



Minutes of the Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2015
Cesar Chavez Community Center
7505 Kathryn Ave SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

1. Call to Order

Chairman, Colt Balok, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Council Members Present:

Chair - Colt Balok

Co-Chair – Clara Padilla-Silver

Ronald Halbgewachs

Officer Tim Hotole

Officer Phil Moya

Cassandra Reckaway

Sgt. Jason Sanchez

STAFF PRESENT

Jeanette Martinez, Moderator

2. Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Agenda for the February 19, 2015 was voted on and approved. Minutes for the January 15, 2015 meeting was voted on and approved.

3. Discussion

Communications and Community Outreach Director for APD Celina Espinoza attended the Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council meeting. She noted that she will be directly responsible for the oversight of the CCP meetings. The Facilitator, Jeanette Martinez, will be responsible for communicating with Celina about Council questions, concern, or issues. Celina will, in turn, work with those who can address the issues, including the Chief of APD, then communicate the information back to Jeanette who will share the feedback back to the council. Other items Celina addressed with the Council include:

- Plans on scheduling a retreat for all Area Command Community Policing Councils.
- Policy and Procedures for APD are being revamped.
- DOJ Monitor still needs to be approved by Judge. From APD stand point he will be fair.
- She would like to bring consensus with citizens and provide answers to the community as to Why do police do what they do? What would the community like to see? What target issues are issues? How can council do outreach to the community? What encompasses the meaning of community

policing? What is community policing? What is community to you?

- Goal for Mental Health training is to reach 100% training for all officers. Currently 76% of officer are CIT certified. Training consists of 40 hours of instruction including role play scenarios and hands on negotiation.
- Citizens can now contact www.talkwithacop.com for interaction with APD.
- Campaigns to see police and community in a better relationship are being established.

Sgt. Sanchez stated that CIT training emphasizes active listening skills along with negotiation skills which allows officers to hear what the needs and interests are of the citizen. Ronald, a CCP board member shared his ride along experience. Overall his experience was positive. He responded with an officer in regards to a family incident and felt the officer was very collaborative with citizens. He felt police were effective in collecting information making sure they got both sides of the story. A suggestion was made for CCP board members to plan a BBQ in the community to unite the community. However, Planning needs to be strategic.

4. Public Comment

Lisa, a mental health provider, asked for more clarification about what the meaning of “Community policing.” According to Lisa, Native American citizens feel the approach taken towards them is aggressive. Karen, a neighborhood association member, shared that officers should “open eyes and view situations outside of just being an officer”, see things from citizens who need their basic needs met such as food, shelter, Love, etc. She stated that citizens see police officers as “out to get them.” She also mentioned that police safety must be addressed as well due to this mentality.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the council, Chairman Colt Balok reminded everyone of the next regular meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.