



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 13 March 2017 6-7:50 pm

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 6:02 pm.

2. Introductions of Council members

Several APD officers were present, in addition to Foothills staff.

3. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with inclusion of Celina Espinoza's presentation, upon motion by Abbin, seconded by Layden.

4. Review/correction/approval of Minutes from January 9th meeting *

Upon motion by Brosveen, seconded by Kontny, the minutes were approved.

5. Celina Espinoza: 5th AGENCY report (from APD) regarding the CASA (Court Approved Settlement Agreement) for the monitoring period from August 31, 2016--January 31, 2017

APD is committed to the reforms outlined in the CASA, regardless of changes in DOJ or the new federal administration. APD's own progress report shows that APD has met all of its deadlines for policy review and training through January 2017. The focus has been on accountability in any use of force. New classifications have been instituted—"Show of Force," and "Serious Use of Force."

Use of Force procedures have gone through the 6-month review (a KRQE clip of Use of Force training was shown: (<http://krqe.com/2016/05/09/inside-albuquerque-police-departments-new-use-of-force-training/>)) All APD officers have received training (classroom and reality-based) in the new Use of Force procedures. Any Serious Use of Force situation (e.g., Tasing greater than 15 seconds or more than 3 times, or hospitalization) is reviewed by the Force Review Board which meets every 2 weeks. There are also reviews by the Citizen Police Oversight Agency and the Police Oversight Board.

Additional trainings have been added. The Field Officer Training Program, which occurs after the Academy, includes Constitutional/Community-Oriented Policing and Effective Problem-solving. Cultural Sensitivity Training looks at multiple ethnicities and cultural differences; Working to Diversity Training includes focus on working with the transgender and deaf/hard of hearing communities. Mental Health-related trainings include the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for all officers and further specialized training for the Crisis Intervention Unit, the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST). There are new Mobile Crisis Teams, which comprise specialized skills and personnel, and the Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team. The Mental Health Response Advisory Committee has broad community and agency representation. It reviews policies, training and outcomes related to mental health-related encounters. A clinician (a former officer) has been hired for direct therapy and referral for officers and a Peer Support Coordinator to oversee a mentoring project.

The Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) accepts input from the community regarding policy changes. To date, approximately 47% of these have been accepted.

In 2016, there were 93 graduates of the Police Academy—the highest number in several years. Of 1000 allotted positions, currently APD has 844 sworn officers, of which 488 are in the field; the remainder are detectives, in specialized units, etc. (CASA recommends reducing the sergeant/officer ration from 8:1 to 6:1.

The Community Policing Councils were established in Albuquerque prior to the settlement agreement, though the CPCs are included in CASA. The Councils are independent of the City and of APD. Their purpose is to improve communication between citizens and APD. From 2010 to 2016, the number of officer-involved shootings decreased 53%, while the number of individual firearm discharges dropped 72%. There is a new position of Property Crime Specialist.

In response to the statement that officers should be more considerate of older women, whose bones may be brittle, Celina said that the training is attempting to address this issue. Another attendee asked what's been learned. Celina said that hindsight suggests a different, approach in the Boyd case, with more de-escalation. Finally, in response to the assertion that APD practices "catch and release," it was noted that there needs to be better coordination between APD and the DA's office.

NOTE: The presentation itself will be posted on the APD site before the end of March, for public viewing.

6. **Crime Prevention and School Safety**

Presenters--Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist, Foothills Area Command
Officer Mick Rael, School Resource Officer

Ms Garcia spoke of the importance of Neighborhood Watch. She said that 20 new Watches have been formed in Foothills, compared with 50 for the city as a whole. She offered to "visit your house or walk your block," to review areas that need attention. Rental properties have their own prevention program. Neighborhood Night Out (2nd Tuesday of August) provides a good opportunity for updating Neighborhood Watch membership. Block captains are the points of contact for Watches. Jill also makes McGruff visits for pre-K through elementary grades. Lt Ferris Simmons spoke of the importance of taking things of value out of vehicles—or certainly out of visibility. She said a burglar would have no qualms breaking a car window to steal \$1.36 in change.

Officer Rael described the goal of the School Resource Officers (SROs), which is to provide maximum protection and peace of mind for everyone within schools, with minimum disruption. He spoke of the relationship between APD and APS. APS has its own sworn officers, who are sworn under the auspices of the County and certified by the State. They do carry weapons. Most are stationed at middle and high schools while some are on patrol. They remain in communication with APD. The APS security officers handle situations inside schools and on school property, while APD School Resource Officers work the areas around schools beyond school property. In each Area Command, the field officers train in the schools within their area, so that they are familiar with the layouts of the schools and are thus able to respond more effectively if and when needed. He noted that by observing and analyzing situations, they have modified the school lockdown procedures, so that students are much less likely to experience anxiety.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm upon motion by Layden, seconded by Brosveen.

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

Comments or questions:

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ATTENDEES:

CPC Members:


Joseph Abbin

Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair
Rod Kontny
Dianne Layden
Sabrina Slauson, Youth Representative
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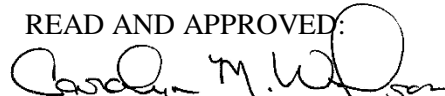
Cdr Shane Rodgers
Sgt Adam Anaya
APD Community Outreach:
Nicole Chavez-Lucero
Civilian Police Oversight Agency:
Edward Harness
Amanda Bustos

11 first-time and 18 returning Visitors and Neighborhood representatives signed in at the meeting.

SUBMITTED:


Philip Crump, Facilitator

READ AND APPROVED:


Carolyn Wilson, Chair

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