



Recommendation Submission/Response Form

Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E): _____

This response is in reference to recommendation # 21-12: Safety: Street Racing in FH Area Command/ Area Command: Foothills

Responsible SME: Commander Jimmy Collins

Date received: 6/21/2021

Date returned: 7/12/2021

RECOMMENDATION (Recommendation/Reasoning):

Two areas (Manzano Mesa Park and Caracol Plaza) of the Foothills Command have experienced serious public danger and disruption resulting from street racing. Large gatherings (historically on Sundays at Manzano Mesa Park and Saturdays at Caracol Plaza) begin as a public nuisance and disturbance of the peace but then as numbers increase to the hundreds rapidly escalates to extreme public endangerment. These have become more pronounced in the last 1 1/2 years. Two serious life-threatening accidents (photographs available) have occurred in recent months. Residents and businesses in the area have been deprived of quality of life due to safety hazards created by these gatherings.

Reason: 1. Signage should be placed in these two locations: "Street racing prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted."

2. A FH CPC committee member contact Commander Collins and/or Lt. Garrett if gatherings begin so that officers can be dispatched immediately before the gathering becomes too large to control.

3. When called to the scene, Officers will issue citations immediately to violators and issue warnings to on-lookers.

4. Officers will be briefed to patrol these areas for indications of large gatherings per historical need (Sunday from 2 pm forward- Manzano Mesa Park; Saturday evenings Caracol Plaza)

APD RESPONSE/REASONING:

1. This is a referral, not a policy recommendation. For signage and traffic concerns, they should be routed to DMD and Traffic Engineering.

However, at least two members of the CPC have contacted both Lt. Garrett and me on various occasions to inform us any issues arising with Manzano Mesa. The resident near Manzano Mesa has been given my department cell and asked to text me in the event she observes these concerns. Additionally, I have provided my cell to the resident who had concerns about Caracoal plaza and asked her to do the same.

As a result of conversation during the meetings, PRT adjusted their schedule for a few weekends in a row to work Sundays, which was the problem day for Manzano Mesa. Additionally, some overtime funding was secured to help supplement patrols in this area. Swing shift and Graveyard also conducted briefings at 1400 and 2200 hours to show a presence of officers in the areas. Lt. Garrett also had a camera trailer placed in the parking lot of Manzano Mesa for several weeks in a row.

The June 5-6 weekend became a problem due to some scheduling conflicts with PRT and call for service volume.

For Caracoal plaza, I have not been contacted by the resident near this area as of yet, however graveyard officers continue to address speeding concerns on Montgomery when they arrive on shift.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes No

Recommendation Status: Approved Denied Needs more time