

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 14th, 2007**

ATTENDEES

Laura Marscheck
Ted Johnson
Dan Morris

John O'Carroll
Dwayne Miller
Oscar Saldana-Perez

Connie Holtmann-Spangler
Chief Paresi

ABSENT

Gregory Troutman
Al Greer

Florence Buchanan
Mimi Devore-Rigg

Dana Phillips
Susan Sayegh

GUEST SPEAKERS

Pedro Bernal and Nicole Dennis

- 1) Connie opened the meeting and introduced guest speakers Pedro Bernal and Nicole Dennis, both from the NLVPD Community Services Division.
- 2) Pedro spoke about the plans for the McGruff Truck Program and Nicole spoke about the McGruff House Program which focuses on the safety of our children in the neighborhood. The McGruff Program will provide a means of letting a child know where they can go for safety and help within the neighborhood. City vehicles will have the McGruff Truck logo on the front and back of the vehicles and McGruff Houses will have a placard in the window. All of the persons involved in the McGruff Program will not only have to undergo a background check but will also be trained on getting the child to a safe place and who to call for help. Five elementary schools will have a pilot program for the McGruff Program to see what works and what needs to be adjusted before going to all of the schools.
- 3) Chief Paresi gave us the highlights of the bills regarding law enforcement input that are making their way through the Legislature. AB461 had to do with a reporting process to account for the Sales and Use of Tax for the More Cops bill. SB10 was about a bill to make it illegal to take pictures of persons (such as using a cell phone with a camera to take pictures of someone in a rest room). SB61 was the red light camera which did not pass again. The National ID Act is under consideration. There were several bills regarding sexual offenders. Most of the bills focused on schools and roads.
- 4) Dan asked if the Firearm Reciprocity bill for CCWs (carrying concealed weapon) was going to come about. Chief Paresi was against the idea due to training issues. Not all states require any type of training to register a firearm. Also, there would be more weapons out on our streets. We are still trying to hold onto the DDW (deadly or dangerous weapon) ordinance.
- 5) Chief showed us the new Recruitment table tents that will be used around the Valley to attract perspective new hires. An advertising truck was driven around the Southern Nevada area to also attract people and it got good results. Chief said that there are new Recruitment

Brochures coming out. We were out at 29 Palms to recruit military personnel.

There are 400 people signed up to take the next PD test and about 240 for the next DC test. The tests are still separate at this point. We have an academy graduating 07/11/07 and the next class is scheduled for June. Also, personnel attending the Northwestern University will be graduating 06/08/07.

We will be promoting sergeants, lieutenants, and detectives as well as selecting traffic officers by 07/07/07. The Chief spoke on the amount of new talent the Department has.

- 6) Connie asked how Operation Lasting Peace was going. Chief Paresi stated that they are struggling to deal with the overwhelming amount of violence. Capt. Scofield is doing his best but the program needs more momentum.
- 7) Chief Paresi advised the Council of the following:
 - On 05/21/07, Metro is doing program similar to “Every 15 Minutes” regarding a homicide at Desert Springs H.S. as the majority of the kids attending the school live in their jurisdiction.
 - Chief reiterated again that the McGruff Program is designed to intervene at an early age.
 - We received a Public Safety Grant and the Bike Helmet Safety Grant is a go for the next three years.
 - The Neighborhood Watch Program is enjoying a great success. People are calling who want to be involved.
 - We are moving forward on the new Police building.
 - The budget goes before the City Council tomorrow.
- 8) Connie asked if anyone had items for the round robin.
 - Ted brought up an article in the Las Vegas Sun about illegal red stoplight changers. Chief Paresi asked Laura to send a copy of the article to Kimberly McDonald and her to share the info with Bernie Anderson up in Carson City.
 - Oscar asked about making it illegal for using a cell phone while driving. Chief said right now the law is under review at the Legislature and it addresses teens driving. He hopes that it will soon affect all drivers. Dan wanted to know the Department policy for officers using cell phones while driving. Chief Paresi advised that all of the officers are trained to operate their vehicles in a safe manner at all times. They need a cell phone as a backup for communication. Dwayne added that part of the officer’s job is to multi-task and that using the cell phone is an individual’s responsibility.
 - Oscar advised that vendors are still selling fruit in front of St. Christopher’s Church. This concern will be forwarded to SAC Operations. Chief also said that Code Enforcement should be called at 633-1677. (It was later learned that a person was arrested just last week for vending.
 - John brought up a concern from his neighbor. Does she have to stop or get out of a vehicle if told to by an officer? Chief Paresi advised that she must obey the officer’s commands.

- Ted asked if a person has to pull over if they are flagged down by a unmarked vehicle with lights and/or siren if they feel that it is not the police? He had read somewhere that the person should keep going and drive to an area where there is people. Dwayne advised that the best thing to do is to pull over.
 - Dwayne asked if recruits who don't make it through the FTEP can be put into other positions. Chief said no, as there are inherent problems with this practice.
- 9) It was decided to not have a meeting for the month of July and to make it our hiatus month.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 11th 2007 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH AREA COMMAND ON BRUCE AND E. LAKE MEAD.