# North Las Vegas Police Department
## Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
## October 17, 2005

### ATTENDEES

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| ACOP Joe Chronister | Pamela Phillips | Rob Aker |
| Guido Mantilla | Dan Morris | Laura Marscheck |
| John O'Carroll | Ted Johnson | Connie Holtmann-Spangler |
| Mimi Devore-Rigg | Dana Phillips | Kamal Asnani |
| Susan Sayegh | Andres Ramirez | |

### ABSENT

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| Chief Paresi | Michael Yarter | Santiago Rodriguez |
| John Baker | Lauren Vaniski | Chelsi Cheatom |
| Maurice Hankins | Florence Buchanan | |

### GUESTS

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| FD Chief Al Gillespie | Mgr. John Runiks |

1) Connie opened the meeting introducing Assistant Chief of Police Joe Chronister who filled in for Chief Paresi.

2) Fire Chief Gillespie spoke about having a 28 year career in various fire departments. He has handled all types of disasters from earthquakes to volcanic eruptions. Chief Gillespie is quite confident that the Disaster Preparedness program the Las Vegas Valley has will work much more smoothly than what happened with Hurricane Katrina. The Valley agencies work very well together along with the elected officials to minimize any problems. There are several evacuation plans in place depending on where the emergency is. Chief Gillespie feels that the biggest potential for a major problem would come from a rare spreading disease and/or quarantine issues. The FD will be starting Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to train citizens to assist their neighbors during disasters until emergency services can get to them. Anyone wishing to take the training can contact Assistant Fire Chief Johnson at 633-1102. The training will not be extensive. On a side note: people should prepare disaster kits containing water, toiletries, medicines, battery operated radios, etc. to last at least 72 hours. Chief Gillespie then entertained questions:

   - How will the information get to the public? Through the health department, public service announcements, flyers, tv, radio, and the 911 phone system.
   - What about the lack of communication and shelters like what occurred in Louisiana? Protocols have been established to ensure lines of communication will continue. It is the number one issue. Our radio system is better than what is used down South which utilizes a GPS system, although we can't guarantee that it won't fail. We do have back up power in place if that does occur. Also, Nellis AFB has a tremendous resource that they can bring to the situation. Shelters are another main issue that are

part of the plan. Their locations will be announced at the time the emergency occurs. We can also get a link with the military to set up tent cities. The Securities Chiefs Association (SCA) meets monthly and disaster preparedness is part of their discussions.

- What about medical facilities and supplies? It will depend on where the incident occurs and the extent, so hospitals won't be announced until that time. Also, Nellis can set up medical tents.
- Is there anything set up regarding fatigue and stress for the police, fire, and medical staff? Critical stress management teams will be available to include the families of first responders.
- How do the utility companies play a part in the Disaster plan for NLV? They have a major role and were involved in the development of the plan

3) Connie then introduced the Public Works Manager, John Runiks, who has 32 years of experience in his field. John spoke of the traffic accident issues such as along Cheyenne and Martin Luther King. Public Works is working with NDOT as well as NLVPD, LVMPD, and NHP. Due to the construction in NLV, the construction trucks, as well as lane closures, are causing major traffic problems. To help curtail this problem, truck routes have been established where possible and developers are being charged a per diem fee per lane closure to ensure that when construction is complete, they reopen the lanes. John also discussed major issues that involve Silver State Disposal. If you have any traffic related issues, John asked that you call 633-1267. For signal and lighting issues, call 633-1264. For road issues, such as potholes, trash, etc, please call 633-1313.

4) Connie gave an update on the taser bill that John O'Carroll questioned at the last meeting. Tasers may be used by the public except in certain situations. She handed out Assembly Bill 123 which describes these exceptions.

5) Assistant Chief Chronister spoke about the Community Watch program explaining that it is a holistic approach to crime prevention. He invited everyone to read the Community Watch book that Chief Paresi provided for the meeting to see how it works.

6) Connie researched the number of traffic accidents on Martin Luther King between Craig and Cheyenne. There were about 20 to 23 more accidents which could be due to increased growth in the area rather than road construction alone.

7) Andres applauded the Hispanic Outreach program. ACOP Chronister said it is greatly needed to be able to communicate with the Spanish community. The next forum will be on 11/17/05 at the Boys and Girls Club.

8) Guido mentioned about the illegal vendors selling corn in coolers. They butter-soak the corn in mayonnaise which spoils in the heat and causes a deadly virus. ACOP Chronister advised that the PD is working with Code Enforcement and Rob Aker said that they contact the Health District, also, who come out and handle the situation.

Guido also asked about Safe Halloween this year. Connie advised that it is being held at the Home Depot on Craig on 10/31/05 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. They are still accepting spots for vendors who can hand out at least 3000 pieces of candy and looking for volunteers, also.

Anyone interested can contact Nicole Dennis at 633-1808.

9) At the Round Robin, a discussion was held as to how to start a template, plan of action, or guide to use for the different projects. It was decided that whoever can meet next Monday, October 24th, will get together at the NWAC station at 5:30 p.m. to brainstorm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 21ST AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE BRUCE STREET STATION.**