



**Southwest
Community Policing Council
Minutes
January 9, 2019**

1. Call to Order – Don Burns 6:00 pm

Council present: Michael Zocholl and Chris Sedillo

Absent: John Russo

Approximately 2 attended from the public, 5 APD

2. Old Business

a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

b. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes next meeting, second and approved.

3. APD Presentations – Lt. Vega

a. Crime Report

- Auto burglary: decreased by 30%
- Auto theft: decreased by 42%
- Commercial burglary: increase by 213%
- Residential burglary: decreased by 3%
- Aggravated assault: increased by 23%
- Rape: decreased by 33%
- Robbery: decreased by 35%
- Shooting: increased by 11%
- Traffic stops: increased by 6%

Q: Is this a citywide report?

A: No, this is just for the Southwest area command.

Q: Does the government shut down effect you guys at all?

A: No, it is not effecting us.

b. Use of Force

Southwest had 3 use of force incident:

- 1 Show of Force
- 2 Use of Force
- Compared to other Area Commands, Southwest had the lowest numbers of incidents.

c. SOP Update (Standard Operating Procedures)

Ed: There has not been any OPA meetings this last month or this month, our next meeting will be in February.

4. Presentation – Guest Speaker: Sergeant Larry Middleton (Southwest Problem Response Team Sergeant)

- I am newly assigned to the Southwest response team
- I have two officers working for me that are temporarily but we are working to get them in this area permanently
- Most calls come in from Coors and Central, I am tasked to take the service call for those areas.
- Our entire COAST team was out there helping with the homeless, picking up needles and giving resource to those who needed help.
- We are not tied to a radio, it is hard to be proactive when you have one.
- One of us will be attending every meeting from now on.

Q: How closely do you work with POPS?

A: We are working with them, there will be a POP project that they are working on.

Q: How big of a team are you guys going to have?

A: It is depending on how we can show how effective this will be to reducing crime and giving resources.

Q: How long before you think you'll be up to 5 people in your department?

A: I do not know the answer to that right now, because there is always many changes happening within APD and the officers.

Q: Is there no liability issue when you transport someone that is not under arrest?

A: Our department has policies for that, if someone needs a ride, we have to put them in handcuffs and put them in the back, just for liability reasons.

Q: Do you anticipate just working on Coors and Central?

A: We will be working in that area for a month, and then we will be looking to see if there is any changes in the stats and go from there.

Srgt Middleton: I am not only invested into Community Outreach, but will also be starting to do outreach with the Faith Based community, we are targeting all faith not just specific ones. We will be having a lunch in with some folks from the faith communities and the Mayor in February.

5. New Business

a. Next meeting: February 13, 2019

b. New voting member: Wanda Harrison

c. Comments

Lt Ferris: I encourage everyone to take part of our social media and website just to be updated.

James Lewis: Just some updates on the outreach, one of the issues we face is that we do not involve the faith community as much, so we want to be more inclusive. We have asked to put a questionnaire to see what type of ministries they have, also to see if there are best practices we are not utilizing that we should. We want to start educating the community to have more people involved, the police cannot do it all themselves, we need to be one.

6. Adjournment

Adjourned 7:30 pm

Acronyms

OPA: Office of Policy Analysis

COAST: Crisis Outreach and Support Team