



Minutes of the Northwest Area Community Policing Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center

900 Kachina St NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

1. Call to Order

Chairperson, Eric Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson Eric Jackson

Jill Greene

Judith Kanester

Patrick Sanchez

Sgt. Sean Casaus

STAFF PRESENT:

Celina Espinoza, APD

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

CITIZENS PRESENT:

Jenny Metzler –Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless

2. Approve Minutes

Chairperson Jackson's motion to approve the August 12, 2015 minutes passed unanimously. Two corrections. Mr. Chavez abstained.

3. Approve Agenda

Chairperson Eric Jackson's motion to approve the agenda for September 9, 2015 passed unanimously.

4. Matters from the Public

Jenny Metzler of Albuquerque Health for the Homeless (AHH) gave a talk about her organization. As the name suggests, her organization provide healthcare to the homeless in Albuquerque.

They are a Federally Qualified Health Center that serves more 500 people and have 100 employees. They have a new building, scheduled to open Monday, September 21st at 11am. With that building, they will have a total of 4 buildings on their site at 1217 1st NW.

They receive money from Obamacare. They listen to communities for ways to help people.

She said homelessness will kill you. It will make you sick. 70 people die per year.

They also have a new van. They started with no buildings and worked with duffel bag out of a car. They do mobile outreach, syringe exchange, and OD prevention. Their team will go to alleyway, and pick up syringes to avoid the possibility of reuse.

Homeless has increased in the NW. It's in the Cottonwood area, and at Coors and Montano. Behind Walmart between Home Depot there is a homeless camp. There are a lot of trees in it. Also the Madera Golf Course area.

They send teams out to areas and see where homeless are. It takes time for people to develop trust. They also get people housed.

The homeless don't want help 95% of the time and may not trust the police. She has done this in Albuquerque for 20 years. She see the need for uniformed officers and outreach officers "being on the pavement together". There are certain things law enforcement does that are not trained to do. But the outreach people have a different approach. She has seen homeless beat up and when she asks "what can I do for you?" they ask if she has any money.

There is a lot of distrust and sometimes mental illness. People they see are tip of the iceberg. Homelessness has been around long enough that that have good data. A level of trauma causes them to become homeless, and becomes untreated. They stay isolated. Homelessness adds to trauma.

You have to be ready to listen to what they have to say. You can't take it home with you or you'll end up with PTSD.

Does living homeless change you as a person? A lot of it is coping. Kids run away, blend in at UNM, keeping themselves safe in a different way.

The AHH works to house these people. No hoops; they get them housed. After a year there is an 85% retention rate. Their data is similar to NY and San Francisco.

It has to be the choice of the homeless. How do you get a job without an address? Some shelters will provide address and phone with 200 minutes/month on government issued phones. It's paid for by Verizon and called Lifeline.

She asked to get word out to the NW command. AHH is mostly mobile. They have no sites in the NW and are mostly in the North Valley.

5. Old Business

CPC Members

There are three new members are in the CPC. They are:

- Judith Kanester
- Patrick Sanchez
- David Dunlap

Questions about Laws

- Panhandling on private property is not illegal. But the owner can ask anyone to leave and call police for trespassing.
- If posted no guns are allowed. There are no guns in theaters.

Staffing Information

Ms. Espinoza distributed staffing numbers that had been requested:

- Sworn officers 771
- Sworn officers: PT/ rehire 8
- FT rehire 69
- Total 848
- In Metro court 8
- Cadets in academy 59
- 17/42 old/new classes
- 18 public service aids
- 133 crossing guard
- 379 Civilians

There are current 412 out in the street. That was in the bid. The Homicide Division is not out in street. It is a specialty team. The same for the real time crime center.

The City wants 1000 officers.

There are 21 in the command staff including: 3 Majors, 6 Deputy Chiefs, 6 Area Commanders.

There are multiple teams to investigate the use of force. The Command NIA, Assistant Chief Huntsman, FIT and CERT teams, investigative teams. There are three sets of eyeballs on the use of force.

Multijurisdictional team, Homicides can investigate use of force. Internal affairs. CERT looks at the incident in entirety. They dissect use of force incidents.

Albuquerque should have 1400 officers. Population is based on 2010 or 2008 population. Now it is most likely higher, around 800,000.

25% of area command is on at any given time. There is 24 hour manning/7 days a week. 40 in NW, 10 on the road. Graveyard in NW is 4-6 people. 3400 calls for service this weekend. Chicago is more violent, ½ dozen shootings/weekend.

Other statistics:

- Yearly calls/service 449,441.
- Monthly, 37,453
- Daily 1,231

A call for service is any call where an officer is dispatched. Multiple calls get merged.

- 36% are other
- 15% suspicious persons or vehicles
- 11% disturbance
- 10% traffic
- 5% traffic accident
- 5% aggressive driver
- 4% citizen contact
- 4% periodic watch
- 4% audible alarm
- 3% theft, fraud, embezzlement
- 3% family dispute

These numbers are from Public Reports at cabq.gov

Staffing Numbers Report

The staffing report was originally supposed to be at the end of August, but it will probably be extended. Mid-September is most likely. Celina will get staffing requests.

6. Area Police Report

The level of crime is the same.

7. New Business

Discussion of Boards and SOPs Flow

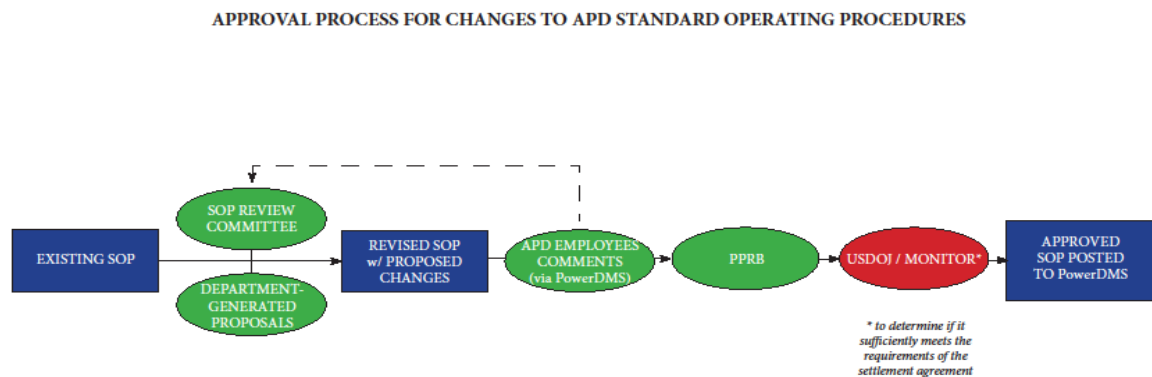
Ms. Espinoza discussed the Police Oversight Board. Civilian Policy Oversight Agency and Policy Procedure and Review Board. The PPRB boards is defined in the settlement on page 50. They do the development of policies, review and new policies.

The POB is still working through guidelines.

A new SOP goes to the SOP Review committee (4 lieutenants and others have final say). The Department generate proposals (it has >1000 policies to review and add comments. The settlement says all APD officers shall review policies and policy changes. They are reviewed by the PPRB. Then back to the online site. Then back to PPRB. Suggestions cause a repeat. Two members of CPOA are at the end. POB has members, but no voting members. The US DOJ monitors too. If they reject a policy it goes back to flow chart.

Members asked where CPCs could fit into flow. There are over 1000 procedures. The POB still sorting out how they're going to work. Some policies must be acted on in a timely manner.

The following flowchart was shown.



2/2/2015

Discussion of Number of Cadets

Members asked if cadet response have been analyzed, to encourage more to join. The answer was no, but they usually call applicants directly. Also they called applicants before test. Usually they got 200 out of 1500. Now they get 400 for taking tests.

There are 14 females. For them lowered college requirement helped. The difference is you get 32 credits

from the Police Academy. People can have up to three years to get college credits. 5 years of steady work with same employer means you are “exceptional”, and can delay college credits.

Announcement of CPC Summit

Ms. Espinoza announced the CPC meeting Sept 26, 11-2.

8. Adjournment

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 Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Don Newton Community Center. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

READ AND APPROVED:

Mr. David Gold
Secretary to the Board

Mr. Eric Jackson
Chairperson of the Board