



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

**Valley Area Command Community Policing Council
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018**

**6:00pm Call to Order 6:06pm
Determination of a Quorum
Approve Agenda (no approval of minutes for February and March,
neither meeting had a quorum)
Brief announcements**

6:05 – 6:55 Presentation by District Attorney Raul Torrez

District Attorney Raul Torrez gave a presentation and the goals of the DA office in which is to improve public safety. They District Attorney's office is striving to build reorganization, changing the culture by putting the victims first and realizing that rules need resources to match.

Raul Torrez spoke on and showed pictures of a new program they are going to implement within the next month:

-Early Victim Contact program that contacts DV victims within the first 72 hours but we've been able to meet with them within the first 24 hours.

-They have created a victim's service center that will include a kitchen for meals to be cooked after hours, an Onsite counselor, an area for children to play, a kiosk for victims to be able to fill out forms that they were not able to during the day. This will open May of 2018.

Community Persecution: Crime control and crime reduction strategies vary with the area command. You need to tailor your response to the particular crime in your neighborhood. We're building the first every crime strategy unit.

Gun Violence Intervention (GVI)- First implemented as "Operation Ceasefire" in Boston in the mid 1990's, has repeatedly demonstrated that violence can be dramatically reduced. What you do is take 5 years of historical data, track down which groups or gangs are driving the violence and you rank them with who they

are but before you go and drop the hammer you call these individuals and you meet with them. The most important thing is for them to know who they are. A moral message from community representatives that violence will not be tolerated.

Raul stated that he is in the process of finalizing a grant to provide for a focus effort for our hotspots. One in which is the Southeast. A couple key components he has requested to be funded and the amount of money he is requesting is 2-3 million which was not funded was our Independent Investigations Bureau.

DA Raul works with Mission families at the United Way, a non-profit organization that helps raise funds for things such as: ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) are potentially traumatic experiences events which can have lasting long term effects on brain development, stress, hormone levels.

QUESTIONS for Raul Torrez (-) =Raul Torrez

Public: In regards to the shootings that was mapped, does it include police shootings?

-I believe so.

Public: As far as the settlement agreement goes how is your office working with that?

-this was drafted before my time and I am not included in anyway.

Public: What're your recommendations for the CPOA to get more involved in the officer shootings and Use of Force?

-I tend to not involve myself directly because they have a different role in the process.

-It is important to remember and think about the entire system: DA, Court Services, and APD, etc.

-Specialty Courts are for very low violence. When we are talking about GVI is here are all the social services that are available to you if you want to make different choices.

Public: How do you see your relationship with the Police? Connect or Disconnect?

-I think we have a very good relationship with the department and an improved relationship from the previous administration. But there is a balance because we have a different role to play: Constitutional Rights.

Public: How can we implement the education that you've expressed today?

-Talk about the credit that we can fix the community.

6:55-7:30 Discussion of concerns, input for recommendations, community

announcements.

(Did not address due to the engagement with DA Torrez presentation.)

7:30 Adjournment

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:32pm

May 24 Meeting: TBA