



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING
COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

6:00 PM

DON NEWTON TAYLOR RANCH
COMMUNITYCENTER
4900 KACHINA ST. NW
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT
- Chris Sylvan, CPC Manager
- Annabel Griego, Chief's Office Admin. Asst.

Approximately 30 members of the public were in attendance, 5 from APD were in attendance

Call to order - Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by, Chair

Introductions of Council, APD representatives, and Visitors

Council members, APD and visitors introduced themselves to the group

Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the Agenda, correcting the speaker; Andrew Metzger was to not present on Safe City Strike Force instead Lt. Zachary Wesley would speak about APD Crisis Intervention Team.

Review/correction/approval of Minute - April

Motion was made - minutes were not available

CPOA/POB Update

a. None given

Area Command Update

Lt. Scott Norris-APD:

- Area Command updates – most items status quo
- Problem Oriented Policing (POP) ongoing
- 2 new bike officers were assigned as temporarily (TDY) for 45 days, Northwest Command staff hoping they are able to keep the bike officers and add 2 more
- West Bluff concentration on Cottonwood Mall, Northwest officers were able to solve big cases with several in custody
- Pending success they will monitor and move concentration to Riverside Plaza
- Lt. Norris would ideally like 4 bike officers so that 2 would begin at the South end of the area around Wal-Mart, 2 patrol the North end Cottonwood mall and 2 and would meet in the middle around Riverside Plaza

Commander Olvera-APD:

Commander gave suggestions on what to look for as school lets out and youth begin their summer break. He and Lt. Norris stressed on the importance of being vigilant.

- Spikes in crime will begin rising due to the longer days
- Keep items of value out of sight if they can't see them they can't take them
- Watching for people on ipads or electron devices is sometimes an indicator that cars maybe broken into
- Hyundai/Kia still the most popular vehicles of theft

Commander stressed the importance of knowing your neighbors and communicating with them often, letting them know you will be on vacation. Make sure you check mailboxes daily don't leave mail out overnight, COMMUNICATION with Neighbors.

Crime numbers for April 2018 lower than April 2017; this is based on number of crimes reported.

APD Update: Search for new Chief

Chris Sylvan-APD:

National search for Police Chief has begun; Interim Chief Michael Geier will apply for position. Members of the Search Committee were present and asked the questions:

"What would you like to see in a Police Chief?"

- Don't bring in anyone from the outside
- Would like someone from within the community

"What could a Chief do to reshape APD?"

- Make sure the Chief has the influence on how officers are trained
- Make sure APD is in charge of their own academy
- Recruiting should change to not only young college students but allow older adults
- They would like a Chief who would interact with CYFD and other agencies more effectively
- Make Crimes against Children a priority
- Hire more APD staff to help vet CYFD calls

Chris Sylvan relayed the information on a link our city website to enter suggestions/comments on the next APD Chief.

Presentation: APD Crisis Intervention Unit

Lt. Zachary Wesley:

APD's Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) goal is to provide an effective response to situations involving people who might be mentally ill or in crisis.

- Responsible for training on how to deescalate citizens who are in crisis or mentally ill
- The CIU is formed of 12 detectives
- CIU's detectives are responsible for training the departments officers
- CIU is asking for community help on resources to provide CIU detectives
- Lt. Wesley would like to update and add to resource cards all officers are given to help those they are dispatched to help (cards were given out)
- The department currently has 2 Mobile Crisis Teams who are dispatched on scene or reviewing calls would like to have 15 more Mobile Crisis Teams to cover the city
- Asking for more City organizations to help, churches, businesses, medical organizations
- Current organizations APD can take refer people to... MATS, UNM Hospital, although some of the organizations will not admit those who are using Meth

Citizens:

- How the public is made aware of what the CIU needs and how do they get the information to them?
- Chair, asked what is the most needed for the Crisis Intervention Unit?

Lt. Wesley:

- Lt. Wesley gave out contact information for the Crisis Intervention Unit
- Shelters that will offer the care and rehab
- Money
- Items – jackets, socks, basic hygiene
- Hotel Vouchers are always in need

Citizens:

What has happened why is there so much need?

Lt. Wesley and James Lewis-APD

- State monies have decreased
- Opioid addiction overshadowing Meth use which seems to be more harmful to people
- No long term help for those who need it
- Communicate more with Faith Based organizations on what resources they already have in place, use the same ones St. Martins, Joy Junction, Noon Day, and others

but would still like to add to the list

- Mayor's office has brought in very experience staff to create and continue some of the programs already in place
- Mayor is serious about Mental health issues

Old Business

- Where are the recommendations-on the CPC website
<https://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council/community>
- Suggestion Box-Where is the key? Commander Olvera will research

New Business

- Coffee with a Cop Saturday, June 9th 2018
- Mounted Horse Patrol Unit

Matters from the Public

- Owner of Donut Mart would like to sponsor more Coffee with a Cop
- Commander to get to know the whole community
- Commitment that all communities know each other
- Ladera West - Pilot project to have police present at their location where old John Brooks was located

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM