



## **Foothills Community Policing Council**

### **Meeting**

**August 12, 2019**

#### **Call to order – Joe Abbin 6:03 pm**

Council Present: Justin Hadrych-Rosier, Carmon Ryals, Mark Burton, Trish Singh, Mickey Hagg, David Barbour, John Clark and Lovey Frazier

Approximately 22 community members attended, 10 APD

- Meeting Guidelines were read to the public
  
- 1. Motion to approve the agenda, seconded and approved.**
  
- 2. Motion to approve the July minutes, seconded and approved.**
  
- 3. APD Presentations**
  - a. Foothills Crime & Use of Force – Lt. Shawn Garrett**

Overall most crime is down in the Foothills Area Command

    - Robberies/ Commercial 5
    - Robbery/ Residential: 1
    - Robbery/ Vehicle: 0
    - Robbery to an Individual: 7
    - Stolen Vehicles: 40
    - Commercial Burglaries: 17
    - Residential Burglaries: 50 (many of this month's residential burglaries showed entry points via front doors being left unlocked and windows left open and garage doors left open)
    - Auto Burglaries: 83

There were 5 reported Use of Force in Foothills last month, 1 Serious.

Citizen reported that a corn vender was beaten and robbed on the corner of Montgomery and Tramway according to NextDoor.com. APD does not monitor that site and were not aware of that incident. Shawn noted that if people see an incident like that they should call 242-COPS or 911.

Q: People were observed jumping fences over at Singing Arrow, is APD monitoring that? How about squatters and other trespassers? A: The foothills will have two more dedicated officers who will be on bike patrol starting Wednesday to address the issues.

Q: How do I know what area command I am in? A: The city's website has a map showing the area command boundaries. Foothills command includes everything East of Eubank.

#### **b. APD Community Outreach – Lt. Ferris Simmons**

Once a month APD Community Outreach has been holding classes in the Old Town Substation meeting area. Speakers have addressed issues such as training all crossing guards to recognize kids struggling with child abuse, neighbor conflict resolution, and “Chose Love”, a program to help kids deal with life and work through crises with compassion.

APD will be working with Albuquerque Fire & Rescue (AFR) and El Dorado High School this week to change attitudes and provide resources to prevent high school suicides and homicides.

There will be 64 new cadets starting the Albuquerque Police Academy on Monday. This is the largest class to date.

#### **4.Pulse of the neighborhood**

Mark Burton announced:

- A Senior living open house will be held at Eubank & Central August 15<sup>th</sup>
- A Singing Arrow Neighborhood coalition will be held Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- On August 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be SHINE training to help schools recruit volunteers
- There will be a Coffee with a Cop on August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Culture Center
- We should recognize APD officers who interact well with youth
- School is starting and we should drive safely with kids in mind

Joe Abbin called 911 on an alleged shooter threat at an auto cruise-in. Nobody showed up in 15-20 minutes, and the 911 call center had difficulty finding the call when later requested to cancel. Erika Wilson from APD communications stated that there was a breakdown in their new 5-tier system when the dispatcher incorrectly prioritized the call as a priority 3 instead of a 1. They are retraining to help prevent future miscalls. There was some discussion that the new priority system should be reviewed for effectiveness particularly in the area of domestic violence calls. It was also noted that there has been problems with dropped 911 calls.

Citizen Comment (CC): Hearing the bad news on being an Albuquerque cop, doesn't make people want to become one. APD had previously noted difficulty recruiting and manpower shortage.

CC: Individuals were seen walking the streets looking in people's mailboxes in Embudo Hills. Their neighborhood association had a successful Neighborhood Night Out event and has been gaining proactive momentum and making progress engaging young people.

CC: Person thanked the police and fire department for their work in the Foothills.

Q: If a kid senses there is something wrong, is it OK for them to call 911 or 242-COPS? A: If a kid is scared and senses something wrong, they should call 911.

CC: He had been hearing gunshots frequently in his area, but he could find no reports even though people call them in. People are camping by the interstate. The 7-11 on Tramway and Constitution seems to be a popular spot for robbery.

CC: There is a lot of traffic by Sandia High School. There is an abandoned gas station on Wyoming, with over-grown weeds. It looked like a homeless shelter. He called 311 and they got that place cleaned up.

Vickie Williams (NE CPC Chair) noted that APD will be airing a show on avoiding being a crime victim at 2 pm , September 18<sup>th</sup>, on KCHF TV. She also noted NE has a new Commander.

CC: A resident near Candelaria and Pennsylvania asked how to request speed bumps in her area.  
A: Call 311.

### **5. Albuquerque's Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) - Ed Harness, Executive Director**

- Police Oversight should be a neutral bridge-building mechanism between the citizens and the police department that serves them.
- Civilian oversight is meant to address community complaints about department misconduct, and when it works well, it can help hold the department accountable and develop trust with local residents.
- The agency is meant to address community complaints about the police department's misconduct and holding them accountable. They only investigate administrative misconduct. Criminal matters are handled by Internal Affairs.
- Police oversight has been around since 1978 and it has had many forms, the police advisory board, internal affairs review, jail facility and fire department oversight, and it continues to change.
- In 2014, the City Council rewrote the oversight ordinance and got rid of an independent review officer. The ordinance was written into the Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) November 10, 2014. Since 2014 it has been amended two more times.
- On January 20, 2015 Dr. Ginger was appointed the independent monitor for CASA Compliance. 50 paragraphs of the CASA involve the CPOA.
- Using a baseball analogy, the monitor is essentially the umpire, he calls the shots.
- Judge Browning is similar to the team owner.
- The Department of Justice (DoJ) is similar to the Commissioner of the League.

- The CASA key players are:
  1. APD
  2. City Attorney's Office
  3. APD Forward and ACLU
  4. MHRAC
  5. CPOA Board
  6. CPOA
  7. Disability Rights New Mexico
  8. Peter Cubra, Homeless and Disabled
  9. The CPCs
  10. Other Community Stakeholders
- The CPOA has 4 investigators, a data analyst, and a new administrative position.
- The CPOA has nine members seated with one vacancy.
- All APD training has to be approved by the monitor.
- The Monitor submits reports every 6 months. All of the independent monitor's reports are on the city website (e.g. IMR-9).

Q: What do you do for community outreach? A: We meet regularly for feeding the homeless, attend CPC meetings, and we have a dedicated outreach person on the agency.

Q: You review the internal affairs investigations? A: We review them to make sure they are complete and make sure there is not favoritism.

Q: If a civilian files a complaint, do you investigate each one? A: Yes, each one. The CPOA has about 400 cases to investigate. Only about 7% have been sustained so far. The CPOA issues a report every 6 months.

Q: Have you compared the Albuquerque CPOA to those in other cities? A: No, there are over 200 CPOA's and each different under different circumstances and legal framework.

Q: Are you guys only involved if a citizen files a complaint, or can do you get involved if it is filed internally? A: We will only do citizen's complaints. Internal Affairs does their own investigations, but we can review. However, the monitor does not want us to do that.

## **6. Status of Recommendations - Chris Sylvan:**

The recommendation on providing violent crime statistics every month has been tabled until we identify a subject matter expert (SME).

The recommendation to re-establish the reserve unit is on Chief Geier's desk for approval.

## **7. Raffle for museum tickets and Adjournment**

The raffle was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.