



Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

MEETING MINUTES—Draft until adopted

Monday 7 March 2016 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 approximately 6:05 pm.

2. Introductions of Members and Visitors

The meeting included several APD officers. APD School Resource Officer Kiel Higgins plans to be a regular attendee. Members wished farewell to Lt Rob Middleton, who is joining the Police Academy.

3. Review/approval of agenda

Upon motion by Brosveen, second by Layden, the agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Review/approval of minutes from February 1st meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously, upon motion by Brosveen second by Abbin.

5. APD Communications—

a. “Snapshot” of Area activities

Lt Jordan provided his usual thorough review of the monthly crime report, noting—again—that many of the vehicular and residential burglaries and thefts are preventable. As noted in the report, the 25% of property crimes against unsecured property had a significant impact on officers' work as well as disturbing victims' lives. Vehicle burglaries and thefts are also increasing from places of worship—criminals know the hours during which worshippers will be inside and not many places of worship have security present.

The report includes a long list of items stolen, including seven firearms plus ammunition stolen from vehicles.

b. Reports from Celina Espinoza

Celina distributed copies of the previous and new Use of Force orders for review, along with a brief summary of the changes that have been instituted. (There is still opportunity for comment before final adoption.) By June, all officers will have taken a full week of training, both in the classroom and in real-life scenarios.

The new Use of Force order (02-52) may be found at this location:

<http://apdsop.tripod.com/procedural-orders-manual/index.htm>

Also, the Department is seeking to increase the number of Public Safety Aides (including part-time), to relieve line officers of some of their duties and to serve as a recruiting tool.

School Resource Officer Kiel Higgins gave a brief description of his duties. While he is a regular part of APD, he works with several APS schools. He noted that his rapport with students is very helpful in that they volunteer information to him to help solve or prevent criminal activity.

6. Recommendations

Recommendation 9.9 [attached] was approved unanimously, upon motion by Layden and second by Brosveen. It will be forwarded to the Chief.

7. Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members

A member reported that some of his elderly female neighbors were concerned about crimes against persons and especially home invasions. Lt. Jordan did say that they are rare. There ensued some discussion as to whether crimes against persons should be regularly reported, to give people factual information. Lt Jordan indicated that crimes against persons would be added to the monthly snapshot.

Daily property crime reports are available on the Foothills web site—
<http://www.foothillsareacommand.com/category/watch-notes/>

Another topic of discussion was mail theft. An area resident said that unpredictable mail delivery times make it more difficult to ensure that mail is received.

8. Other business

a. Annual report due

Doug Brosveen volunteered to review minutes over the past year and put together the brief summary that is required. He will circulate this for review by members of the Council.

9. Set draft agenda items for next meeting

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40pm, upon motion by Abbin, seconded by Brosveen.

Next meeting:

Monday 4 April 2016 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center

Comments or questions:

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ATTENDEES

CPC Members:

Joseph Abbin

Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair

Dianne Layden

Sabrina Slauson, Youth Representative

Ryan Trujillo (absent)

Carolyn Wilson, Chair

Philip Crump, Facilitator

APD FAC representatives:

Lt Eric Jordan
Celina Espinoza

APD:

Kiel Higgins

Visitors and Neighborhood representatives:

Anne Hickman	Supper Rock NA
Judith Minks	Embudo Canyon NA
Marilyn Brown	Eastridge Area
Leslie Dannels	
Penny & Gary Hoe	NE CPC, Osuna Park
Linda Andreoli	
Kevin Linker	

Lt Mark Velarde
Plc Cacy Shultz
Sgt Adam Anaya
Sgt Michael Brodbeck

SUBMITTED:



Philip Crump, Facilitator

READ AND APPROVED:



Carolyn Wilson, Chair

RECOMMENDATION 9.9

RATIONALE:

Changes in the mental health community nationwide—and in Albuquerque --have made crisis response to these calls, by default, a law enforcement responsibility. An Albuquerque Journal article (3/20/15) stated that, “At least half the people shot and killed by police each year in the U.S. have mental health disorders”. This places officers in a tenuous position-- even with the best of training-- and exposes them to legal and career ruining actions and their city to high legal costs.

The development of the Crisis Intervention Teams by APD is an excellent example of efforts to increase officer capability in this area. However, APD officers require multiple areas of specialized training and knowledge—now including mental health training. Lieutenant Glenn St. Onge of APD’s Crisis Intervention Team attended this CPC’s meeting and discussed some of the programs other cities have developed that provide assistance to the mentally ill involved in crisis situations. Huston, Tucson and Portland are examples of cities with mental health professionals working with local law enforcement to help solve mental health crisis issues on scene or at a central location. This would benefit individuals in mental crisis by providing professional assistance and help avoid situations where officers could be charged for their efforts taken to resolve it.

Numerous Mental Health resources are available in Bernalillo County but their capabilities are fragmented and lack focus. Bernalillo County Commissioner Wayne Johnson spoke at another CPC meeting and addressed future plans to coordinate and develop area assets to identify mental health resources and expand them where necessary. Commissioner Johnson and others are considering the model developed in Tucson for a Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) to oversee a comprehensive program that encompasses not only Bernalillo County but also Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia. Such a coordinated effort can address effective use of resources to stabilize and serve those in need, without undue duplication of effort or gaps in care. The RBHA would funnel money and other resources, but not provide services. Additional funding is available through ACA (“Obamacare”) and Medicaid. The planning

effort includes providers, consumers, citizens and politicians. A private company has been contracted to help create a comprehensive plan based on the Tucson model. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Governing Commission is a possible way to get people together on this important issue.

Because of APD's continuing responsibility in responding to mental health crisis situations, it is critically important that they be represented in planning activities, in a knowledgeable manner, from the beginning and throughout the entire process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Because of APD's established commitments in mental health crisis situations, their representation in this process is necessary from the very beginning (now!) and throughout the entire development of these area wide resources.

APD's representative should be:

1. Knowledgeable and experienced with APD's needs for professional assistance in dealing with mental health crisis situations.
2. An officer of sufficient rank to represent APD that is indicative of APD's emphasis on the importance of this issue.
3. APD's representatives should not change during the process because of the importance of consistency and to allow them to establish a good working rapport with the representatives from other agencies.