



Minutes of the Northwest Area Community Policing Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2016

Northwest Area Command

Chairperson, Eric Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, April 11, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson Eric Jackson

Jill Greene

Judith Kanester

Commander Dodi Commacho

Sgt. Paul Judd

Pete Gelabert

STAFF PRESENT:

Celina Espinoza, APD

Mr. David Gold, Facilitator, Office of Diversity and Human Rights

Eric Jackson's motion to approve the March 9, 2016 minutes passed unanimously.

Chairperson Eric Jackson's motion to approve the agenda for April 11, 2016 passed unanimously.

Concern with Nearby Neighbor

One community member had a concern with potentially illegal activities of a nearby neighbor. They want to get the community watch to function again. The member was advised to continue to monitor activities at the house and report suspicious activity to the police, so they could build a case.

Concern with Nearby Park

One community member had a concern with potential illegal activities taking place at a nearby park. This includes traffic driving extra fast down the street. Officers stated they would work with the neighbor to patrol the park, and possibly put cameras up. They also noted that neighbors could call the police and ask for anonymity, so they would not be targeted by people abusing the park.

Yearly Report

Members discussed the yearly report prepared by Eric. Members agreed with the report overall. Members agreed that David will do an introduction and paragraph.

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The report included a VIN etching service the police offers for free. Every window can be etched with the VIN number. This makes it more difficult to steal doors and part them out. This service is offered by different area commands at different times of the year. It usually costs \$395 at the dealer. The NW Command will do it Saturday, April 16, from 9-3 at NW corner of Cottonwood Mall. Jumping.

There continue to be auto burglaries. Officers would like to educate the community and send out on Nextdoor.com. Victims leave something of value in vehicle. Burglars are targeting churches and malls. They also take registration, to use personal info for identity theft. They take garage door openers, to break into houses. Criminals break into a car, steal registration and openers so it's best to hurry home if a car is burgled. Get keychain garage remotes.

A related issue is garages being left open. It takes 30 sec or 1 minute to break steal from a garage. It's better to leave garage door closed. Also criminals push garage doors in and use a long hanger to pull the rope. The recommend pulling the rope tighter, or lock the door on the sides. Windows make it so people can see rope so get window frosting.

Mailbox thefts are a problem at community boxes. Officers recommend pick up mail every day. Sometime criminals have pried the whole back open. It's preferable to replace thinner boxes with a newer, stronger steel mailboxes. The police have recovered mail from criminals.

Officers recommended the website crimemapping.com. They say it is very accurate and is divided by a single block. The police have a more enhanced system. Police emphasized that neighborhood watch is very effective. Be a nosy neighbor to catch burglars. You know names, faces so you can detect casing. Communication is important.

What police do with abandoned vehicles? If legally parked, there isn't much they can do. If inoperable they can find owner and ask about vehicle.

Police can do a security assessment for people going on vacation. It takes 20 minutes.

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DOJ Policies

Celina Espinoza discussed DOJ policies. There are 32 new policies related to federal agreement. 14 are approved by monitor. The monitor time line is June. He approved the on-body camera policy. UNM did a study and there are a number of privacy rights issues. People want to remain anonymous. If people ask, "could you turn off camera?", the officer has discretion. They must document why they were asked. If the media can get it, it can become public. They are reviewing policies every 6 months.

APD is putting in progress reports. The monitor meeting is 3 months behind and there is a meeting every six months, so APD doesn't get the credit due. Some are not due yet.

There are two CPC assistance meetings coming up, Saturday 16th and 23th at Academy.

Insert into water bill, about CPCs. Share of digital billboards. Creating graphic.

Meeting Location

Members agreed to keep the meeting at the NW Area Command.

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There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairperson Eric Jackson reminded everyone of the next Regular Meeting of the Council on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwest Area Command. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

READ AND APPROVED:

Mr. David Gold
Secretary to the Board

Mr. Eric Jackson
Chairperson of the Board