

Latino Advisory Committee

February 2nd, 2023

7:30 A.M.

Agenda:

Attendees: Chief Turk, Chairperson Sandi Elder, Steve Moreno, Justin Martinez, DC Zeller, Cmdr. Patella, Adolph Diaz, Barb Lessman, Maria Garcia and Mike Salazar

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

Chief Adam Turk:

- 1) Introductions – Chief Turk introduced Steve Moreno and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- 2) Chief Turk gave a short explanation about two different divisions Operations and Services. Operations is the Patrol side of the department and Services is the Chief's office, Administrative Commander/PIO/IA, Investigations, Records/Evidence and Training.
- 3) Budget Increases 2024
 - a. Speed Van Pilot Program – We will be doing a pilot program with the speed vans, at parks, residential areas and any place City Council deems necessary. Vans will be staffed with retirees/seasonal staff. Civil administrative fines only, no points. Fines will be \$40 other than in school zones, those will be a higher fine. The fees will be used to pay for the vans and what goes along with them.
 - b. Real Time Information Center (RTIC) – Leveraging all our technology in one place – we have the technology but we're reactive not proactive. We took the CM to Mesa, AZ to see a working Real Time Crime Center. I will be doing a presentation to City Council in March. We are looking at locations now.
 - i. There is technology to get into cameras real time in case of a big incident.
 - ii. We will have to educate the community on this as there will be privacy concerns.
- 4) AP Triton Organizational Assessment – Every department in the City has or will be going through an organizational assessment. We went through ours last week. They look at everything, staffing, space, policies, training manuals, statistics and much more. They were on-site last week. They meet with people in-house and community/business leaders over a three day period.
 - a. Chairperson Elder – I got to meet with the consultant. I talked about matching the community growth with the police department growth, matching demographics of the community to police personnel. It went well.
- 5) Syringe Exchange Program – This will be starting in Greeley. I don't support it or condone this but it's happening. This is strictly a syringe exchange program not a safe injection site. This is a state program. This is a mobile program. We don't have a big problem with syringes in our Parks, it's more in the encampments.
- 6) Preliminary Crime Stats 2023 – Murders went down from 22 in 2022 to 5 in 2023. Our officers do an amazing job. We are part of a Group called BATTLE that focuses on car

theft. This group has been very successful. Burglaries went up half a percentage point. Traffic fatalities went up.

- a. DC Zeller – More people, more cars, more accidents.
- b. Barb Lessman – Do you see more accidents in roundabouts, people don't know how to use them.
- c. Steve Morano – Studies have shown that roundabouts work and slow traffic does but keep it moving at the same time.
- d. There are more roundabouts coming as Greeley grows.

Deputy Chief Mike Zeller:

Recruitment/Job Fair -

ABLE Training Numbers – Active By-Standership for Law Enforcement, this is a see something say something program for law enforcement – We rolled this program out last year. We trained our staff last year; 148 Sworn personnel went through the training, along with 20 non-sworn personnel. Part of the ABLE agreement is to help train other agencies. We have an ABLE sticker on police vehicles, we hope the stickers spur community members to ask what it means so we can talk about the program.

Deputy Chief Edwards:

We have 11 officers in FTO, two due to be released soon. 3 PST's in FTO and should be released in the next couple of weeks.

Field Training Officers (FTO) - We currently have 11 officers in our FTO, we have 3 PST's in FTO they should be released in the next couple of weeks.

Round Table -

Sandi – I heard Father Ramirez got to meet with the Chief, that's great. (The Father at Our Lady of Peace)

Chief Turk – We had a great discussion, he's a very dynamic person/speaker.. It's an older congregation so there aren't too many problems.

I had lunch with retired Cpt. Savage. And talked with former Chief Garner.

Steve Moreno – I'm hearing a lot about sanctuary cities, have you heard anything about that here in Greeley?

Chief Turk – We really don't hear anything about that.

DC Zeller – We don't hear it or really see it here in Greeley.

Chief Turk – We have a department within the City Managers office of 5 people working on the homeless issue. Julianna Kitten is starting a homeless outreach team which will help our officers. We do have many more resources for the homeless now than we ever have.

Cmdr. Patella – The department participate in a committee along with Lutheran Family Service regarding immigrants – we get updates through those meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22.