



Southeast
Community Policing Council
Minutes
June 20, 2019

1. Call to Order – Chair Ron Halbgewachs

Council present: Kathleen Burke, Bernadette Portillo, Connie Sedillo, Todd Kersting, Mike Kruchoski, Jeffrey Archuleta, Thomas Dent, and Andres Valdez
Excused: Jeff Holland and Suzy Sanchez-Beg
Approximately 13 attended from the public, 7 from APD

2. Old Business

a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

Motion to add “Review/amendment/approval of Annual Report”, second and approved.

b. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes

Motion to add Andres Valdez request to know about secret house raid; Commander Dennison will be bringing in information on that to the next meeting, second and approved.

c. Review/amendment/approval of Annual Report

Motion to approve the annual report, second and approved.

3. Recommendation by Kathleen Burke

The recommendation that is to be submitted is, to get crime statistics on the arrest on prostitutions, including solicitation arrest. There are discrepancies in how incidents are being reported and classified.

Q: If you want a detail report, does that mean you are trying to stop it or control it?

A: No, personally I am not trying to stop it but the organization for whom I work is trying to lower the rate of prostitution arrests.

Q: Does this tie in with human trafficking?

A: No, unless the minor is selling him/herself or being held against his/her will, it is not considered trafficking.

Comment from Lt Simmons: The way APD reporting systems works is, we have a drop down menu of when the call/arrest is made. For example, 27-4 which is “assault battery”, can mean a lot of things. Copperfire (the program APD uses) cannot let officers fill out whatever they want, they have to do drop downs and in the report is where they put a description of the call. APD tries to be as flexible as they can with an outdated system.

Motion to approve this recommendation, second and approved. (9 in favor)

4. APD Presentations/ Discussion

a. Recruitment Information – Det. Michelle English

- There are three recruiters in APD now.
- Added weekday testing since many people could not do the weekend testing.
- 38 cadets will be in the next class, and will be capping out at 60.
- Currently 50 applicants in background checks.
- 5 laterals in backgrounds checks.
- 7 laterals are graduating tomorrow

Q: What is the total number of officers with the new recruitment?

A: Approximately 930.

Q: Status on the CNM programs?

A: Those students graduate and then they will go to the academy for 10 weeks. There are 19 of them.

b. Monthly Crime Report – Sergeant Pitzer

- Reductions on crime this month due to the NM State Police present
- Larceny (All Types) – 113 (-10%)
- Auto Theft – 95 (-3%)
- Auto Burglary – 99 (+27%)
- Residential Burglary – 75 (-6%)
- Vandalism – 75 (+14%)
- Commercial Burglary – 33 (+83%)
- Disorderly Conduct – 76 (-6%)
- DUI – 28 (+22%)
- Recovered Vehicle – 18 (+80%)
- Aggravated Assault/ Battery – 68 (+10%)
- Robbery (All Types) – 29 (+61%)
- Homicide – 1 (+100%)
- 115 CIT reports

- Calls for service 10,468

Q: What is APD doing in regards to cars with no mufflers, license plate or dark lights?

A: We have done a lot to get man power, we can try and get with motors and have them do traffic stops.

Q: The increase in arrest, is it due to the state police presence or because there was more crime?

A: Increase in arrest does not mean increase in crime, there is just more proactive enforcement with officers making more traffic stops.

Comment: Having the state police presence is good because crime did seem to get lower.

Q: Are DA office following through with the arrest?

A: Many cases were being dismissed, it was a combination of how we were presenting the cases and we were not doing the best job in the past doing the appropriate paperwork to have a better case. There have been many improvements with prosecution and our rates for dismissal were lower.

*Albuquerque will continue to have at least 25 state police for a while.

Q: Can officers provide a better patrol of Morningside Park? Recently a number of addicts have been using the Park, throwing rocks at houses along the park, and also battery of a woman in the Park.

A: We will have the Problem Response Team look into the issues with Morningside Park.

Use of Force

A total of 19 Use of Force were reported in the month of May.

- 2 Serious Use of Force
- 3 Show of Force
- 14 Use of Force

5. New Business

a. Discussion: Recommendation to APD

The SE will submit three recommendations: (1) Make improvements for the APD mobile app, (2) Request to have Augmedix Inc. give a presentation on the “remote scribe” and Google Glass system, (3) Request crime statistics on the arrest on prostitutions, including solicitation arrest. (See Item 3. Above)

6. Adjournment 7:40 pm