

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Chief Paresi	Laura Marscheck	Dan Morris
Ted Johnson	Dwayne Miller	
John O'Carroll	Connie Holtmann-Spangler	
Mimi Devore-Rigg	Santiago Rodriguez	

ABSENT

Florence Buchanan	Susan Sayegh	Al Greer
Gregory Troutman	Dana Phillips	

GUEST SPEAKER

Sgt. Randy Salyer - Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP)

- 1) Connie welcomed everyone back and asked if anyone had issues to bring up for the round robin.
 - Ted spoke about traffic problems he's encountered.
 - Mimi thanked the Chief for giving her a good recommendation for her new position at Public Works.
 - Dan asked what the community can do about abandoned vehicles. Chief Paresi said that they should call the hot line for Code Enforcement. He said that the officers also try to get them off the street. Mimi added that a lot of times, the cars get vandalized and destroyed when they get red-tagged.
 - John wanted to know why Metro is always shown on/in the news? We've had two officer involved shootings that didn't make the news. Chief stated that our officers are more judicious when it comes to use of force. Our people have a good sense of judgement and are well trained in defense situations.

John also spoke about beer skips and large car gatherings at the gas station on Ann & Simmons. He was told about the car clubs that get together and that as long as they are peaceful they can be there. Dwayne mentioned that they do keep an eye out for signs of trouble. Chief stated that we would contact the owner to offer a CPTED survey to possible reduce crime at his store.
- 2) Chief mentioned that there are 29 officers in the Advanced Academy and that they are the first people from the sales tax initiative. He has signed the papers for 28 more officers. Recruitment is getting ready for the next testing in February. February will be the last of two sessions per year. We'll go to three sessions a year with a maximum of 20 students. We've received over 600 requests for info from all over the country on the web page. Things are getting in gear. He is meeting with the testing company to discuss having one test for both the Police Officer and the Correction Officer. If you score at one level, you will be place in the police officer academy. If you score on another level, you'll be placed in the correction

officer academy. If you score on a third level, you get to choose where you want to go. The test will look for job sets specific for police officer and corrections officer.

There was a good turn out for National Night Out and a good time was had by all.

Spread the word that we are looking for four new Council members.

Chief also spoke about the new buildings and areas that are in the works.

3) Sgt. Salyer gave a presentation on the FTEP which completed the series from when a person gets recruited to the completion of training.

4) Connie felt that the Council should now have an understanding of the overall process it takes to become an officer. We invest a lot in our employees. Duane stated that he is happy with the training that the Department gives. Not everyone is cut out to do this job. The training program helps to weed out those people and also gives everyone a good idea what the job entails. If a person can't pass training by a certain time frame, they are not confirmed. It wouldn't be a benefit to have an open-ended training program. The Department does all it can to hire and train good officers.

Connie asked the Council to think about what else they would like to see from the Department.

- John wanted to know what the procedure was when a burglary is called in. He was informed that call takers screen the calls to determine if an officer should be sent to the call.

5) Chief Paresi mentioned that the Department is exploring putting reports on the internet for the community to be able to file reports on-line. We are looking for an alternative report writing system.

6) Connie asked if there were other concerns.

- Dan asked how the community would know whether the PD or Code Enforcement should be called. Chief advised that if the call is crime related to call the PD and if it's property related to call Code Enforcement.

Dan also asked about internal reviews. Chief Paresi said that our internal review is done independently from the Coroner's Inquest. We also have civilians on our board that make the findings.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE
NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND ON WASHBURN & ALLEN.**