

Latino Advisory Committee Meeting  
Friday, June 7, 2024 @ 0730

**Attendees:** Chief Turk, DC Zeller, Cmdr. Patella, Chairperson Elder, Mike Salazar, Adolph Diaz, Justin Martinez, Steve Moreno, Tawnya Bowie and Taighan Bowie

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Chief Turk. Commander Matt Patella is sitting in for DC Edwards.

**Agenda:**

Chief Turk

- ❖ E-Trace/NIBIN (ATF) – Track –Starting things off, I just got back from DC last night after being invited by the ATF and US Attorney General Merrick Garland to attend a Chief's forum on crime events. Basically, what we're doing with technology to address crime in our cities. NIBN, which is our national ballistic network, which is how we trace and track ballistics. We discussed about how we are going to enhance our information sharing and equipment. Greeley has a van in our lot for the next 90 days. There are only three NIBN ballistic vans in the country, so Greeley is getting some special attention. There were 50 chiefs there and all of the special agents in charge were there for some networking and a lot of data sharing.
  - DC Edwards did a lot of work to get the NIBN van here, so what we're doing is taking all our shell casings and processing those into the national database. More than 50% of guns are used in more than one crime, to get the shell casings from incidents into the NIBIN system helps solve cases. Each shell casing has it's own markings (just like a finger print). By law the government is not allowed to have a searchable database for guns.
- ❖ Latino Minutes – The department received a CORA request for all of the Latino Advisory committee meeting minutes from 2007 to 2013. We have no idea why they want this information. The requester gave us no information other than the request. We have no records before 2016 when I started here at the PD.
- ❖ Organizational Assessment – We just received that first draft of the assessment 2 wks ago. We are going through the report and making notes for points of clarification. We have a meeting next week to go over the report.
- ❖ MADD Award – Two of our officers received a recognition award through MADD.
- ❖ 2025 Budget – All requests were due April 29<sup>th</sup>. I've been told that next year's budget is going to be constrained and flat and expect a whole lot. I will keep you updated as things are decided.
- ❖ Public Safety Tax (PST) – The PST is a new tax to tack onto one the current .16% and raise it to .25%. We're looking at preparing the department for the next 5-10 years, city growth means the department needs to grow.

- Chairperson Elder – The council members that want the money to come out of the General Fund, do they understand the next budget cycle is going to be so tight that it should not be taken out of the general fund.
- Some of the council members don't think the money should come from taxpayers it should come from the City. I understand where they're coming from, but the tax would help so that I wouldn't have to compete with 26 other departments for funds.
- Sandi – Is there something we could do through statistics, to show how the growth of the city is growing exponentially, and we need to match, and we won't match it.
- DC Zeller – We've shown the need for more money due to city growth.
- Steve Moreno – Will the tax money be going to salary/benefits, that's what people will be asking.
- The current tax was built for this new building, and this building will be paid off soon, so that will free up some money. This money will go for vehicles, infrastructure, training site, RTIC, better technology BWC, Tasers. Public safety is expensive.
- Councilmember Payton is a no on the tax and Olson is a maybe the others are for it.

#### DC Zeller – Services Division

- ❖ Hiring – We are still a couple officers down – 2024 10 people made it through FTO. We just had six graduate from the academy and two lateral hires. We're hiring for the August academy we're hoping for 10. We're getting some DACA applicants so we're having to update policies. We have one DACA applicant this round.
  - Chief Turk – I testified in favor of DACA. We had a person apply last year that we couldn't hire but we would have.
  - That was a bipartisan bill.
- ❖ RTIC – We're in the process of hiring the 4 people and looking at the software we will be using. It will be located next door after it's been vacated and renovated, sometime next spring. Temp location is Promontory, Fire Station 6.
- ❖ Internal Affairs (IA) Software – We have new software IAPro – it's much better at data tracking. It can set up alerts for us. After an officer has so many incidents in a certain period of time, the software will alert commanders.
  - Chief Turk – Early warning system

#### Cmdr. Patella (covering for DC Edwards) – Operations Division

- ❖ Staffing Update – Stampede is coming up so we're gearing up for that. This is the first year we will have brand new officers, not through FTO. They will be paired with senior officers which will give us more of a presence out there.
- ❖ Vehicles – You should be seeing our new trucks - F150's. We've had 11 delivered so far. We ordered 20 trucks that are in various stages of upfitting.
  - Chief Turk – I don't like the trucks, but that's what people were interested in, and the trucks were available, whereas the Tahoe's were not available.

- Tanya – Yesterday I saw a white truck giving a ticket.
- Chief Turk – Those are our Community Service Officer and they can give municipal tickets. They can't make traffic stops. They are a good pipeline for new cops.
- Steve Moreno – You're gearing up for Stampede – are you concerned about the TI concert?
- We aren't concerned he was popular 20 years ago. We still staff the concerts and have a higher presence at any concert any way.
- Chief Turk – Performers can mandate security for their shows, so Stampede will work with the performers on that and we'll work with the Stampede for their needs.
- Adolph Diaz – With regards to unmarked cars, I've been wondering if one came after me how I would react.
- Chief Turk – We have unmarked cars for distracted driving. If you're not comfortable, pull over in a populated area, parking lot and call dispatch.
- Adolph Diaz – I'm just not comfortable pulling over for an unmarked car.
- Chief Turk – We don't have impersonator issues. I can't remember an instance of an impersonator and the officer will be in full uniform.
- ❖ Chief Turk – Denver PD has decided to not pull people over for minor infractions – taillight out, expired license plates, no front plate. I've been getting calls, how is Greeley handling this? We're not going to take that avenue. It's not a state policy it's a Denver policy. The little things can lead to a bigger things so, we will continue to pull people over for minor incidents. We track all the data for every stop. Denver made this decision due to profiling.
- ❖ There's a difference between racial and criminal profiling. The people that are committing a majority of the crime in our city, that is the profiling we are doing.
- ❖ DC Zeller – Where we spend our time is where the data tells us to spend our time. We follow the data more than people.

#### Roundtable

Mike Salazar – Sgt Doney met with my Niece and was so impressed with him. My niece has signed up for a ride along and is very interested in LE.

Justin Martinez – The rates at State Farm are really great 😊

Tawnya Bowie – I saw that the Sheriff's Dept. had an escapee.

Adolph Diaz – On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we had the Migrant Leadership Annual graduation, 15 school districts were represented. We give out scholarships for 3.0 and up migrant kids who graduate. We're grateful to the community for funding these scholarships and supporting us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.