



**CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE**

MEETING MINUTES  
FOOTHILLS AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
Monday, April 9, 2018  
6:00 PM  
HOLIDAY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
11710 COMANCHE ROAD NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Rod Kontny, Chair
- Joseph Abbin
- Mark Burton
- David Barbour
- Ralph Butler
- Kathy Brown
  
- Chris Sylvan, CPC Manager
- Yvette Marentes, CPC Admin

Approximately 30 members of the public were in attendance, 5 from APD were in attendance

Call to order - Rod Kontny, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Rod Kontny, Chair

- a. Reading of the Community Policing Council Goals – CPC Goals were read to the group
- b Discussion Rules – Rules were read to the group, The CPC were able to get together and make rules for recommendations. Recommendations will be posted to the website so that the public may comment. The recommendation will be voted on at the following CPC meeting. Two recommendations have been developed (recommendations are listed below.)

Introductions of Council, APD representatives, and Visitors

Council members, APD and visitors introduced themselves to the group

### Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the Agenda, correcting the speaker, Erica Wilson from 911 communication center, motion was seconded and Agenda was approved.

### Review/correction/approval of Minutes\* from January and March meetings

Motion was made to approve the January and March meeting minutes, January minutes should have Judge French's comments added to the minutes. Chris Sylvan is working to get the comments from Judge French. Motion was seconded and minutes were approved for both months with the corrections to the January minutes.

### APD Presentations

#### a. Review of Foothills Crime Report from Jill Garcia

Jill Garcia is back in the office however was not at the meeting. Sergeant Anaya gave the crime report for the month. We are still seeing cars that are being warmed up and left unattended however, there should be less of those as it gets warmer. People are still leaving personal items in their vehicle including weapons; do not leave anything in your vehicle if you leave anything out in plain sight you are asking for your window to be broken.

Crimes against people, Lieutenant Simmons has been looking at trends and different studies to take different approaches to reducing the crime and breaking the circle of violence. The singing arrow area is a concern.

#### ..c. Featured Speaker, APD Detective Chris Whigham on "APD Body Cameras"

Detective Whigham gave an interactive presentation on APD Body Cameras, the presentation is attached to these minutes, and any questions are below:

Is there any type of facial recognition that you will be going to? Taser is looking into something like that but they do not have anything currently using that technology.

Lieutenant Simmons gets 2-4 use of forces per week, depending on how many officers are involved, she should have 4-10+ hours of video she must view from start to finish. The data is put together and then the Commander has to review as well. It has drastically taken away from her day and does not allow her to be out on the streets due to the amount of work in review. A member from the POB (police oversight board) wants to know what is being done to the structure of this process. He thinks that it could be better organized. Detective Whigham it is a bit more organized internally however, it is the time to review it internally that takes time. There is a process where they do use markers but he is not sure how the POB is receiving the video.

You say that you assigned two on body cameras to each officer, when you assign them do they have an internal ID? The cameras are tagged with names and serial numbers on the outside however, there is nothing internal. It is dealt with on a case-by-case basis if the cameras do get mixed up.

Policy is constantly being tweaked to try and bring balance between citizens and officers.

On a domestic call, is the camera turned on when they get out of the car, a lot can happen? Yes, a lot of it is intuition and training as to when to turn the camera on however, if it is a hot call and someone is likely to go to jail officers can turn it on, there are specific calls that require them to turn on the camera.

### Pulse of the Neighborhoods—Brief reports from CPC members and citizens

Mark Burton, APD and the policing oriented plan in signing arrow neighborhood is going well. They are now concentrating on business agreements so the businesses can work together.

Kathy Brown, things are pretty calm in her area.

Joe Abbin and Rod Kontny went to a CPC training this weekend, it was a very good meeting, and very upbeat, they came out with a positive attitude about Dr. Rickman. Albuquerque is the module for the CPC's we are the prototype. They talked a lot about outreach and involvement of the CPC's. All CPC's got to exchange ideas the SECPC considers all attendees part of the council they just are not voting members. Commander Burke was present and said that there are a lot of good ideas but there is not much follow-up. His view is that we need to emphasize the youth and perception of line officers in the CPC's. James Lewis, was present, he works for the mayor's office and made interesting comments. They want to get the police back into the community and vice versa. The CASA is on the web now but is being revised.

Rod Kontny discussed the CPC summit, it was nice to see that the Mayor was there and is getting involved. Rod got to speak at the meeting and the goal is to get to the CASA, and to comply. There is a whole new attitude in APD with the new administration. A goal for the Foothills is to try and get a youth member to sit on the board.

### Recommendations from Community Policing Council members and Citizens

a. Recommendation 2017-10 - Reporting for Use of Force (approved, submitted, APD report status). – Still up in the air, it was approved by the board and submitted.

b. Recommendation 2018-2 -APD Use New Technology. (re-draft in progress). – redraft is in progress

c. Recommendation 2018-3-APD use media to urge citizens to protect their assets (approved, submitted, resolved, Kontny report status). – This recommendation is moving fast, the journal is moving fast however, they are looking to hire a social media person to help move this forward. Auto theft is down 27% since the last year. It was approved and is resolved.

..d. Recommendation 2018-4A-APD add additional recruiters. (see page 2, discuss). – has been resolved and withdrawn.

e. Recommendation 2018-5 APD maximize collaboration with CYFD to prevent cruelty to children. (resolved, withdrawn). – has been resolved and withdrawn.

Chirs Sylvan, all policing councils have resubmitted recommendations.

### Other Business, Comments or Questions

You mentioned there is a new procedure and new rules for putting forth recommendations. Have you put this into the minutes? It is still being developed but will be on the website once ready. The board wants the public to have ample time to be involved in the recommendation process. Once posted everyone will be able to comment, and give input.

What about decriminalizing marijuana? That is a vote that is with city council. The proposal is anything under an ounce, if that is the law then that is what APD has to follow. There are still

state and federal regulations, APD has not received direction as of yet as to how this will be handled. Reach out to your city counselors.

An attendee is proud of APD and their efforts, they found a stolen El Camino.

Another member is presently attending the Citizens Policing Academy and encourages attendees to attend. He read the CASA agreement and is concerned with use of force and the time it is taking away from officers when they have to investigate. He thinks that we are asking police officers to be attorneys and that they will have fear when taking calls. Also in his neighborhood they have typical calls and every encounter he has seen the officers are extremely professional. Home Depot at Eubank has a large officer presence and he feels that it is making a large difference.

The trailer cameras that we see in parking lots, have you found them to be effective? The trailer cameras that are put out do help because they are tied into the real time crime center. They cost around \$45k.

Members of the meeting thanked APD for their efforts, they are being seen in the area. The community feels supported by APD, with their task force meetings and coffee with a cop.

We need 400 more officers; it is not going to happen overnight. In the meantime the efforts that are being made to take our neighborhoods' back are what we also need to focus on.

A member is scared to walk through the park in the Singing Arrow area even in the day. The homeless population is getting bigger and in the park it is getting out of hand again.

Lieutenant Simmons, the biggest thing that you can do is to be sure to say something if you see something. It is important that you call if you see anything of concern in the parks so that officers can address immediately. The more information APD has, the more effective that they can be and addressing the issues in the area.

Do you have any crime statistics associated with the parks? Lieutenant Simmons, there are little to no calls from Singing Arrow park. However, she is reviewing all calls that come into the area.

A member has prepared a report from Singing Arrow, they do walk through and are very thorough, the neighbors in the area feel that the park has been reclaimed due to APD and they are very grateful.

Lieutenant Simmons, anytime that they go out and see someone that is in crisis they do contact the Crisis Outreach and Support Team. Health care for the homeless is on the Singing Arrow Taskforce.

Have you ever invited counselor Harris to our meetings? No he has not been asked.

Is there a gang task force? There is a gang unit in the special investigations division department of APD. One thing the commander is doing is reinvigorating the gang suppression unit.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42