



## **Foothills**

### **Community Policing Council**

#### **Minutes**

September 9, 2019

#### **1. Call to Order – Joe Abbin**

Council members present: Joe Abbin, Trish Singh, Mickey Hagg, Mark Burton, David Barbour, Lovey Frazier, and John Clark

Absent: Carmon Ryals and Justin Hadrych-Rosier

Approximately 18 community members attended, and 7 from APD

#### **2. Introduction of Council, APD Representatives, and Visitors**

#### **3. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion was made to approve agenda, seconded and approved.

#### **4. Review/amendment/ approval of Minutes**

Motion was made to approve August minutes, seconded and approved.

#### **5. APD Presentations**

##### **a. Foothills Crime and Use of Force Reports – Lt Shawn Garrett**

There were 6 Use of Force incidents reported in the Foothills for the month of August, including one Serious Use of Force and five Shows of Force.

## Property Crime in Foothills for August 2019

- Robberies/ Commercial: 12
- Robbery/ Residential: 0
- Robbery to and Individual:8
- Stolen Vehicles: 49
- Commercial Burglaries: 23
- Residential Burglaries: 48
- Auto Burglaries: 69

Items left in a vehicle that were stolen: Guns, vehicle registration and employment ID, Backpacks, purses, and wallets

### b. Questions/comments for APD from the community:

**Citizen Comment:** APD told motel owner to stop calling APD due to nuisance persons.

**Answer:** No citizen would be advised to not call APD. Citizen believes that there is a message that citizens should not call APD to Central and Juan Tabo area motels.

**Question:** Crime Free Community program? Does this include vouchers for rooms?

**Answer:** No, that is a different program. APD is working on developing motels, hotels, and multi- person apartment buildings as crime free zones. Nuisance properties will be followed under a new program called ADAPT. ADAPT includes city code enforcement, the city attorney's office, and county taxation office program members for nuisance abatement and code enforcement.

**Question:** Who replaced Jill Garcia?

**Answer:** Samantha Martinez, crime prevention specialist, replaced Ms. Garcia. Samantha's role is to be a liaison for APD and the community. In addition, she compiles crime and prevention data. Samantha is located at the Foothills substation. Email: [samanthamartinez@cabq.gov](mailto:samanthamartinez@cabq.gov)

**Question:** Is there a record of total arrests in Foothills command as well as convictions?

**Answer:** Arrests, yes. Monthly totals are calculated. Convictions are more complex due to the process through the court system.

**Question:** Is there technology to identify gunshot calls?

**Answer:** The technology does exist and APD is evaluating, but it is not available in the Foothills at this time.

**Question:** Statistics? Are the year to date violent crime statistics available for our command? Can these statistics be delivered month to month?

**Answer:** Yes, these statistics are available for the Foothills area command. Lt Garrett will inquire about providing these statistics as well as citywide comparisons. Citizens can also use crimemapping.com as a tool for obtaining overall crime statistics, this tool does not designate by area command.

## **6.Pulse of the Neighborhood**

- APD Twitter Account has a lot of information and should be followed.
- APD Deaf Community seminar was held last Saturday. Lt Simmons helped with this meeting and which was attended by 50 community members. The community was trained by law enforcement as what to do when pulled over.
- SE Albuquerque Neighborhood Enrichment (SANE) Coalition was incorporated with NM SoS and listed with the ONC websites.
- October is Domestic Violence Month: We discussed the speakers for next month and the Saturday Event to be held by the NE heights CPC.
- A Thank you for speed deterrents in Glenwood Hills
- The Youth Outreach Committee discussed how there will be a Christmas event for the community in collaboration with APD.
- Our chairperson had his car stolen on Wednesday at the post office on Haines and Juan Tabo. The car was recovered after 3 days and 250 miles.
- A warning to be aware as thieves uses a sticky substance to retrieve mail from boxes.
- Citizen concerned about traffic at Copper and Juan Tabo from a new gas station. Traffic is a concern. No response from City Councilor Don Harris.
- A resident is concerned about signs being shot at and damaged.
- At Maleguena and Eubank there is a boarded-up home. Is there anything that can be done about a vacant property that can attract vagrants? Lt Garrett reported that the Problem

Response Team has three officers (officers were introduced). APD responded that 311 should be called first. Code enforcement and ADAPT may respond first to address issues of vacant homes. Officers may be called for suspicious persons in these homes and APD will respond check. ADAPT replaces the Safe City Strike Force. Sometimes there is nothing an APD officer could do about illegal residents immediately.

- Representatives from Women Taking Back Our Neighborhoods discussed how they are working together to address drug homes and derelict buildings.
- A new board member of Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless attended the meeting to discuss the importance of community involvement. She discussed retrieving needles from the parks and public places. According to the news reports there is an uptick of needles in the parks across town. In November we can have a more in-depth conversation about issues with homelessness.

A citizen applauded APD. He had a trailer stolen on Labor Day. 311 was closed. The citizen called 242-COPS. Officers responded. APD retrieved his trailer and citizen was very grateful.

- **POSSIBLE COMMUNITY ACTION ITEM: RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NEEDLE EXCHANGES.**

### **8. Program: “Albuquerque Police Department’s Behavioral Sciences Unit.” Speaker: Sgt. Dianne Dosal.**

APD has worked for several years to appropriately deal with persons who are mentally ill or temporarily in mental crisis. The result has been the formation of several special units and a comprehensive mental health training program for all officers. She discussed the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) and the Community Outreach and Support Team (COAST). The Behavioral Sciences unit aids in jail diversion. The unit also does extensive behavioral health training for both new and seasoned officers. The unit teaches the Citizen Police Academy. All APD officers get 100+ hours of Crisis Intervention Training and training in behavioral health and an optional 8 hours of enhanced CIT training (eCIT). COAST includes a group of volunteer citizens and professional mental health workers aiding officers and community members. Officers can help citizens with food boxes and utility bills. Violent mental health clients are served by 8 home visit detectives and 2 clinicians to better follow and check in with high risk persons.

APD has a policy to allow police officers discretion to divert low-level, non-violent criminals with problematic substance abuse, mental health, poverty, or homelessness issues to the diversion court system instead of the penal system. This policy is part of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program (LEAD).

In 2017, APD had 6,535 behavioral health related calls and 6,302 in 2018.

**9. Status of open recommendations from the FH Community Policing Council members and Citizens – Chris Sylvan**

Not addressed due to lack of time. Lt. Ferris submitted document stating our recommendation for re-establishing the APD Reserve Unit had been denied. We will discuss in October.

**8. Museum/Zoo ticket raffle, summary of action items, etc.**

**10. Adjournment**

Next meeting: Monday, October 14, 2019; 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center.

Program: Domestic Violence. Since October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month, we are seeking speakers to address this issue.

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