



**Southwest**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**Minutes**  
**December 12, 2018**

**1. Call to Order – Chair Don Burns**

**Council present: Chris Sedillo, John Russo, Jan LaPitz, and Larry LaPitz**

**Absent: Michale Zocholl**

**Approximately 7 attended from the public, 7 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**

A motion was made by Larry to amend the minutes and add additional items that were left out from last month's meeting.

**Added to the meeting minutes:**

C: Board member Larry mentioned that on the minutes there appears to be something that we discussed the last time that are not on the minutes. We discussed having a safe haven for when someone is being followed or threatened and what they are told to do.

**(O)Question, (A) Answer, (C) Comment**

Q: A board member asked if the substations' are open after hours.

A: Acting Commander Espinosa responded that all the substations' are open until 5pm Monday-Friday. He also mentioned that at every substation there are two green parking spots that are designated for internet exchange zones. They designed these a couple years back and are not only for internet exchanges but child exchanges, etc. Directly on top of this area is a surveillance camera that is tied into the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) for 24/7 security.

C: Is this is so, that makes only 6 places in the City and we thought to get more places available for the community for situations such as this.

C: Acting Commander Espinosa said that APD will get calls like this and dispatch will give instructions to the caller for the substations' and this is when officers will proceed to take the call and follow the route to the caller. They also have contact with the stakeholder businesses and some hotels. He will put something together to educate people and see what their participation will be.

C: Mr. James Lewis was at the last meeting and he said that maybe the faith groups can get involved.

C: Acting Commander Espinosa said the best thing for those type of incidents is to call 911 and follow directions of the dispatcher because they will be guiding you towards the directions that the officer is coming from. We have other means to get this information out, for example: Social Media.

C: Chris Sylvan wanted to add that this is a previous recommendation from CPC's and it has been brought up to his boss, the head of community engagement, so this doing for the safe heaven spaces was done through the CPC's.

Q: Where are we at with any of the proposals we have submitted? They have been submitted and resubmitted, so when shall we expect to hear any response?

A: Chris said he explained on Sunday what happened to the proposals. He explained the process map and how the recommendation flow was going to work. He wanted to apologize on behalf of the Compliance Bureau and takes full responsibility for this issue and delay. During the revamping of the process map we all found a gap and filled it but waiting on the map to get out of the draft stage. He said they will hear updates every 30 days. He asked them to give another chance on this because they have swept all this and are starting over. He will give an update at the next meeting.

Q: Do we need to write a proposal about the safe heaven issues or are there any other possible proposals that we tossed around that we need to address?

Q: What are other cities doing for a safe site?

C: According to Dr. Rickman we are an example to other cities

C: More research should be done for this topic.

C: Board member Larry suggested that a proposal be done to get this information out and get this up to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor to make something happen.

C: Board member Jan said the board does not need to make a proposal and allow Acting Commander Espinosa to follow up on this information and get back to us.

C: Board member Jan mentioned the Mayor's new letter as an outreach source. She said that the County and City, as far as Law Enforcement, should be working together on this safe heaven situation. She would like to discuss amongst the upper folks to get this process started and wanted to know how she can.

A/C: Acting Commander Espinosa mentioned that the City and County make a lot of partnerships and suggested they look over the projects being worked together and eliminate what they are looking for to avoid trying to make something happen that may already be in place.

C: Board member Jan would like to see a list of the partnerships and narrow down her requests from there.

Board member John Russo made a motion that the Southwest Community Policing Council votes on the issue to promote the municipal ordinance in January which would proceed the accordingly meeting the following month.

This motion was accepted and approved by the entire board with an exception of vice chair, Michael.

### **3. APD Presentations**

#### **(Q) Question, (A) Answer, (C) Comment**

##### **a. Crime Report**

- There has been a 31% reduction in residential burglaries.
- A 3% in auto burglaries; vehicle owners are leaving items of value inside vehicles parked outside, over 40% of the vehicles were unsecured.
- There has been a 32% reduction on auto thefts.
- Commercial burglary is up by 37%.
- Vandalisms are up 2% from 2017.
- Overall property crimers are down 14% from 2018.

Update from acting commander Espinosa: Problem Response Teams will be starting up and the SW will be having Sargeant Larry Middleton. They will be starting this out with some of our officers. They will be hitting different ways to attack crime, community outreach, etc.

Q: Are we still down on officers in the SW?

A: The lateral class is about to get off on the job training and starting Saturday we will be getting four new officers.

Q: Are there going to be anymore etching on the vehicles?

A: Acting commander Espinosa will reach out to Lieuteant Josh Brown if we want to have one in the southwest.

### **4. Presentation – Guest Speaker**

During this time the southwest CPC had an open discussion with officer Roy Martinez from the DWI Unit.

### **5. New Business**

a. Next meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The board discussed having the proposed ordinance of changing the SW CPC to every other month on the agenda for next meeting.

b. Neighborhood issues/ crime

SIDENOTE: We had a board member from the SE CPC, Todd, attend this evening and gave an update on what the SE CPC is working on with their approach to utilize social media as a community outreach initiative. Todd is going to connect with other CPC's on facebook and mentioned that there are studies that show the affectiveness of going live on facebook increasing participation. Todd has looked into creating a hotspot in their community center. He feels this will help connect with people of all generations and the Mayor's idea to bring youth CPC and they are starting with freedom high. He mentioned that if you go to youtube you will be able to search community policing councils and you'll see some of their videos. Todd is going to meet with Brian Osterloh on some ideas he has and in time they will be able to get information sent to us to find the nearest officers substation.

In closing, the board wanted to thank Larry and Jan for the past 3 years of their strong dedication and participation with the Southeast Community Policing Councils. The board is greatly appreciative of their hard work and wishes them well on their journey and looks forward to having them continue with the councils as non-voting members.

**6. Adjournment**

**Adjourned 7:44PM**