

Latino Advisory Committee

Friday, February 1, 2019

Attendees: Chief Mark Jones, DC Adam Turk, DC Mike Zeller, Sandi Elder, Joe Perez, Joana Gomez, Nacho Ramos, and Maria Secrest

Meeting called to order at 7:33 a.m. by Chairperson Sandi Elder.

Chief Jones – At the end of each year we do statistic reporting for multiple reasons, one reason for the FBI statistics. The first one you see is Part One crimes, which is reported to the FBI. As you can see Part One crimes have gone up from last year, however the numbers show that it is in the theft category which can be a multitude of things, shoplifting being just one.

Sandi Elder – Are these numbers skewed at all by crime circumstances or the type of reporting?

DC Turk – No, I don't think numbers are skewed – I think what's different is the reporting. Stores have video now and they are reporting more theft.

Joe Perez - Rapes – the number seems to be consistent – are they in a localized area?

Chief Jones – If you look at rape in 2011 being lower – some reporting criteria has changed as to what is considered a rape. That was changed by the FBI.

DC Turk – The clearance for rapes is deceiving due to different reasons victims not wanting to report but the PD knows who the perp is. A majority of our rapes cases are familial.

DC Zeller – We can show on “heat maps” where crime is focused Walmart and CenterPlace are very popular places.

Chief Jones – We just don't have many stranger rape cases, more often it's someone the victim knows and they may not want to prosecute or they won't even say who it was.

Chief Jones – Clearance rates look good we are higher than the norm.

Sandi Elder – When I see Performance Measures, it makes me think you're needing something from the City, are you needing something from the City?

Chief Jones – This is more for internal information.

Chief Jones – We just focus on these because these are what the nation is tracking.

Joe Perez – Motor vehicle theft – why are numbers so big, chop shops?

Chief Jones – I'll let Mike answer that? We do have a problem with puffers and people stealing those cars. Large percentage of car thefts are puffers.

DC Zeller – Chop shops – There are not many local chop shops, there are more up south so we don't really see them.

Chief Jones – We had mentioned our new website, it's now up and running and it's very user friendly and has good information. The Strategic Plan is updated and it's on the website. Our policies are on website as well.

Updates on other stuff – We have a staffing study in the works.

DC Zeller – Patrol side – The new crime analyst is putting the info together. We hope to have that to the Chief by early April.

Chief Jones – That analysis will give a better idea of what we really need with regards to staffing.

BWC program will be live March 1. We have the policy in place, we have all the equipment. We also got new Tasers included in this package.

Sandi Elder – Maybe we could have a demonstration?

Chief Jones – We can talk to Cmdr. Black and have him come and give you a demonstration, we'll look into that.

DC Turk – One of the nice things about this pkg. of camera and Taser – as soon as you take out your Taser it automatically activates the camera.

Chief Jones – Youth and Family Connections – We provide the building for \$10 a month we also pay \$43k a year and it just isn't worth what we're paying. When looking at the numbers it just doesn't make financial sense to continue this relationship. We just don't use their services that much. It's not about not wanting to support their mission, we do. They still get the use of the building we just can't justify the money any longer.

Chief Jones – We are over hired right now and actually have people in the wings waiting for hire. The last 7-8 months we have been doing very well. We do need to start recruiting younger yes.

Nacho Ramos– Have you ever reached out to Jefferson HS to speak and recruit there?

DC Turk – Our School Resources Officers reach out to all the schools.

Group updates:

Maria Seacrest – My work has increased. they are having me do work Statewide. I have to resign from this committee. I really think you need to get out and recruit more people for this committee.

Sandi Elder – We would like you stay on as ad hock or something along those lines.

Maria Seacrest – Please keep me in the loop.

Chief Jones – More info – public safety tax was voted on and the City is building a new fire station out in Promontory. We have asked that they include a PD substation out there. We are trying to think ahead and plan for the City's growth.

We have a full time social media/PIO officer now.

Joe Perez – Are the officers receptive to this BWC program?

DC Turk – Younger officers are ready for it. A complaint that happened this last weekend took 3 hours to figure out, with BWC it could have been figured out in 10 minutes. For that alone I think the officers are ready for this.

Chief Jones - The majority of our officers are ready for this to happen. This is a generational thing and we just have to move forward with technology.

One last thing for the year-end; complaints from citizens. Professional Standards Sgt. handles these. What you have is the last three years of info.

Sandi Elder – Thank you for these numbers.

Joana Gomez - Not much with SAVA – once I get our calendar of events, I'll pass that on to Teri – we have different fund raisers for the community throughout the year.

Joe Perez – I participated in the MLK event – thank you for your participation as a police department. Overall, it was wonderful community event.

DC Zeller – Hiring we are going to be doing a process in a month or so. This is going to be for an eligibility list. Our Records section is always hiring for Data Coordinators please point people our direction.

Nacho – Over Christmas, I had a dinner for the teachers at Jefferson High in appreciation for their work at the school.

Adolph Diaz – Nacho really has perseverance. Thank you Chief for the wonderful opportunity to hear you speak at North Ridge – it all went very well.

Sandi Elder – I've been out with health issues – I did get some questions from the community – why have a Latino advisory committee? I answered that question with; I think it's very important that we have this group for outreach. Go out and share information you get from these meetings.

Chief Jones – 2 police shootings in Ft. Lupton and LaSalle we were not part of either one in any way other than investigation of the incidents.

I'm going to try and find more people for our group from different areas, maybe a young person from a High School.

Next meeting is in April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m. by Chairperson Elder.