



Northeast  
Community Policing Council  
Minutes  
January 16, 2019

**1. Call to order – Eric Jackson 6:06 pm**

Council Present: Jill Greene, Tom Borst, Eric Nixon, Cat Trujillo, and Yolanda Sanchez

**Approximately 16 attended from the public, 6 APD**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Old Business**

**a. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

**b. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes, second and approved.

**4. Area Command Update – Commander Olvera**

Crime has gone down, we recently had a TACT plan at cottonwood and it went good. We got thumbs up with the response team, so we will starting to get officers in that team. This will be able to provide resource, outreach and be able to help with communication between APD and the community. We will continue with the west buff, one area we are working on right now, is speeding, officers have been on it, we do stop people on the daily in regards to speeding. Please, do not leave your car unattended when warming it up in the morning. Lt Ronald Crawford has been added to the NW team.

Q: Have you guys coordinated with principles in regards to students speeding?

A: That would be a APS policy but we can reach out and maybe pass out flyers in regards to that.

Q: Do you have regular patrols that go around the area, when something suspicious is happening?

A: Yes.

## **5. CPOA/POB Update – Ed Harness**

Oversight ordinance has been deferred and it will be in front of a committee on February 28th. There was a stakeholders meeting and all of the feedback went to city council and they are trying to finalize the rewrite. Monitors are still working even though there is a shut down. We have no other information of when IMR-8 will be presented to the judge as Judge Bracc has stepped down, and we do not know who has been assigned yet. We have no idea how this process is going to move forward as of right now. I will be presenting an oral report to the city council in regards to what CPOA and POB has done in the last year. We negotiated different standards with the monitor, no officers are ever named in the investigation or reports. We do have some openings to join the POB, one thing that we require is, for them to go on ride along.

Q: What do you mean about ride alongs?

A: Our members are required to go on two ride alongs with officers every 6 months.

Q: Can civilians go on ride alongs?

A: Yes, I believe you have to go through the academy and you must pass a background check.

Q: As far as the clock on the IMR, and the shutdown currently happening, is the delivery dates going to change?

A: The dates are not going to change; the monitors continue to do their work.

James Lewis: We have timelines we are trying to finish, 257 is the only one that is still in process, and they have assured us that we need to continue as is. Elizabeth Martinez is still working even though we are on shut down so we get what we need done.

## **6. Presentation: APD Recruiting Unit – Detective Michelle English**

I have been helping with recruiting for several years, there was only one person for years but luckily thanks to the help with the mayor, and we have more people. We had some lateral officer but because the interest was low, we could not do classes. Before the contract, we only had 3 officers, but on our next class we there will be 29 officers.

APD got 83 new officers in 2018.

Q: Where do most laterals come from?

A: We have some from Santa Fe, Rio Rancho, mostly everywhere.

Q: What are we doing that others have not done?

A: The pay has gone up, plus we have 100 hours of vacation that is given.

Lt. Simmons: We will be having 6 youth police academy's. We will be providing school resources officers and they will start to get more training. To know an officer really changes a perception. Not all teenagers have that perception that APD are the enemy. Best way to get through teenagers are through social media. We have some internship opportunities that will be coming for our middle school and high schooler's. I created an area for kids who have to go to the substation with their parents, these kids can have a safe space . We will be creating one on every substation on what we call "Kiddo Camron".

Q: The new recruits, I have heard that a lot do not pass the written test in the beginning, is that a good thing?

A; Not everyone can be a police officer, so if they cannot pass the written test then they can either re take it or find another career.

Q: If I applied today, how long would I take for me to be on the street?

A: First you have to test, then you would go to backgrounds but it would probably take a year plus before you would be on the street.

Q: You guys are getting more officers, will they all be getting vehicles or how is that going to work?

A: We got approved for 4 million dollars towards vehicles, car prices are always going up but we will try to work what we got to make sure our officers have cars.

Q: Last year's budget, there were 2 civilians for each officer, if we staff up how are we doing with the civilian support.

A: We will have a court person for each area command, one person can accomplish that. The more officers we bring in, of course the more civilians we will have to bring in as well.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Next Meeting Date: February 20, 2019**

### **b. Matters from the public**

Comment: We have had horrible incidents, where SWAT has come; I would like to start a neighborhood watch. What do you do to start?

A: We have community watches throughout the community, you would have to communicate with Pete to get started and you would need at least have the people in your block to get this started.

- Taylor ranch association has 6 patrollers.
- Senator and legislators will be meeting this Saturday and anyone is welcome to attend and ask questions.

## **8. Adjournment**

Adjourned 7:30 pm

Acronyms:

APS: Albuquerque Public Schools

IMR: Independent Monitor Report

CPOA: Civilian Police Oversight Agency

POB: Police Oversight Board