

Valley CPC
February 23, 2018
Wells Park Community Center
6:30PM – 7:30PM

In attendance: Rowan Wymark,
Chris Sylvan, CPC Coordinator
Farah Council, pending voting member
PACT Sargent Nicholas Sanders
Lieutenant Valarde, Valley Area Command
Officer Sanchez, Valley Area Command
James Lewis, Senior Advisor for Public Safety, COA.
Ed Harness, CPOA Executive Director.

Absent: Edwina Kiro, Vice Chair and Yvette Marantes, Admin.

The meeting was co-facilitated by Valley CPC Chair Rowan Wymark & Chris Sylvan, Community Policing Manager. An estimated 20 community members attended alongside three representatives from APD. To initiate the meeting, the Valley CPC Chair passed out the official purpose of the CPCs and other informative documents for all to review. For this meeting there was no formal presentation by APD but rather a lightly facilitated sharing by community members of key issues or questions related to the Valley command area and the CPC more specifically. Two community attendees noted security issues related to property theft and lack of clarity around unsafe or unrepaired sidewalks in the Valley Area as a whole.

Sergeant Sanders gave a synopsis of what a crime report would entail if the Valley CPC were to adopt a standard of reporting for each meeting. He noted that APD has a process of summarizing crime statistics for the Valley Command that can be found at www.valleyareacommand.com, as well as information APD references to inform their reports at www.crimemapping.com. Community members raised questions about whether APD has plans to utilize information from the neighborhood-related app Nextdoor to include in their reports, as it's oft noted that crimes reported on that platform do not show up on APD's crime reports. Sergeant Sanders acknowledged that APD does not leverage the data from Nextdoor but that community members should share relevant crime information seen on that platform with the department, and that ALL criminal activity should be shared for analytical purposes. Further into the discussion Sergeant Sanders referenced the theft noted by the community member present and said they should look at www.leadsonline.com, a site that receives reports from pawn shops about stolen goods by entering in the serial numbers of high-ticket items such as bikes, tools, etc. APD works directly with pawn shops in the city to encourage cooperation.

The conversation then moved towards the topic of the various crime reporting mechanisms, and how to best use them, including when to call 311, 242-COPS, and 911. Several community members noted ignorance about why response times are extended (1 – 4 hours) and about the

various 'levels' of categorizing calls. Some noted that calling 242-COPS often gets a faster response time than calling 911. The discussion then moved to talking about ways the Valley CPC can help educate communities in the Valley Area Command about the various reporting mechanisms and response times to manage expectations.