



Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday 3 August 2015: 6:00pm – 7:50pm
Holiday Park Community Center
11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

1. Call to order—Carolyn Wilson, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:04.

2. Review/approval of agenda

The Agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Review/approval of minutes from July meeting

The July Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote, following correction.

4. APD Communications—

CPC members welcomed new Foothills Area Commander Shane Rodgers—a veteran APD officer (over 22 years), with service in a variety of positions including DWI, Traffic and administration.

a. “Snapshot” of Area activities—Lt Eric Jordan

[The Crime Report for July is appended to these minutes.] Lt Jordan pointed out that many of the burglaries—both auto and home—are preventable, if owners take simple precautions such as not leaving garage door openers in their vehicles:

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Similarly, nearly half of residential burglaries were preventable:

Residential Burglaries: 54

Unforced entries: 23 (open/unlocked garages, windows, doors, used a key)

43% of the FH residential burglaries were preventable – unforced entries; 57% were forced entries.

b. Reports from Celina Espinoza

Celina was away at City Council.

c. Presentation on CIT and mental health protocols—Lt Glenn St Onge

Lt St Onge has been working with Crisis Intervention Teams in APD. Noting the contents of Recommendation 9.4 (including mental health professionals in mental health calls to APD), he said that this is similar to the “Tucson model.” In fact, APD is moving in that direction. With regard to CIT, he reported that APD was the first department in the country to adopt the “Memphis model” of crisis intervention after it was developed. In the DOJ settlement, 20 sections deal with MH issues. The Mobile Crisis Team model includes coordination with hospitals. There currently are 2 clinicians and a psychiatrist on APD staff. Currently, manpower and funding shortages are hindering full implementation of the mental health approaches.

In the “Portland model,” the hospitals fund the clinicians, who are able to respond to calls within 20 minutes. In Portland, the number of incarcerations has been reduced by 40%. He noted that many calls for service by APD should actually be directed elsewhere.

The Legislature has mandated 2 hours of training for every law enforcement officer in the state, after they have received 8 hours of training on the first round. For APD, there has been no Use of Force in the last 4 months in MH calls. In Tucson, 1200 pickup orders resulted in zero Use of Force. The National Association for Mental Health specifies a minimum of 20% of field officers trained in CIOT. DOJ specifies 40%. APD currently has 88% certified field officers and is aiming for 100%.

5. Recommendations

Recommendation 8.2 (“APD appoint an agency or individual to monitor active news media stories that involve Officers in a positive manner. Once identified the officer would be contacted for their approval and input to prepare the timely news release.”) has been approved by the City Council and submitted to APD as Recommendation C (“Special Releases Following News Events”).

Recommendation 5.3 (Alarm System Registration) will be discussed at the next meeting attended by Celina Espinoza.

Recommendation 9.4 (Mental health professional accompanying an APD Officer) was central to the presentation by Lt St Onge. It will be reworded to reflect the discussion and presented at the next CPC meeting.

6. Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members

Joe Abbin reported enthusiastic reception of his presentation at a Neighborhood Watch meeting. Lt Jordan said that he gets lots of compliments when he goes around the area. Officer Phillips said that he was given a gift card by a grateful driver.

Dianne Layden went on a ride-along and will provide a report on her experience.

7. Other Business:

Neighbors should be encouraged to use the Foothills or APD website to report concerns, complaints and compliments regarding individual officers to APD.

It was requested that District 8 Councilor Trudy Jones be invited to the next CPC meeting. (She was co-sponsor of the Resolution Establishing a community outreach process known as the "Albuquerque Collaborative On Police-Community Relations".)

8. Set draft agenda items for next meeting:

Celina forwarded the list of Neighborhood Associations in the Foothills Area Command. At the next meeting, there will be discussion of best ways to use this list to invite area residents to the CPC meeting and other relevant APD events.

Doug Brosveen reported that in the informal CPC coffees at Flying Star, members of other councils noted that APD officers are voting members. He asked whether this should be considered by Foothills CPC.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Next meeting:

To be confirmed: Monday 14 September 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 (absent)
 Dianne Layden
 Ryan Trujillo
 Carolyn Wilson, Chair
 Philip Crump, Facilitator

Officer Colby Phillips
 Lt Rob Middleton
 APD Community Outreach:
 Celina Espinoza (absent)
 Other APD :
 Lt Glenn St Onge

APD FAC representatives:

Cdr Shane Rodgers
 Lt Eric Jordan

Visitors and Neighborhood representatives:
 Judith Minks Embudo Canyon NA
 Janet Butts District 8 Coalition
 Melline Jullens
 Armando Lara



Crime in the Foothills Area Command: July 2015

Property Crime Snapshot for July 2015

Armed Robberies to Businesses: 11

At drive-in lane at coffee store, grocery store, fast food locations, dollar stores, phone store, 3 at gas station/convenience stores.

Robbery to an Individual: 1

Female walking along Tramway Service Road behind apts.

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion): 2

At hotel calling itself an apartment, other at an apt notorious for crime and resistant to all Crime Prevention overtures.

Car Jackings: 9

3 occurred at intersections, 1 with boy in car at grandma's house waiting for grandma, 1 at park playground area, 2 at apartment complex parking lots, 2 in one case at Hotel Circle and concluded in Mirabella/MiraVista neighborhood after taking hostage.

Stolen Vehicles: 56

8 – Vehicles stolen with keys left in vehicle while owner was somewhere else

7 – Vehicles stolen using keys (ex-girlfriends, family members, drug addict brother)

15 of 56 stolen using the key to the vehicle this month: About 25%

3 – Vehicles parked in yards were stolen

1 – Vehicle stolen while parked overnight in the driveway with a Club anti-theft device sitting in the vehicle and not in use.

You can invest in the best anti-theft devices on the market, but unless you deploy them, they are worthless and defeat the purpose.

Parking vehicles overnight in driveways calls for extra crime prevention measures. Other means of auto theft/burglary prevention need to be in place if not using a garage.

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Commercial Burglaries: 12

Dummy cameras: a liability for a business – lead citizens to believe it's a 'safe' location and someone is monitoring their safety. This can cause lawsuits and is NOT recommended. Also, fake cameras can't provide the police with any footage to use to solve the crime.

Commercial burglaries are happening at storage facilities, surplus store (2x at same location), office suites, gas station/convenience store, hotel office converted to apartment residences. Cluster mailbox containing 20 boxes also burglarized in July.

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- *Stop leaving garage door openers in unlocked vehicles parked in driveways or on the street. Garage door openers are being stolen to gain access to the home and commit further crimes, while families are inside asleep. It is CRITICAL to responsibly secure your property.*
- Open windows, unlocked doors, open garages were all used to access homes.
- Vacant homes were targeted this month for burglaries.
- Homes being remodeled: tools and equipment were stolen.
- Key custody: more residential burglaries and auto thefts using owner's keys.

Auto Burglaries: 56

- Saw 1 or 2 cases in July of tires being stolen off large SUV/trucks parked in driveways overnight.
- Continued to see garage door openers and IDs stolen from vehicles in July.
- Saw increase in ignition damage reported; indicates attempt to steal the vehicle.
- Teen males with bags, 1 carrying a skateboard, were seen on surveillance videos breaking into unlocked vehicles parked overnight in driveways and attempting to steal the vehicle. One homeowner chased them off with a gun; not recommended!
- It is VITAL to stop leaving property inside unlocked vehicles and parking outside a garage overnight and assuming your property and vehicle will be safe. This practice is not working and attracts a criminal element to YOUR neighborhood.

Articles stolen in the Foothills in July from vehicles:

- Two sets of truck tires; multiple purses, wallets, IDs, credit/debit cards, SS cards, checks & checkbooks, drivers licenses, sets of vehicle insurance & registration papers; child custody agreement papers and all the children's birth certificates, a remote control to gated community gates (2nd time at this community in 2 months), satellite radio receiver, keys to an RV, hospital work ID badge, Sandia Lab clearance badge/pass, multiple computers, knives, boxing equipment, salon equipment, thousands of dollars of cameras, backpack, perfume, CDs.

Resources – Things to Know About:

- Next Foothills Crime Prevention **“Workshop Wednesdays at the FH”**

- **August 12th**: Crime Prevention for the Home: Waiting list, filled in 2 days.
- **September 23rd**: Due to large waiting list for the August “Workshop Wednesday” on Crime Prevention for the Home, Jill will do a second session to accommodate all of those who were on the waiting list. This session is also full.
- **October 21**: Crime Prevention for Women: will post about 2-3 weeks prior on FH web, nextdoor.com, lobby fliers and notify PIO.
- **November 18**: Holiday Crime Prevention: will post about 2-3 weeks prior on FH web, nextdoor.com, lobby fliers and notify PIO.
- June Workshops: Hosted 2 workshops:
 - National Night Out Ideas session; second one to accommodate wait-list of citizens who wanted to attend the first one in May.
 - Rental Resources for residents and landlords.
- See www.crimemapping.com for crimes, date ranges, locations and auto emails.
- See www.foothillsareacommand.com for all FH crime prevention info.
- We currently have about 250 subscribers.
- ***We want subscribers! This is where you will get the majority of your crime prevention and APD Foothills information.***