

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Chief Paresi	Michael Yarter	Dan Morris
Lauren Vaniski	Laura Marscheck	Ted Johnson
Florence Buchanan	Connie Holtmann-Spangler	Susan Sayegh
Mimi Devore-Rigg		

ABSENT

Pamela Phillips	Rob Aker	Dana Phillips
Kamal Asnani	Santiago Rodriguez	Chelsi Cheatom
John Baker	Andres Ramirez	John O'Carroll
Guido Mantilla		

- 1) Connie started the meeting with the round robin.
 - Ted spoke of broken car windows during the holidays. He did state that no reports were made by the victims as they felt nothing would come of it. Connie stated that reports should still be submitted to form a tracking pattern for stats.
 - Lauren brought up about her HOA stating that the PD provides a security service at Aliante. Mike Yarter said we used to do that on Friday and Saturday nights. Chief Paresi said that the HOA paid the overtime dollars but it got too expensive and the PD doesn't offer it anymore.
 - Dan talked about the amount of speeding throughout the City.
 - Guido asked Connie to bring up that his Three Wise Men event was a success. He handed out over 4,000 gifts to the kids.

- 2) Chief Paresi advised that the number of property crimes were up but so was the density due to new developments. Also, major traffic fatalities were up six from last year. Six of the 15 accidents were drug and/or alcohol related. Only one accident was a pedestrian verses a vehicle. There was recently a group Traffic Enforcement effort between NLVPD and NHP on the 215 from Losee to Decatur. The traffic light at Losee should be up by the end of the month and the one at Pecos should be up next month. The flashing yellow signal alerts will be placed just prior to the traffic lights. Chief Paresi passed around business size cards to be handed out by the officers for recruitment purposes when they meet someone interested in going into law enforcement. We are accepting laterals and new hires at this time. There should be about 40 - 45 in training in the next 9 months. The PD is also looking into different types of hiring incentives.

- 3) Connie spoke about some of the Council members attending Metro's 1st Tuesday at the Bolden Area Command. She wanted to know what the members felt worked and what didn't work. Lauren discussed how Metro marketed their meetings: get agendas out, letting HOA's know about meetings, posting the meetings at the different area commands, and getting feedback.

Also word of mouth worked. Ted thought that we could possibly get some free advertisement by announcing where we were going to do events, such as major traffic enforcement, as an example. The news (like Channel 8) could come out and film the action and play it back on the news. Many times, when one news station comes out, others follow. We also need to keep the meetings at one location so that people know where to go all the time. There could also be one meeting done in English and one done in Spanish on an alternate evening. People want to speak with the officers that work their beat. There was a suggestion to maybe have a meeting at one of the casinos to many get better participation. Have different division/unit personnel such as detectives, SWAT, CSI, etc. to answer questions. Always have a Crime Prevention person at the meetings. Don't use acronyms as the majority of the public do not understand what the acronyms stand for.

- 4) As Chief Paresi was not at the last meeting, Connie explained to him why we went to the 1st Tuesday meeting. She also explained that our first topic in educating the public was to get the community to trust the police. Chief felt that the City needs to win the trust first as they are the leaders, not us. The PD is only a part of the big picture. Connie asked if we should write a letter of support to the City. Chief said to write a paper on what we have done and found out. We need to spark community ownership. We are tasked with engaging the community. We need to get an idea of where the City is going.

Chief Paresi advised that the budget is moving forward. There is a proposed hiring of 40 police officers from the sales tax bond and 10 from the general fund along with corrections officers About 28 civilian personnel will be hired to support the continued patrol growth. The site for a new area command at 215 & Losee is in the works and we are looking for a downtown site to replace the existing South Area Command (SAC).

The raw numbers of crime are going up but the per capita numbers have dropped. North Las Vegas has dropped to the 92nd worst city to live from the 54th worst.

- 5) A suggestion was made regarding the use of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in schools to help keep kids on the right track.
- 6) Chief Paresi stated that the brochures and PSAs for celebratory gun fire were just the first step in trying to change behavior. We have a lot of work to do yet in curtailing this problem. The Gun Turn In program will hopefully be on again in the spring. This time we will reduce the amount of money given for each gun and reduce the amount of guns allowed to be turned in.
- 7) Chief asked if anyone had any questions.
 - Lauren advised that the celebratory gun fire message was out there as she had seen the PSAs several times on TV.
 - Mike asked if we can limit the ammo sales prior to events such as New Year's Eve, Cinco de Mayo, and the 4th of July. Chief said we cannot do that. We need to work with the churches more to get the message out to the parishioners.

Chief Paresi advised that the next Citizen's Academy starts in March. The new recruitment website joinnlvpd.com should be up in about a month. The next test date for hiring of police officers is in March.

Chief stated his appreciation for the research we did regarding the 1st Tuesday meetings.

The PD is now using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design(CPTED) in reviewing all site plans. This is an exciting plus for the PD to make better, safer quality neighborhoods.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 13th AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE
NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND ON WASHBURN & ALLEN.**