



**MEETING MINUTES  
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018  
North Domingo Multigenerational Center, Room 5**

**In Attendance:**

- Eric Olivas, Chair
- Brennan Williams, Vice-Chair
- Dorothy Woodward, Secretary
- Ane Romero
- Vicki Williams
- Cassandra Morrison
- Lt. Shawn Frick, Advisor. NE Area Command.
- Chris Sylvan: Community Outreach CPC Manager
- Janette Carrillo: CPC Office Administrative

Approximately 37 members of the public were present.

**Call to Order/Welcoming of Participants - Chair Olivas. 6:32 pm.**

- Approval of July 2018 minutes and August 2018 Meeting Agenda: Motions to approve both. Seconded. Motions passed by voice vote.

**Committee Reports.**

- **Recommendations Committee:** Chair Olivas noted that some recommendations were not retained for file/review after change in administration.
  - What to Expect in a Traffic Stop: This recommendation will be re-submitted with additional focus on teen drivers.
  - Citizens Police Academy: This will be re-submitted with greater emphasis on broader instruction.
  - Neighborhood Watch Advocacy: This will be revamped and re-submitted.
  - Community Outreach Position: This will be closed. In collaboration among all six (6) CPCs, an ordinance for City Council consideration is being drafted. This ordinance seeks to retain in perpetuity (ceaseless) all CPCs and their efforts in the community and APD relationship. CPCs will remain independent of the City and APD and all CPCs will interact and communicate with each other.

- **Committee Outreach Committee: Vicki Williams provided an update** of feedback from APD officers during shift roll-call presentations at Northeast Command Substation. Their comments included:
  - Requests for an additional helicopter.
  - Increased, in-depth Dispatcher training to designate calls: civil or criminal.
  - Lack of a sense of community. Officers want to better know and be friendly among neighborhoods of assigned areas.

Williams added that the committee is willing to speak at community/neighborhood events or meetings about Northeast CPC.

**Update on Sober House as discussed in a previous meeting:** Chair Olivas.

NE Area Commander Burke held a meeting with affected Sober House neighbors.

**Questions and Answers:**

- **Q:** About the issue of training dispatchers: What can we do to influence more training?
- **A: Olivas.** That would be a CPC recommendation. We would draft and submit it for consideration.
  - **Lt. Frick:** A huge volume of calls are about the homeless passed out in parks or public areas. With training, we can determine how best to prioritize those calls.
- **Q:** Do you want to empower dispatchers that police will not respond to some calls?
- **A: Lt. Shawn Frick.** When citizens make these calls, dispatchers need to give them options because right now that is not happening.
- **Suggestion:** There should be a way we can have those numbers posted with options.
- **Comment:** There used to be Telephone Report Unit where you could call and report anything. It was open 6 days per week, 18 hours per day. It was downsized due to budget.

**Report from APD on Crime and Crime Prevention in NE Area Command – Lt. Frick.**

- Decrease in auto thefts.
- Increase in traffic enforcement. Some stops have resulted in arrests of those who have committed other crimes.
- New bids based on seniority will take place August 18. Officers will work 10 hour shifts with two (2) lieutenants on each shift. Each officer will be assigned a particular section. Goals are: Officers to be involved in increased community engagement; and long-term assignments to particular neighborhoods/areas.
- Bicycle units are returning for a total of six (6).
- Helicopter: A new helicopter will be coming, for a total of three (3). The older helicopter is in need of repairs.
  - **Q:** How many units are sent when called and how are they prioritize:
  - **A:** It depends on the call. We normally dispatch two officers and we prioritize by the level of emergency.

- **Q:** Regarding the homeless: What are the procedures when officers show up? And how do address them?
- **A:** We need to identify the situation, ask those questions. But if they say they do not want to be bothered, we cannot do anything. They do have the right to be in public places.

**Report from Neighborhood Watch and Safety Advocates: Chair Penny Hoe.**

- NWSA originally was established as an ad-hoc Northeast CPC committee with the goal to work with APD NE area command and build a mutual trust between the community and APD while strengthening neighborhood watches.
  - NWSA event: Saturday, August 18, 10:00 to 1:30, Heights Cumberland Church on Moon at Academy. VIN etching and more.

**Guest Speakers: New Mexico Legal Aid – Attorneys Edna Sprague, Grace Allison and Marti Compton.**

- New Mexico Legal Aid (NMLA) is a civil justice organization advocating and representing low-income and eligible persons and families. We have eleven (11) offices in the state. Services include:
  - Foreclosures, IRS disputes, landlord/tenant issues, debt collection, scams on the elderly, family law.
  - Orders of Protection: domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault.
  - Native American projects.
  - Resources and referrals to other legal services for low-income.
- **Q:** Do you use volunteer paralegals?
- **A:** Yes, we do and always look for those volunteers.
- **Q:** How long do restraining orders last?
- **A:** It depends on the level of violence. Sometimes between 1 and 5 years, but an order can be issued up to 50 years.
- **Q:** How is it that low-income people would have tax issues?
- **A:** We help people who have fallen on hard times and cannot pay an existing IRS debt.

We are leaving you with NMLA brochures and handouts. Please read and spread the word about services and resources.

**Other Business, Comments, Questions:**

- Update: Chair Olivas: We have vacant CPC seats, if you are interested in becoming a Community Policing Council member. It is also important to include a youth voice. We soon visit schools to spread the word.

- Next month's meeting will feature three City Councilors as our guest speakers. Our council will determine a set to questions to ask them.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

