

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2004**

ATTENDEES

Chief Paresi	Connie Holtmann-Spangler	Ted Johnson
Pamela Phillips	Rob Aker	Lauren Vaniski
Santiago Rodriguez	Dana Phillips	Susan Sayegh
Mimi Devore-Rigg	Andres Ramirez	Florence Buchanan
John Doody	Dan Morris	Mary Gorts

ABSENT

Laura Marscheck	Michael Yarter
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GUEST SPEAKER

Sgt. Ed Rinne

NEW ITEMS

- 1) Connie opened the meeting welcoming everyone and went round robin again to introduce Andres Ramirez and Officer Rob Aker who were not able to attend the first meeting.
- 2) Sgt. Rinne, who is in charge of Community Services, gave a presentation on the Gun Turn In Program which will be held December 4th in the Walmart parking lot at 1807 W. Craig Rd. There was a question and answer period after the presentation. Media coverage was discussed for the program.
- 3) Chief Paresi gave an overview of our plan to merge the Police Department with the Detention Center. He spoke about the conditions of the Detention Center and the need to bring them up to where they need to be.
- 4) The tax measure was discussed regarding the effects on the City, how the money is to be used, and if it can be divested. We need to keep the citizens informed.
- 5) Chief Paresi invited everyone to the opening of the Washburn facility on Wednesday at 1500.

- 6) Chief Paresi spoke about the traffic safety program that was suggested by Public Information Officer (PIO) Tim Bedwell. It was noted that 30%-40% of male Hispanics will die in car accidents due to not wearing their seat belts. They have the highest death rate of all drivers. The Department will be doing Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to bring this to the attention of the Hispanic people in the hope that they will wear seat belts.
- 7) The scooter ordinance and notices were discussed. They are illegal to drive on public streets. The helmet ordinance is also going to be pushed. The segway was discussed. These do not fall under the scooter ordinances so they can be used as a side walk vehicle.
- 8) John spoke on behalf of an individual who was looking for security measures for their home. There is nothing on our web site about this. Is it possible to add a link on our web site connecting to the National Crime Prevention Institute for home security information? (This link, plus three others, have now been added.)
- 9) People are concerned about police response times and police not responding to calls. The purpose of the CSO was explained. Also, the response time for emergency calls was discussed. Chief Paresi said it is one of our goals to get the response time down.
- 10) It was asked if we have procedure in place for high speed chases. Connie explained our policy. The model policy for the State of Nevada will be presented at the next meeting.
- 11) Andres asked about the lack of Afro-American people on the council. It was also discussed that we do not have an Asian representative. Chief Paresi and Connie explained that it was not due to lack of recruitment but that no individuals from those backgrounds have come forward with the desire to participate.
- 12) A concern was brought up about the quality of officers moving to the northwest leaving the retiring officers staying in the mature part of the City. A suggestion was made about having an open house at the Lake Mead station to show the citizens which officers are staying in this area. Capt. Dunn will meet at St. Christopher's regarding similar concerns. Chief Paresi assured the council that officers chose their assignments and those staying in the mature neighborhoods are dedicated to those neighborhoods.
- 13) A tour of the Police Department facility took place.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 13th at the new Washburn Community Police Facility located at 3755 W. Washburn.