

**North Las Vegas Police Department**  
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2004

**ATTENDEES**

Chief Paresi  
Pamela Phillips  
Santiago Rodriguez  
Mimi Devore-Rigg  
John Doody

Connie Holtmann-Spangler  
Laura Marscheck  
Dana Phillips  
Michael Yarter

Lauren Vaniski  
Susan Sayegh  
Florence Buchanan  
Ted Johnson

**ABSENT**

Rob Aker  
Mary Gorts

Andres Ramirez

Dan Morris

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Capt. Tony Scott

PIO Sean Walker

**NEW ITEMS**

- 1) Chief Paresi opened up the meeting with a discussion of how well the Gun Turn In program went. Over 1300 guns were turned in and over \$100,000 in gift certificates from Wal-mart were handed out. The Chief had to call the City Manager down to see for himself how well things were going and to ask for more money for the gift certificates as the initial monies allotted were used up. Luckily, the City Manager was all for the program and approved whatever amount was needed.
- 2) Capt. Tony Scott gave a tour of the Washburn Facility.
- 3) PIO Sean Walker spoke about the Seat Belt Program that the PD is trying to get underway which the PD didn't receive a grant for. It is geared toward trying to get the Hispanic males to use seat belts and infant car seats. Hispanics make up 40% of the population. They are trying to get Centex Homes to do a promotion spot to push for this program in a partnership with the PD.
- 4) The budget presentation will be tabled until the next meeting.
- 5) Chief Paresi presented a certificate to Susan Sayegh.
- 6) Chief Paresi discussed two articles that were handed out. He spoke about the benefits of each in North Las Vegas. The first is the chronic nuisance law and the second is the CompStat Program.

- 7) The draft of the Helmet Safety Law was handed out. Chief Paresi wants this pushed to protect the young people. There is a major bike trail system and roads that are bike allocated. Chief Paresi would like to see a partnership with the hospitals and would like to do bike rodeos. He also wants the citizens to know that the scooters, motorbikes, pocket rockets, etc. are not being sold legally as they are not outfitted with specific equipment required by NRS 484.541.
- 8) Chief Paresi handed out the Model Vehicle Pursuit Policy. He explained that it took about a year to develop. This policy is being used by many police agencies throughout the State. It has been modified to fit each agency as not all agencies are equipped the same. It was written with certain procedures to be followed so that the pursuit is done safely and sanely.
- 9) Chief Paresi will invite the Detention Personnel to the next meeting. He will try to arrange a tour of the Detention Center facility. It will have to be done in smaller groups.
- 10) This Wednesday the City Council will finalize the PD merger with the Detention Center. The staff is working on the budget as they have to combine the PD and DC budgets.
- 11) It was agreed that the round robin will be held at the end of the meetings.
- 12) A discussion was held regarding putting the Council's names and photos on the web. Chief Paresi opted not to do it at this time.
- 13) Susan brought up about street directional signs being placed to identify where the new station is. Chief Paresi said he'd check with Public Works to do that.
- 14) Connie asked if there were any questions.
- 15) Ted asked about adding stuff to the Web site. Connie explained about the I.T. being backup.
- 16) Chief Paresi advised that he has been getting an extensive e-mail volume especially complaints from overseas on international fraud from North Las Vegas. He gets at least ten questions a day asking about North Las Vegas.
- 17) Pam talked about the increase in the crime rate when the kids get out of school. Chief Paresi advised that he has no control over the schools and that the kids regularly walk through the neighborhoods. Connie explained that the reason kids get out of school early is so that they can go to after-school activities and to work. Chief Paresi added that a lot of the kids are unsupervised with parents working.
- 18) Mimi advised that kids from Mojave HS are smoking dope behind her house. She has called police on numerous occasions and now has seen an increase in the number of patrol cars driving around.
- 19) Florence and John B. had no comments.
- 20) Susan discussed an issue regarding Animal Control. She had a hard time getting them to respond to a dead animal. She would also like to have the supervisor speak about how strays are processed. Chief Paresi will ask Mgr. Dale Smock to come to a meeting

to explain the workings of Animal Control. He stated that dead animals don't hold priority. Officer Mike Yarter also added that their response time may be delayed as they have to drop off at a shelter outside the City.

- 21) John D. wanted to confirm when the Washburn Facility lobby will be open to the citizens. Chief Paresi said after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year - probably the 3<sup>rd</sup> or the 7<sup>th</sup>. John suggested we hire pleasant people. He also wanted to know if the citizens know about the new Facility and know that it is North Las Vegas. John asked if he could go on ride-a-longs at either station. Connie will set it up.
- 22) Lauren spoke about Animal Control assistance and information. She couldn't get a call back after leaving a message about her missing dog. Chief explained to call Dispatch in the future as they are manned 24/7. Lauren explained that her dog had a microchip and collar and she still didn't get a call when her dog was found. Chief Paresi will check with Dale on this issue also.
- 23) Santiago spoke about Sean's program for seat belt use for Hispanics. He says that the Hispanics are not educated and are confused. They need this program to help. Connie will set up a time for PIO Tim Bedwell to get together with Santiago regarding this.
- 24) Dana spoke about the budget and the property tax cap. Chief Paresi plans to go to the Legislature in February. He hopes the State won't follow California, Oregon, or Washington.
- 25) Michael asked about the Problem Solving Unit (PSU) targeting specific problems in the community and with business owners. This will help officers be more proactive. He also suggested a business advisory group be formed to self police. Chief Paresi stated that we don't have the resources to pull people for a couple of years before this can be done. We will be able to have flexibility in coming years. Mike also asked about looking into business loss prevention personnel to issue citations and take action. Chief Paresi would like to re-explore this issue. He thought there was something to do with an ordinance.
- 26) Chief Paresi discussed how well Shop with a Cop went with the Candlelighters. The PD did a partnership with K-Mart.
- 27) On New Year's Eve, the emergency operations center will be held in the community room at the Washburn Facility. There is nothing on the horizon to indicate any expected problems.
- 28) Dana asked about the illegal guns being shot on New Year's Eve. Chief Paresi explained that they plan to target a program next year on safety. It is a cultural issue.
- 29) Mimi invited everyone to the CPAAN Christmas dinner Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Washburn Facility.

**Next meeting is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Police Department on Bruce and Lake Mead.**