



Southeast

Community Policing Council

Minutes

July 18, 2019

- 1. Call to Order – Chair Ron Halbgewachs 6:07 pm**
Council present: Connie Sedillo, Jeff Holland, Thomas Dent, Mike Kruchoski, Suzy Sanchez-Beg, Jeff Archuleta, Andres Valdez, Kathleen Burke, Todd Kersting
Absent: Bernadette Portillo (excused)
Approximately 20 attended from the public, 8 from APD

- 2. Old Business**

- a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda, second and approved.

- b. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes**

Motion to add Thomas Dent in attendance and change manpower to just “man”, second and approved.

- 3. Presentation & Discussion (District Attorney Raul Torrez)**

Crime Statistics 2019

- The District Attorney’s office spent the first year and a half cleaning up. There were 54,525 cases that needed to be sorted through.
- They get about 25,000 referrals a year.
- When Mr. Torrez started, there were only 97-98 attorneys
- They never had a dedicated space for victims and families, so they built a victims resource center where the victims and families can feel safe. The space they are using used to be filled with boxes of cases that were never sorted through.
- They have volunteers that work 5 days a week and have a service dog named Woodstock. Woodstock works with kids, and he will join the victims in the court and sit while they testify.

- There were 114 offender with 843 arrest between them. There are 526 cases pending, 77% sentenced or pending sentencing, 23% pending.
- In 2012, it took 117 days for a case opened to file in court. In 2015, it went to 171 days, which was the highest number of days. In the last two years they have gotten it down to 69 days, and in the last couple of months, it has taken about 21 days.
- Prioritize cases are based upon an empirical assessment of the risk presented by individual defendants and allocate prosecutorial resources accordingly.
 - Tier 1: High Risk (Major Crime)
 - Tier 2: Medium Risk (General Crimes)
 - Tier 3: Low Risk (Tier 3 Deterrence)
- Crime has dropped in the 18 consecutive months.
- Average response time in the SE area is an issue and the reason for that is, cops have to testify for preliminary cases and have to be in court to testify.
- When compared to crime trends in 30 of the largest cities in the US from 2014 to 2016, Albuquerque was ranked: 1st in increase in all crimes (26% increase), 4th in increase in violent crime (26% increase), 1st in increase for property crime (26% increase) and 1st in increase for murder (102% increase).
- DA officer working closely with APD and Bernalillo County has been helping.
- Auto theft has gone down in the last two years.
- Violent crime is the most challenging to deal with but it has been going down.

Q: Grand jury needs to be reviewed.

DA: Cases involving Use of Force will proceed with a preliminary hearing.

Q: Are there technologies that allow officers to testify, or do they have to be physically there? Is there a way to change that?

A: They have to be there. Any rule changing has to go through the NM Supreme Court.

DA: People have to bear in mind, things that come out on the media have not yet come into the office.

DA: We charged an MBC for the inmate incident that happened.

Q: Smothering on the man from K-Mart, is there an update, are they still doing an investigation?

A: I do not know if it is active, I would have to look at the status of it.

DA's office has a relationship with New Mexico Tech, to work on getting all the information in one place.

Every Saturday a PhD computer scientist volunteer works at the DA's office. They build systems and applications. They are able to track the trends and it creates networks for us to see. That is what they do.

4. APD Presentations/Discussion

a. Recruitment

August 29th, they have 60 cadets and 11 lateral transfers seated.

b. Monthly Crime Report – Lt Anya

- Larceny (All Types) – 134
- Auto Theft – 109
- Auto Burglary – 98
- Residential Burglary – 72
- Vandalism – 67
- Commercial Burglary – 38
- Disorderly Conduct – 126
- Drug Violation – 17
- DUI – 27
- Forgery – 12
- Fraud – 23
- Recovered Vehicle – 13
- Trespassing – 15
- Warrant – 92
- Weapons Violation – 2
- Family Offense – 306
- Simple Assault – 48
- Aggravated Assault/ Battery – 106
- Robbery (All Types) – 32
- Criminal Sexual Penetration – 7

Calls for service during this period: 10,167

c. Use of Force

There were 17 Use of Force reported for the month of June

- 4 Serious Use of Force
- 4 Show of Force
- 9 Use of Force

Q: Neighbors concerned with homelessness.

A: Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) outreach will be out next month; sometimes it helps when you can provide them with some resources for help.

Q: Any improvement on having officers drive by the parks with homeless and addicts?

A: We have several parks where we have officers assigned to and driving around (watch)

Q: Gun buy back, how did that turn out?

A: It was successful, 415 guns off the street. We are working on doing another one soon.

Q: Whom do we call about the needles on floor?

A: You can call 242-COPS and 311.

Q: Are Park and Rec trying to help with the needle issue?

A: Yes, they are actively trying to help. I believe they will be starting a program soon.

Lt: New park lighting, some of them have cameras. APD is not the right answer for homeless sleeping in the parks. We will be getting "Park Rangers" to focus on park security. They will be hiring in District 6 and 2.

Q: Do they need to be certified APD?

A: No, they just have to be certified security.

Council voted to have an executive session before next regular meeting. (Vote was Yes-6, No-3)

5. Adjournment

Adjourned 8:00 pm