



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

## Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

### Meeting Minutes

**Monday 12 June 2017 6:00pm – 7:50pm**  
**Holiday Park Community Center**  
**11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111**

1. **Call to order**—Carolyn Wilson, Chair The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.
2. **Introductions of Council and APD Visitors**
3. **Review/amendment/approval of Agenda** The Agenda was approved unanimously as written, upon motion by Abbin, seconded by Brosveen.
4. **Review/correction/approval of Minutes from May 8th meeting** \* The Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted, upon motion by Kontny seconded by Brosveen.
5. **APD Communications**—
  - a. **Report on Foothills Crime Report from APD** The Crime Report was included with the Agenda. Lt White noted another vehicle stolen (from a childcare facility) while the engine was left running and the vehicle unattended.
  - b. **Reports from Celina Espinoza and/or Nicole Chavez-Lucero** Neither representative was able to be present for this meeting.
6. **Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members and citizens** A number of citizens brought forward questions, concerns, and complaints. Lt White responded to many of these.
  - a. **Response time**—A citizen was concerned that it took more than an hour for APD to respond to her call that a suspicious pickup truck was backed up in the driveway of a house whose owner was away.  
Response: If there was not an active crime underway and no call to 911, then the priority for response was low.
  - b. **Active drug dealing**—APD has been called a number of times regarding a house neighbors believe to be a drug center.  
Response: APD is working on the situation and is waiting for a large arrest, not just catching one or two individuals. Neighbors are urged to continue recording and reporting.
  - c. **Auto theft responses**—While Albuquerque is #1 in the nation for car thefts, APD is undermanned and auto theft is a low priority. Also, APD vehicles were involved in

many crashes.

Response: APD is still undermanned and does not have enough officers to cover all the auto thefts. Budget cuts (fewer Academy classes), retirements and disqualified candidates all have an impact.

- d. Dominic Perez and Combat veterans in APD**—An emotional comment and query regarding the reinstatement of Boyd shooter Dominic Perez and the question of APD hiring “wounded” combat veterans sparked a flurry of comments. A citizen asked how a combat veteran—trained to kill—can be allowed on the police force.

Response: The reinstatement cannot be addressed in the CPC forum, as it is an administrative decision. Many APD officers are military veterans. Combat veterans, as with all APD trainees, undergo extensive psychological evaluation for fitness; APD wants to ensure as much as possible that all field officers act appropriately. In addition, singling out one group—veterans—for special treatment would be a violation of their right to equal treatment. (Some thought this discussion was not consistent with the CPC process.)

- e. Cell phone search**—A citizen complained of poor drivers in Albuquerque and asked why cell phones cannot be searched for evidence of use related to car crashes.

Response: A warrant is required to search a cell phone. There will be soon more officers on shift.

- f. Other**—APD has arrested some drug dealers in NE Albuquerque. Also, a vehicle was reported stolen from a closed garage.

- 7. Recommendations** Council member Kontny has crafted and circulated to the other Council members a letter outlining actions that citizens can take to reduce the possibility of having a vehicle stolen. He will send it to the *Albuquerque Journal*. He was urged to send it to the Chief and other publications. It could be turned into a recommendation.

## **8. Featured Speakers:**

- a. Lt Bret White— Use of Force to effect a detention, arrest, or to conduct a search**  
As presented previously, use of force policies derive from 1985 and 1989 court decisions; all factors must be considered by an officer in using force and in evaluating whether a specific instance was appropriate. Officers may not know whether an individual has mental health issues. The relative sizes and ages of officers and assailants are considerations. In any case, the goal is to use the minimum amount of force. Misuse of force will result in discipline. An officer has a duty to intervene if witnessing misuse of force by another officer.

- a. APD Forward—Paul Haidle (ACLU) and colleagues, 5<sup>th</sup> CASA Monitor’s report**  
APDF coalition member Natalie Nicotine (NAVA—Native American Voters Alliance) expressed concern about Native Americans killed by police. They see a discrepancy between the Monitor’s report and APD’s report of compliance with the Settlement Agreement. The goals of ABDF are: community involvement, APD compliance, creating collaboration, making reforms permanent, and funding the reforms.

Paul Haidle noted that there are areas needing improvement; e.g., 47% compliance, with a goal of 95%, as well as supervisory compliance. At the same time, shootings have decreased significantly. SWAT has stronger oversight in place. The monitor reported that upper APD management is actively resisting reform efforts, and that supervisors are not following up on training for the new use of force policies and

procedures.

An attendee suggested that problems in APD go back decades.

Haidle acknowledged that there are problems in the criminal justice system, but APDF is only looking at APD. A CPC member noted that crime reduction is not possible unless crimes are prosecuted; funding for the District Attorney needs to be adequate. The role of the CPCs is to help develop policies from a community perspective. APDF is sponsoring a Mayoral Forum with mayoral candidates on 6 September at the African American Pavilion.

[The APDForward website is [apdforward.org](http://apdforward.org).

The Monitor's Report is at <http://www.cabq.gov/police/documents/imr-5.pdf>.

The APD monthly progress update on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monitor's Report is at <https://www.cabq.gov/police/news/monthly-progress-update-independent-monitor-shows-consistent-progress-in-apd-compliance>]

## 9. Other business

a. **Recommendations for speakers** None.

**10. Adjournment** Upon motion by Abbin and second by Kontny, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

**Next meeting: Monday 10 July 2017 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center**

### Comments or Questions:

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### ATTENDEES:

#### CPC Members:

Carolyn Wilson, Chair  
David Barbour (absent)  
Doug Brosveen, Vice-Chair  
Joe Abbin  
Kelly Baughman (absent)  
Mark Burton  
Ralph Butler  
Rod Kontny  
Sabrina Slauson (absent)  
Valerie St. John

APD Foothills Area Command:  
Lt. Bret White

APD Community Outreach: (absent)

Other APD (Airport):  
PLC Lisa Cheromiah  
PLC Alonzo Hooee  
Raymond Saunders

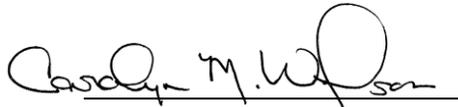
20 first-time visitors and 16 returning visitors signed in at the meeting.

#### SUBMITTED:



Philip Crump, Facilitator

#### READ AND APPROVED:



Carolyn Wilson, Chair