones in order to not violate use of privacy.

There are signs up around the city giving warnings about bait vehicles in the area.

There will be 20 more bait vehicles that will be placed around the city as well.

There is also a mini TV show (The Daily 49) that is given to all officers and all sworn that goes out every day discussing the top 5 incidents to get the information out to all.

You can go to www.cabq.gov and click on the police link on the bottom right to see what APD is doing. The recommendation was tabled until it can be put in the right format.

c. Recommendation 2018-3 APD use media to urge citizens to protect their assets.
Rod Kontry read his recommendation to the council, the recommendation has been added to the minutes below.

It was discussed that the recommendation be given to the Public Information officer or to the Director of Communication. A motion was made to approve the recommendation, the motion was seconded and approved to be submitted to APD.

Other Business, Comments or Questions

Comments were made on how we can protect ourselves; install cameras, floodlights etc. Community policing starts with the neighborhoods to work with each other to help stop the crime that is happening.

You can also protect your vehicles by putting a club on the vehicle, etc. The more obstacles that you put in the way of a crime, the less likely you are to be a victim of crime.

Commander Collins addressed the group as the new commander for the Foothills, he came from the academy and is getting back into being in the field. He is happy to see the turn out, it is refreshing to see that there are so many people that care about their communities. We are in a new time where we all have to come together, the community and APD. He looks forward to working with everyone.

There is a new modified Citizens Police Academy for the police oversight board, and the CPC's etc. Anna Ericksen discussed the citizen's academy with the group. They are hoping to start a traditional class at the end of March, it is a 12 week course that meets two nights a week. However, there has been some feedback that the 12 weeks course is a long course so they have created a shortened version that is over 2 weekends that they can use in place of the 12 week course, this will only take place once per year. Anyone from the public can attend the 12 week course however, the shortened course is limited.

You can apply for the 12 week course online at:
<https://www.cabq.gov/police/programs/citizen-police-academy>

Featured Speaker, Ralph Butler, CPC member, will speak on "The Role of the FBI and its Relationship with the Albuquerque Police Department"

Ralph Butler spoke to the group about how the FBI and the police department work together. He discussed law Enforcement Corporation and the FBI, he could not speak directly from APD but discussed from his own personal experience. A lot other countries have national police agencies however, we do not in the United States. Corporation and communication between local and federal agencies is very important.

The Las Vegas mass shooting from 2017 was a local situation, the FBI did not have jurisdiction and stepped in only because the police department asked for resources. There have been times where the FBI has had to step in, in times that more personal has been needed. Federal violations are prosecuted by the US attorney's office not the district attorney's offices, however local police are almost always the first to respond.

Federal agents have standards of procedure but they do not have to wear a uniform like a police officer does. Federal agents do have power of arrest as well.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42

Next meeting: Monday March 12, 2018; 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center. The speaker will be Susan Miller, UNM School of Medicine.

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* Minutes of CPC meetings are posted at <http://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-minutes>

Draft Foothills CPC Recommendation 2018-2

Title: New Technology for Law Enforcement

Whereas new technology is available for use or testing by law enforcement, and
Whereas drone surveillance is a specific technology being tested for border security,
and (www.foxnews.com/tech/2018/01/19/border-patrol-testing-drones-to-be-its-eyes-in-sky.html)

Whereas GPS tracking technology is a specific technology for auto theft recovery, and
(www.edmunds.com/car-technology/evaluating-stolen-vehicle-recovery-systems.html)
Whereas innovative methods have been developed for reducing bank robberies such as
dye packs that could be applied to property crime such as package theft, and
Whereas Albuquerque is #1 in the nation for auto theft and property crime, and
Whereas crime is causing lost tourism and business opportunities, and
Whereas crime reduction was the #1 priority of City Council and Mayoral candidates,
and Whereas vision should drive budget requests, not vice versa, and
Whereas Dr. Rickman specifically addressed technology deficiencies in law
enforcement at the Meeting of Albuquerque's CPCs on Jan 17, 2018.

Therefore, the Foothills CPC recommends that APD develop a vision plan for increased
use of technology in the reduction of auto theft and property crime. New or modified
technology could be tested with neighborhood Problem Oriented Policing Units (POP).
Think beyond personnel and budgetary constraints. The vision plan could be used for
budgetary requests correlated to estimated reduction in crime.

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Recommendation 2018-3 APD use media to urge citizens to protect their assets.

Rational

Albuquerque is number one per capita in the nation for vehicle thefts. Eight thousand
vehicles were stolen in 2017 and we might be on pace to exceed that in 2018. It is
correct to break-up theft organizations, identify chop shops, and imprison repeat
offenders, but there are things that citizens can and should do to mitigate vehicle theft.

Recommendation

The Foothills Community Policing Council recommends that the Chief of Police contact
the Albuquerque Journal to set up a meeting to explore ways of educating the citizens
on means and ways to protect their vehicles from theft.