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**Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Monday 2 March 2015: 6:00pm – 7:50pm**

**Holiday Park Community Center**

**11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111**

1. Call to order—Carolyn Wilson, Chair  
   Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
2. Review/Approval of agenda  
   The Agenda was reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote of the Council.
3. Review/approval of minutes from Feb 2nd meeting  
   The Minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote of the Council.
4. APD “Snapshot” of Area activities  
   Lt. Jordan presented the February 2015 summary of Crime in the Foothills Area Command [Document attached to these Minutes]. The number of “warm-up” auto thefts has declined from January (13 in 3 weeks down to 7 in four weeks), perhaps due to warmer weather. The number of auto burglaries continues high—66 in four weeks. About half of these are “smash and grab” burglaries of locked vehicles, while the other half occurred with unlocked vehicles. Typically, the items stolen were visible from outside the vehicle.  
     
   Lt Jordan also reported an upcoming workshop on Women’s Safety to be held at the Foothills Substation on the morning of Thursday March 26th. The meeting is open but RSVP is recommended, as the seating is limited. Call 323-4644 (Jill).   
   Another workshop on APD Air Support will be held Saturday April 4th, including a helicopter landing. RSVP--Call 323-4644 (Jill).
5. Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members  
   Dianne Layden reported on her meetings with four neighbors. While the comments she received were generally positive, there were complaints. One person noted that some officers are overzealous in their enforcement. She relayed the question whether APD generates income through the sale of seized vehicles. Lt Jordan and Middleton explained that the process for seizure and subsequent auction is lengthy and expensive and not arbitrary; they reported that APD typically loses money from vehicle seizures. Citizens in her area are concerned with theft of mail from group mailboxes. Lt Jordan reported that it was an issue for APD. Police have arrested an individual who was found with a master key that could open all group mailboxes in the Albuquerque area. The case has been turned over to Postal Inspectors.

In response to a question regarding current staffing of APD, Celina Espinoza reported that currently APD is at 922 officers (of a allowed strength of 1000). OF these, 20 are recruits , who are assigned for 1-on-1 training with experienced officers. 415 officers are in the field. Soon, APD will be posting its manpower needs versus actual filled positons. She noted that many officers are retiring, in response to changes in PERA policies as well as Cost of Living adjustments. Dianne Layden asked whether the demographic statistics for APD are available.

Doug Brosveen described his experiences during his recent ridealong with Officer Colby Phillips. He noted that Mental Health calls are time- and manpower-intensive (in this case, eight City employees responding to a call for a citizen in his 43rd suicide attempt). He reported seeing a wide diversity of socioeconomic conditions in the Foothills Area. (CPC members are to engage in two ridealongs per year, to enhance their understanding of APD. Lt Jordan suggested that these take place during different shifts, so that members can see the challenges facing officers at different times of day.)

1. Recommendations

Recommendation 6 (Draft B)—“We recommend that a positive motto such as “To Serve and Protect” be restored to all marked APD vehicles in light of the past positive reaction from the people of Albuquerque.” Was approved by unanimous (5/5) vote upon motion of Doug Brosveen, seconded by Dianne Layden.

Recommendation 7 (Draft B)—“We recommend that APD marked units be re-configured where necessary to meet the same window tinting standards as those that apply to the general public.” Was discussed and approved unanimously (5/5) upon motion of Joe Abbin, seconded by Doug Brosveen

1. Other business

There have been continuing questions from some members as to the scope, purpose and liability involved in the Background Investigation Waiver and Release Form required by the City of all members of Boards and Commissions. Celina Espinoza brought forward a draft Amendment for the CPC which outlines the purposes and procedures for such background checks [Document attached to these Minutes].

There was a suggestion that somebody from APD Human Resources discuss the department demographics and the reasons for fallout of candidates from the various groups in the recruiting and training processes. Celina Espinoza volunteered to round up a speaker.

1. Set draft agenda items for next meeting

Members are invited to submit items for the next agenda

1. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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

Comments or questions:  
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Vice-Chair Doug Brosveen (505) 263-1022 dbrosveen@msn.com  
Facilitator Philip Crump (505) 989-8558 philip@pcmediate.com

ATTENDEES

CPC Members:

Joseph Abbin

Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair

Jesus Casillas (absent)

Dianne Layden

Jeffrey Mahn (absent)

Thomas Murdock (absent)

Ryan Trujillo

Carolyn Wilson, Chair

Philip Crump, Facilitator

FAC representatives:

Lt Eric Jordan

Officer Colby Phillips

Lt Rob Middleton

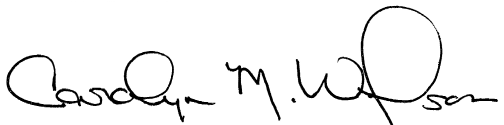
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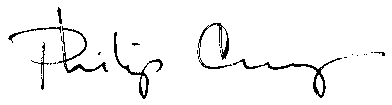
Celina Espinoza

Neighborhood representatives:

Judith Minks Embudo Canyon NA

Randall Dudley Eldorado Heights NA

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Philip Crump, Facilitator Carolyn Wilson, Chair





Crime in the Foothills Area Command: February 2015

Armed Robberies to Businesses

3 occurrences

Robbery to an Individual

4 occurrences: One at ATM in a parking lot at 10 p.m., two hotel guests opening doors to strangers who beat and robbed them, lady on cell phone attacked and phone stolen by male/female couple

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion)

0 occurrences

Stolen Vehicles

18 occurrences

* Vehicles have been stolen while were parked overnight at apt complexes, hotel parking lots, retail parking lots and while victim left garage open (vehicle stolen from inside the garage).
* One recovered in South Valley by BCSO in 80 minutes after theft, another recovered same day abandoned in South East Area Command.
* One vehicle stolen while left unlocked with keys in the vehicle.

Warm-Up Stolen Vehicles

7 occurrences

* Occurring in residential n’hoods (not during quick stops at stores, day care, etc). Time vehicles were left running unattended was between 5-10 minutes.
* How many things in life are 100% preventable? 27-7W is one of those!
* Two of these occurred at one address with 2 victims who left their vehicles warming up and unattended. One victim’s debit card was being used at a Pump & Save at Sage/Coors after the 27-7W.

Commercial Burglaries

7 occurrences

* Breaking windows to gain entry at bakery outlet, apartment complex office, beauty shop, law office, tire shop

Residential Burglaries

36 occurrences

* Offenders entering by: opening back door, prying off back window, kicking in front door, breaking in via garages, doggie doors. Citizens closing windows but leaving them unlocked. Anti-lift/anti-slide mechanisms on first floor windows recommended and locking up.
* 3 of these were at vacant homes. One had time delay of almost 7 months in reporting (shows that this vacant home was not being checked on by owner).
* Another 3 of these cases had time delays in reporting of about 4 days; means the victims did not have a trusted neighbor checking on their home or an activated alarm. We didn’t have any neighbors witness any activity; if neighbors had been notified victims were going to be gone for several days, they may have been alert to any odd activity and been able to recognize it and call it in to police.
* 2 of the 10 had shed lock broken and attempted to break into the home too.
* 1 victim had 2 bicycles stolen that were unattended either at the front of the home or in the garage, which was open, at the home.

Auto Burglaries

66 occurrences

* Offenders entering by: smashing windows to grab visible items of value left inside (multiple purses, wallets, IDs, Fed IDs, Military and KAFB IDs, SS Cards, a briefcase, a laptop case and laptop, cash, CD collections, a generator, a GPS, an stereo and amp system, iPad, clothing and laundry, multiple firearms, keys to apartment complex mailbox), bag full of confidential military work items and passwords to KAFB military data.
* About half the vehicles left unlocked with valuables inside the vehicles.
* Credit cards that were in one vehicle at time of theft were being used immediately in the area at fast food, gas and retail in the general area. W-2 stolen; that can be used for tax return fraud and re-victimize the victim.
* Vehicles were at apartment complex parking lots, grocery store and gym parking lots and residential streets; some had multiple burglaries at same address to vehicles left unlocked with items of value inside the vehicle.

**Resources – Things to Know About:**

* Postings in February: Crime Prevention Series on-line and hand-outs in FHSS lobby on Fencing, Garage Doors, Front Doors, Windows and Doggie Doors.
* Continuing to alert public via postings about warming up vehicles and leaving property inside vehicles, whether locked or unlocked and leaving items of value in unattended vehicles.
* See [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) for crimes, date ranges, locations and auto emails
* See [www.foothillsareacommand.com](http://www.foothillsareacommand.com) for Daily Watch Notes, crime prevention advice, events listings, workshops for the public on crime prevention topics.
* ***March 26th workshop at FHSS: Jill and Det. Dosal, Robbery: Women’s Safety***

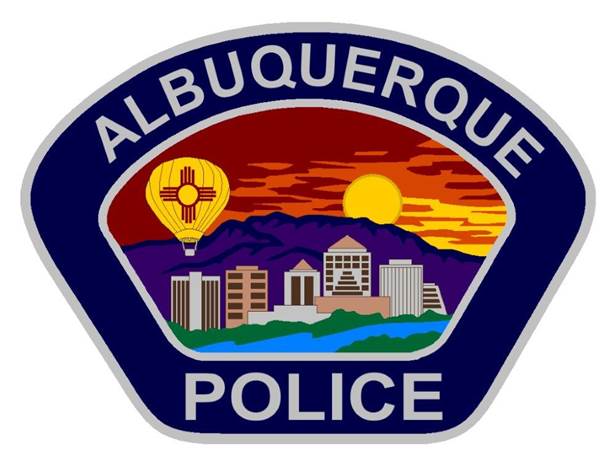
Open to all, but due to limited seating, RSVP to Jill at 323-4644

* ***April 4th workshop at FHSS: Jill and APD Air Support Sgt. Will Taylor***

History and workings of the APD helicopter (will land at FHSS)

Open to all; for workshop portion have to RSVP to Jill due to limited seating

All are welcome for the chopper landing portion (weather permitting)

City of Albuquerque & Albuquerque Police Department

**Background Checks Community Police Councils**

This notice is to verify the scope of investigation utilized by the City of Albuquerque’s Human Resources Division when conducting background checks for citizens wishing to participate as voting board members on the City’s Community Police Councils.

Candidates’ backgrounds will be checked/verified through [www.nmcourts.gov](http://www.nmcourts.gov) . This is a public website which provides public judicial records for an individual. The City is checking for past criminal histories as stated in the Boards and Commissions Background Check Guidelines.

The individual’s background is also checked through the New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure there are no outstanding warrants or further criminal history associated with the candidate.

Once the background check is conducted, if no criminal record or conflicting information hindering participation is found, no records are kept by the City of Albuquerque or Albuquerque Police Department. If a disqualification is found, a copy of that record may be kept by the City’s Human Resources Department on file in the case that the citizen would like to view the record or dispute the findings.

At no time will the individual’s personal information provided through the Background Check Waiver be used for anything other than the purposes outlined in the city’s Boards and Commissions Guidelines.

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Celina Espinoza Date

Communication and Community Outreach Director,

Albuquerque Police Department