

**North Las Vegas Police Department  
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2005**

**ATTENDEES**

**Chief Paresi  
Pamela Phillips  
Kamal Asnani  
Dana Phillips  
John Doody**

**Lauren Vaniski  
Laura Marscheck  
Florence Buchanan  
John Baker  
Ted Johnson**

**Dan Morris  
Susan Sayegh  
Guido Mantilla  
Rob Aker  
Connie Holtmann-Spangler**

**ABSENT**

**Mimi Devore-Rigg  
Andres Ramirez**

**Maurice Hankins  
Michael Yarter**

**Chelsi Cheatom  
Santiago Rodriguez**

**GUESTS**

**Jayne Tomko  
Off. Rodriguez**

**Sgt. Morey  
Off. Gravatt**

**Nicole Dennis**

- 1) DEA agent Jayne Tomko spoke about the problem of drugs being brought in to Nevada from Mexico. Title 21 prohibits bringing controlled substances across U.S. borders. Title 18 prohibits illegal drugs from being brought across the borders. The controlled substances are being sold for big money and the illegal drugs, such as antibiotics, are being administered in local botanicas. A lot of the antibiotics are sulfa based which approx. 50% of people are allergic to. Getting these injections can make people extremely ill and can even kill. Nevada has a law that prohibits practicing medicine without a license. The laws need to be updated to add smuggling illegal drugs charges. Jayne is working closely with the U.S. Attorney. If you know of any illegal operations, you can either contact her or call the police. Jayne's office number is 759-8111 and her fax is 759-8030.
  
- 2) Sgt. Morey and Nicole Dennis gave a presentation regarding insurance and how to protect your home. Shop around when looking for insurance as the different companies offer different rates, coverages, and discounts. You should go over your policy with your agent once a year to ensure you have adequate coverage for your property. Some companies may offer discounts if : you have smoke alarms installed in your home; your home is non-smoking; you have a sprinkler system installed inside your home; and/or you have a security system. Some companies offer discounts if you are over 50 years of age and if you live in a gated community. The Community Services Division can do a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Survey for your home to help you decide what to do to make your home more safe. You may call Nicole at 633-2199 if you are interested in this service. Nicole also handed out a flyer for the Nevada Insurance Council if anyone has any insurance type questions. The website is [www.nevadainsurancecouncil.com](http://www.nevadainsurancecouncil.com). You can also reach the Nevada Insurance Commission at [www.doi.state.nv.us](http://www.doi.state.nv.us).

- 3) Officer Aker gave an update on Henderson's ordinance regarding badges and uniforms. They created the ordinance due to the area casinos copying Henderson's style of badges and uniforms. This made it difficult at times to distinguish an officer from a security guard. NLV doesn't have an ordinance at this type but Chief Paresi and the City Attorney are working on getting a similar ordinance. They are also looking into copywriting the City symbol.
- 4) Officer Aker also discussed the graffiti issue. The PD no longer has a graffiti book, graffiti is tracked on a secure server site. If you see graffiti, call the hot line at 633-1871. Code enforcement will take pictures, calculate the cost of damage, then paint over it. They will keep a log for prosecutorial merit in the event the suspect is found. There are two types of graffiti - gang graffiti where gangs mark their territories and tagging where there is no gang affiliation. When convicted, the punishment is dependent upon the value of the damage. There is civil recourse where a torte can be filed against the parents who are responsible for their child's acts. If you see graffiti in progress, call the PD first at 633-9111 then #9. This will get you a dispatcher directly so that a unit might be dispatched to the area quickly (depending on calls).
- 5) Officers Richard Rodriguez and Jackie Gravatt gave a presentation on the Recruitment Program. After the presentation, Chief Paresi advised that we are in the process of developing a web page using FLASH similar to the military web pages. Check them out to get an idea of what we will be using. Dan asked if we would be having young people try out the website to test it out? Chief has already spoken with college kids to see what they look for in a website. The site will be geared toward the younger people ages 18 through 30. Officer Gravatt asked that if anyone on the council has any suggestions for recruiting prospective employees, to please let her or Officer Rodriguez know. Her phone number is 633-2139 and Officer Rodriguez can be reached at 633-2141. The main recruitment line is 633-2255.
- 6) Chief Paresi spoke about the up coming promotions. The list will be small - one Captain, two Lieutenants, and three Sergeants - due to not having enough personnel at this time to move people up. The effective date for the promotions will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief hopes to promote more detectives and motor officers in January. The "More Cops" bill was signed and the money will be available in October. Chief plans to hire 20 people each in the next 4 academies.
- 7) Connie asked if the council gave thought to having a booth at National Night Out being held at Hartke Park on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Paresi thought that instead of the booth, the council members could volunteer to help some of the other groups this time around to get a feel for what the event is all about. Please call Connie at 633-1809 or email her ASAP to get signed up.
- 8) A discussion regarding education as a community member and as a council member was started. Chief Paresi wants Sgt. Morey to come back next meeting to discuss a book he received and gave to her. The book is called "Community Watch" which the Chief feels will help the council in deciding what direction to take in educating the community. A discussion of starting up PAL ensued as Guido wanted to target the 13-16 year olds. Chief

Paresi asked the council to decide which direction they want to focus on, such as teenagers, the elderly, etc. We need to identify the target area first so that we have a common goal. Email Connie with what direction you feel we need to go.

- 9) John D. asked about getting some publicity about drinking and driving especially during the holidays. He suggested getting news channels to team up with a local sports car club and the motor officers to demonstrate what drinking will do to even the best of drivers. A track could be set up where the drivers would first make the circuit sober. Then the drivers could make the same circuit after having a few drinks to demonstrate the effects of drinking. Everyone thought it was a good idea. Chief Paresi will have PIO Tim Bedwell at the next meeting as Tim is working on some ideas regarding drinking and driving notifications.
- 10) Dan advised that the speeding problem on Craig especially along Commerce is getting out of hand. Chief Paresi stated that the PD is aware of the problem and have the motor officers there monthly issuing citations. Part of the problem is that Craig is one of the main corridors east and west connecting the 15 to 95. The Department is looking into reducing the speed limit along Craig as well as adding more traffic lights and making modifications to existing lights. North Las Vegas has the highest number of accidents in the U.S. followed by Las Vegas, then Henderson. On a side note: the red lite bill has been shot down.
- 11) Guido spoke about garbage dumping and speeding in his neighborhood near Lois Craig Elementary School. He was advised to call Code Enforcement regarding the dumping at 633-1677. Guido asked about speed bumps which Chief said no to. They become problematic in themselves in the long term.
- 12) Chief asked that if you are assigned to a ride along and cannot make it, please let the sergeant know as soon as possible. This would give someone else a chance to go.
- 13) July 2<sup>nd</sup> is the City's Stars and Stripes early celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It is being held at Seastrand Park and Chief invites the members to attend. It is a fun filled night with generally 2000 people in attendance.

NEXT MEETING July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. starting at the Lake Mead & Bruce station. Everyone will be bussed over to get a chance to run the FATS and driving simulators.

**Note:** Please mark your calendars with the meeting dates for the remainder of the year:

- September 12<sup>th</sup>
- October 17<sup>th</sup>
- November 21<sup>st</sup>
- December 12<sup>th</sup>