

Foothills Area Community Policing Council
Monday, May 14, 2018
6:00-7:30pm
Holiday Park Community Center
11710 Comanche Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM
Meeting Minutes

CPC Council Members in attendance:

Mark Burton
Anamaria Dahl
Joe Abbin
Ralph Butler
David Barber

Chris Sylvan- CPC Manager

Call to Order – Ralph Butler (Kontny out of town)

- I. Reading of the Community Policing Council goals and objectives – read to the group
 - a. Highlights of goals and objectives: effective communication between APD and the community, along with supporting and assisting APD in spreading info.
- II. Discussion of the Rules – rules were read to the group; 3-5 minutes for every person
- III. Any other opening comments
 - A. Joe Abbin spoke briefly about attending an event at the APD Academy where Chief Geier talked about some of the issues he is facing along with things that he would like to change or improve upon.

Each person introduced themselves to the group.

Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

- I. Motion to approve agenda – passed

Review/correction/approval of Minutes from January and April Meetings

- I. Motion passed to approve minutes from January and April meetings

APD Presentations

- I. Review of Foothill Crime Report by Sergeant Anaya of the Foothills Area Command
 - A. For April of 2018: Robberies -7, Home invasions-0, Stolen vehicles – 48, Car jackings - 3, Stolen while left warming up and unattended – 1, Auto burglaries – 121

- B. Items left in vehicles:
 - 1. Guns, gas masks, helmets, LANL ID badge, jewelry, cash (\$1000), personal identification materials (ex. SS cards, IDs) checks, tools and other various items
 - 2. Please secure items in the trunk or take them into your home with you.
- C. Individual stats: Aggravated battery-17, Armed robbery – 3, Individual robbery-6, Rapes-4, Shooting with no injuries- 3,
- D. Decreases since last year: aggravated assault-6%, rapes-33%, armed robbery-50%, shootings with no injury-50%.

APD Community Outreach Report

- I. Chris Sylvan – search for new police chief
 - A. The mayor is happy with the job Chief Geier is doing. However for the nationwide search for a new chief we are looking at the question of what is needed in a new police chief.
 - B. A question for the public: What should be the top priorities of the new chief?
 - 1. Answers from citizens:
 - a. Keeping citizens engaged in the reform process.
 - b. Coming up with firm guidelines for repeat pickups (the revolving door for offenders)
 - c. It should be someone with a strong training background and a successful background in law enforcement.
 - d. An experienced manager who is willing to get rid of/fire bad officers
 - e. Work on enhancing the morale of all officers, new and old
 - f. Strengthen community relations
 - C. Feedback from the public is welcomed for the search for a new chief; please fill out the form online at cabq.gov.
- II. Featured Speaker – Erika Wilson, APD 911 Manager
 - A. Has over 20 years’ experience
 - B. There are 2 centers answering 911 and 242-COPS calls, 135 authorized positions with 8 vacancies. According to Erika the ideal candidate is a person who is willing to help/serve others.
 - 1. When applying for 911 operator position – applicant goes through an interview then a multitasking test.
 - a. When an applicant is hired for either operator or dispatcher they go through 7 weeks of classroom training which include; mental health training, customer service, code memorization and more. After the classroom training is complete, they spend 4-5 months with a trainer, dispatchers another 6 months after that (takes about a year to train a dispatcher). Turnover rate has been between 12-14% for the last couple of years.
 - C. There were 1.1 million calls in 2017.
 - D. The mayor has proposed the budget to allow for 4 more positions.

- E. There are 2 centers in Bernalillo County; calls first go to APD center first for screening from a law enforcement perspective. Calls are separated into 3 priority levels:
 - 1. Threat to life, emergency response
 - 2. Events that are not life threatening at the time but have the possibility of escalation to such.
 - 3. Reports
- F. When to call 911:
 - 1. In an emergency; life threatening situations, possibly fatal
- G. When to call 242-COPS:
 - 1. When there is no immediate threat to life. For example: a strange car that has been seen in the neighborhood.
- H. If there was no response to a 911 call- concerns and complaints can be filed through the CPOA or by calling Erika Wilson directly. All audio recordings and CAD are kept for 3 years.

Pulse of the Neighborhood – Q&A

- Q. What are some ways to improve your homes security systems?
 - A. There are DIY improvements that can be made to your home to improve security. One of the best methods is to get to know your neighbors, to keep an eye out for each other's homes. Start a neighborhood watch, the more eyes in the area the better.
- Q. What if you see someone driving slowly in your neighborhood taking pictures?
 - A. Take pictures of the picture takers and call 242-COPS.
- Q. Is installing a security door worth it to deter a burglary?
 - A. Yes, it makes it more difficult for someone to break in, which means that they will look for a house that is easier to access.
- Q. How many voting members are there on the CPC board and are they volunteers?
 - A. There are 7 voting members and yes all are volunteers. Anyone is welcome to apply for a position on the board.

Recommendations from CPC members and Citizens

- I. The Use of force policy is currently being rewritten, discussion and input from the public is welcomed. There is a possibility of presentations on the new Use of Force policy once it has been fleshed out.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm by Ralph Butler.