Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 6 April 2015: 6:00pm – 7:50pm

Holiday Park Community Center
11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

1. Call to order—Doug Brosveen, Vice-Chair
   The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

2. Review/approval of agenda
   The Agenda was reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote of the Council, upon motion by Carolyn Wright, seconded by Joe Abbin.

3. Review/approval of minutes from March 2nd meeting
   The Minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote of the Council, upon motion by Dianne Layden, seconded by Carolyn Wright.

4. APD Communications—
   Lt. Jordan presented the March 2015 summary of Crime in the Foothills Area Command [Document attached to these Minutes]. Her noted that vehicle thefts are down, though there are still warm-up thefts. While residential burglaries have diminished, Foothills is part of a city-wide spike in auto burglaries; he advises that vehicles be locked overnight or when there are valuables inside. Thefts often occur when valuables are left in sight.

   Celina Espinoza brought two handouts describing APD demographics. [These are appended to the Minutes.] One chart shows the Total Personnel as of March 6th. The other chart gives the APD breakdown by ethnicity and rank; she also provided census data by ethnicity on the overall Albuquerque population. Reserve officers are not included in these statistics.

   The Police Academy has been certified by CNM to provide college credit. Hence, of the 60 credits required for APD officer employment, 28 may now be obtained through Academy courses. There are 14 cadets in the new class, with 19 cadets scheduled to graduate in mid-April. In addition, any successful applicant to APD with 5 or more years of government service may waive the college requirement. These changes are anticipated to increase recruitment, as will revisions planned for recruitment advertising.

   Ms Espinoza reported that the liability section of the background investigation waiver cannot be changed. As a result, two members of the Council declined to complete the form and resigned. There are now two openings for membership on the Council.
Finally, she reported that Recommendation #7 (window tint on police vehicles) has been accepted and implemented by APD. Recommendation #6 (placing “To protect and serve” on police vehicles) is under review at present.

Foothills Area Command website: http://www.foothillsareacommand.com/

5. **Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members**
   Member Joe Abbin reported on an auto burglary in a next-door residence.

6. **Recommendations**
   There were no new recommendations brought forward.

7. **Other business**
   **Fear of police:** Dianne Layden opened a broad discussion of police-citizen interactions with a summary of historical, current and personal events in which police or military acted with excessive force against citizens. There ensued a lengthy and lively discussion ranging over many topics, including the use of force by police, some of the challenges that face police in the line of duty and the current situation of APD with regard to recruiting qualified officers.

8. **Set draft agenda items for next meeting**
   No specific items were brought forward.

9. **Adjournment**

Next meeting: Monday 4 May 2015  6-7:50 pm  Holiday Park Community Center

Comments or questions:
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**ATTENDEES**

CPC Members:  
Joseph Abbin  
Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair  
Jesus Casillas  
Dianne Layden  
Ryan Trujillo (absent)  
Carolyn Wilson, Chair  
Philip Crump, Facilitator

FAC representatives:  
Lt Eric Jordan  
Officer Colby Phillips

APD Community Outreach:  
Celina Espinoza

Neighborhood representatives:
Judith Minks  
Embudo Canyon NA

Other Visitors:
Melline Jullens  
Armando Lara

**SUBMITTED:**

Philip Crump, Facilitator

**READ AND APPROVED:**

Carolyn Wilson, Chair
Crime in the Foothills Area Command: March 2015

Armed Robberies to Businesses
4 occurrences: 3 to retail, 1 to fast food restaurant.

Robbery to an Individual
4 occurrences: 3 of 4 robberies were to females.
2 females in park after midnight, 1 beaten by male with gun, stole keys.
1 female’s purse stolen in grocery parking lot on a Saturday at noon; shoved by male.
1 male walking late at night approached by male in vehicle with gun demanding his wallet; offender drove away when victim told him he didn’t have a wallet.
2 males with gun stole male victim’s cell phone, insurance paper/personal info.

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion)
0 Occurrences

4 Car Jackings: 2 committed by same offender in different areas of the Foothills; arrested.

Stolen Vehicles (not including warm-ups or car jackings)
24 occurrences:
- About half occurred at apartment communities (target rich environments).
- 2 vehicles stolen from open garage; keys to vehicle were inside garage.
- 1 vehicle stolen during home burglary.

Warm-Up Stolen Vehicles
9 occurrences: People not getting the message. Cannot leave keys in vehicle and leave vehicle running, unattended. This is a 100% preventable crime. Attracts a criminal element to your neighborhood as a good place to steal a vehicle.

Commercial Burglaries
6 occurrences: saw apartment offices/fitness centers targeted in March.

Residential Burglaries
53 occurrences:
- A few victims interrupted burglaries in progress this month.
- Need to indicate your presence through locked door/window that the home is occupied if a stranger is at your door. Call 242-COPS if feel scared.
- Early in March, Academy from Eubank to Tramway and Academy Ridge East NA area was targeted. The residential burglaries then moved to area south of I-40 from Eubank to Juan Tabo as the month progressed. At end of month, all of our property crime moved back up to areas north of I-40.
- Homes being entered through unlocked doors, windows, garages, doggie doors.
- When forced entry, via sliding glass door/rear window or kicking in front door.
- 2 to vacant homes. Notify a trusted neighbor and do a 1010 if going on vacation. Other discovered by realtor and owners moved and live in CO, selling home.
- If home is vacant, everyone needs to serve as ‘extra eyes on the block.’
Auto Burglaries
72 occurrences

- Churches, restaurants, shopping centers, post office, motels, park and trail head parking lots, storage facilities and apartment complex parking lots targeted this month.
- People continuing to leave valuables in unlocked vehicles for hours or overnight.
- Residential area auto burglaries this month: majority to unlocked vehicles, vehicles with windows left rolled down.
- Stolen from vehicles this month (What people leave in unattended vehicles):
  - Multiple firearms, 20-30 hollow point bullets, 2 clips
  - Multiple vehicle title, registrations, insurance papers, driver’s licenses
  - Entire family’s passports, SS cards, birth certificates
  - Victim’s mail
  - 2 checkbooks, checks made out to non-profit group, EBT card
  - $300 in gift cards, $900 cash, $100 left in center console
  - Multiple purses and wallets
  - 3 laptops, multiple cell phones, iPods, iPads, briefcases, leather bag
  - Prescription meds
  - Sunglasses
  - Roadside assistance kit
  - Backpack, school text books, scissors, school supplies, yearbook
  - Culinary school knife set
  - CDs (multiple)
  - Keys, Housekeys
  - Skateboard, knife, golf clubs and golf bag
  - 4 sets of tools, spare tire, pressure washer, power cords, copper wiring
  - 2 guitars, amps, microphone, cables, recording equipment
  - Various property stolen from inside campers/RVs at storage facilities

Neighborhood Watches Formed in March: 3; FH has formed 5 YTD –
Vista del Rey condo community, 120 homes
12200-block of Phoenix NE, 22 homes
10500-block of Toltec NE, 24 homes
Call Steve Sink at 244-6644 to get a Starter Kit – Let’s get more N. Watches!

1 new Crime Free Multi-Housing new partner property:
Canyon Point, 301 Western Skies SE, 136 units

Outreach to 570 children in March through community events
Outreach to about 713 citizens in March at other meetings, events

Resources – Things to Know About
- Hosted Women’s Crime Prevention workshop this month; will do another one later in the year due to level of response. 28 enrolled and 14 person waiting list, still getting inquiries about teaching another workshop.
- Hosted APD Air Support presentation and helicopter landing at FHSS on April 4th.
- See www.crimemapping.com for crimes, date ranges, locations and auto emails.
- See www.foothillsareacommand.com for Daily Watch Notes, crime prevention advice, events listings, workshops for the public on crime prevention topics.
- Posting as Public Agency Member on nextdoor.com.

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