



**CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE**

## **Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council**

### **Minutes**

**March 16, 2017 6:00pm – 7:50pm**

**Cesar Chavez Community Center – 7505 Kathryn SE, Albuquerque, NM**

**Introductions were made. SEACPC Board Member Present were Ron Halbgewachs, Chair, Todd Kersting, Frank Ernst, Tom O’Connell, Michael Kruchoski, Amir Chapel, Jeffrey Archuleta, Paula Metzner.**

**APD officers present were Sgt. Diane Dosal, Ofc. Earl Higgs, Ofc. Jeffrey Bloodworth, Lt. Tim Esquibel, Officer Gabe Cruz, Bill Slauson.**

**Visitors were Ali Moore, Ken Cilley, Torild Kristiansen, Jarvis Boykin, Sarah Moody, Bill Slauson, Penny Esquibel, Heidi William, Kenneth Salay, Judith Gear, Pat Leader, Paula Krostmanson .**

**1. Introductions by all attending the meeting were made.**

**2. Call to order was done by Ron Halbgewachs, Chair. Advised that our council member Riley Jordan resigned due to personal issues.**

**3. A determination of a quorum was made.**

**4. The Agenda was approved.**

**5. The February minutes were corrected to state that Erika Wilson started as Director of the 911 center in 2008 not 2011.**

**6. A presentation was made by Celina Espinoza; APD Director of Communications on the APD Agency 5<sup>th</sup> report. (see attachment)**

**Note:** Everyone is invited to view the KOB TV Interview “Eye on New Mexico” that describes and talks about the Community Policing Councils. One of the guests was Riley Jordan. Go to [www.kob.com/politics-news/eye-on-new-mexico-apd-reforms/4410466/?cat=10106](http://www.kob.com/politics-news/eye-on-new-mexico-apd-reforms/4410466/?cat=10106) .

#### **Public Q & A-**

**Frank Ernst – Q: asked if CPOA will continue after Settlement agreement is gone? A: yes, it existed before CASA began.**

**Public member - Q: 800 policeman isn't enough, neighborhoods need police presence. In the International District there are bike patrol, the officers used to know everyone by name and have coffee. Why don't we have more?**

The department is working on recruitment. We graduated over 90 cadets in 2016 and in 2017 our goal in 100. Police and Community Team (PACT) units have been implemented, which will have 3 Lt's and 3 Sgt's. The teams' focus will be on community policing and they have to stay in that area command for 3 years. We also are hiring 16 Community Response Spec which will free up officers to do more patrols and help with investigations.

**Tom O'Connell - Q: There is Use of force but not civil rights training in the Police academy, why no training?** A: They get a lot of legal training, not reality based training but on State, federal laws, city ordinances.

**Q: The resident lives in area Gibson/Georgia – Q: How can you step up patrols and get rid of the revolving doors for criminals?** A: You need to report crime to track it. Ask for patrols, we catch offenders, not able to be there all the time. We are stretched PC too thin; 35 calls are holding while other calls come in. Can't patrol your area, go from call to call. The officers cruise by and do a briefing but it's not safe to do a reporting from there, it's too dangerous. We are understaffed, but trying. Recruiting wise- we had huge classes in 90's then retirees, left before 7year living increase. Our next goal is 100 graduates.

**Amir Chapel – Q: Blue team software, did you get rid of evidence.com?** A: No  
**If you arrested 34, how many of those you transported are rejected by Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) for various reasons?** A - MDC takes them or treats them.

**MHRAC- Q: Who oversees the MDC?** A: Dr Rosenbaum

**Question on Recruitment-Union has had concerns on process and use of force policy, why?** A: I don't want to put words in their mouth; I believe they were concerned that Chief was having direct impact on promotions. Once the board recommends promotions, he looks at the list and makes final decision. They are placed by testing scores.

**Question: Will there be another Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) led CPC Training Session?**  
A: Possibly a training meeting will be held in April or May.

**7. Ride along report from Frank Ernst was given- see attached document.**

**8. Crime Report- Sgt Dosal - Feb16 to today- stolen 171 cars, 126 recovered, 80 residential burglaries, 135 auto burglaries, 16 commercial robberies, shooting last night Griego/Gibson, CSI assisted to check gang affiliation. Found a lot from shooting, 21 calls in relation to narcotics in SE, 15 of those reported but no contacted wanted. We removed Bus stop and overhead gone from Central/San Mateo-has been great, transients and prostitutes would congregate. It has improved. From 5-10 calls a day to 1-2 between 3-3. There were 2 homicides there last month. 3 officers in squad that are bike certified they went out last week on bike tact plan. We will target areas off of the information we are getting from the public and calls for service.**

**9. Pat Davis will be our speaker at the next CPC meeting.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next Meeting dates: April 20, May 18, June 15**