



**Southwest**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**Minutes**  
**March 13, 2019**

1. **Call to Order – John Russo 6:17 pm**  
**Council Present: John Russo, Chris Sedillo, Wanda Harrison**  
**Absent: Michael Zocholl and Don Burns**  
**Approximately 2 of the public attended, 8 from 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 February minutes, second and approved.

3. **APD Presentations**

- a. **Crime Report – Commander Espinoza**

- Residential burglaries are slightly down
- Auto burglaries have increased, mostly through coors and central
- Auto thefts have gone drastically down
- Disturbance calls on coors and central have gone down by 16%
- PRT has started on coors and central and once we have handled that down we will start with other major parts of the SW
- On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be having an event on Coors and Central from 10-2 pm.

Q: Whom would you contact for a booth?

A: Sergeant Middleton would be whom you contact for a booth.

- b. **Use of Force**

In the month of February there were 6 Use of Force reported.

- 1 Serious Use of Force
- 1 Show of Force
- 4 Use of Force

**c. Compliance Update – Lt Chacon**

- Most recent news is, we have posted our 9<sup>th</sup> report online (cabq.gov) you can see where we are at with the DOJ and the progress we have made this reporting period.
- We have a force review policy that is being reviewed by POB and once that is approved, it will be sent to the monitors.
- Use of Force of policies, 4 of them have been approved by the IMT and now we have to wait and get this out to the academy to start training.

Q: Is the next OPA in April?

A: Yes.

Q: Does the police department have a procedure to chase someone who is running away from you?

A: We are training officers to use their resources in the safest way to catch that suspect.

Q: Are the police going to get a second helicopter?

A: City council did approve one.

Q: Does traffic unit get training or anything when it comes to traffic collisions?

A: This issue has been brought up and the traffic unit has been working on what the safest way to get people through it.

Q: How do you know if they are an alleged felon?

A: If they are fleeing we have to go after them, we do not always know if they are a felon.

**4. Presentation – Guest Speaker: Detective Otzenberger and Michelle English-Recruitment**

- Lateral officer: An officer who is already certified from another city/state. Hiring laterals cuts down the amount of time they have to be in class.
- With the pay raise, we have been able to recruit more officers.
- 19th class had three laterals graduates. The following class had 30.
- We have 65 applicants to test for the next class.
- Recruiting Unit was awarded Team of the Month in December.
- The unit has created new brochures to show and encourage diversity.
- We are allowing people with tattoos.
- Will be heading to other states' venues to expand recruiting efforts, beginning with El Paso.
- Southeast CPC suggested a scan code to add to our brochures and we have done so. If anyone has suggestions, please contact us.

Q: Are people still wanting to leave?

A: With this pay raise and the benefits we have started with this contract, the flow has stopped. People haven't been leaving and more have been joining.

Q: What is the definition of a lateral officers?

A: Its someone who is employed with another agency and want to transfer to our unit. When they do, they have to go through a different process than the cadets, they just have to know the policies and get certified here in Albuquerque.

Q: How many new cadets do you have?

A: 20 and projected to have 60 in August.

Q: What are the standards?

A: two written test, physical fitness test, Polygram, medical

Q: Is APD hitting all the diverse groups?

A: Anyone who applies have to meet qualifications, we do not judge the application by diversity. We are doing anything to hire anyone who is qualified to become an officer.

Q: How many service aids do you have?

A: We have all the service aids filled right now.

## **5. New Business**

Ed harness: Board meets tomorrow night to discuss 2-58, one recommendation to add to the policy to incorporate an agreement that was brought up in May 2016. We asked city council to brief us of what will be happening moving forward in regards to getting more board members. Special city council meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> in regards to the ordinance rewrite at 5pm.

**Voting council: Motion to table the sitting arrangement, so no one feels left out, second and approved.**

Q: has there always been issues with getting attendance from the community to the southwest?

A: Yes.

**a. Next meeting: April 10, 2019**

## **6. Adjournment**

**Adjourned 7:35 pm**

**PRT: Problem Response Team**

**DOJ: Department of Justice**

**OPA: Office Policy Analysis**

**IMT: Independent Monitor Team**