

**North Las Vegas Police Department  
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2005**

**ATTENDEES**

<b>Chief Paresi</b>	<b>Connie Holtmann-Spangler</b>	<b>Lauren Vaniski</b>
<b>Pamela Phillips</b>	<b>Laura Marscheck</b>	<b>Susan Sayegh</b>
<b>Santiago Rodriguez</b>	<b>Dana Phillips</b>	<b>Florence Buchanan</b>
<b>Mimi Devore-Rigg</b>	<b>Michael Yarter</b>	<b>John Baker</b>
<b>John Doody</b>	<b>Rob Aker</b>	<b>Kamal Asnani</b>
<b>Dan Morris</b>		

**ABSENT**

<b>Andres Ramirez</b>	<b>Ted Johnson</b>	<b>Mary Gorts</b>
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**NEW ITEMS**

- 1) Lauren asked about the PD not being able to use volunteers. Chief Paresi said that he is waiting for the City to get an effective policy to insure the volunteers. It will take a while to get it going.
- 2) Pam asked if the procedures for stolen vehicles has gotten better regarding taking fingerprints on recoveries. Chief replied that it depends on the situation. North Las Vegas has now made it a misdemeanor for all passengers in the vehicle. The judge is hard on all of them. He is hoping this will create a deterrent for vehicles being stolen in North Las Vegas as we have a high stolen vehicle rate. Taking fingerprints also depends on trends i.e. suddenly certain car makes /models being targeted. The focus in the next budget is to enhance procedures for stolen vehicles.
- 3) Connie announced that the Citizen's Academy is starting again in March if anyone is interested in attending.
- 4) Chief Paresi discussed the crime stats handout. Violent crimes went down for the last two years. Vehicle theft is up. Chief is afraid his plea for more officers will fall on deaf ears due to the total crimes going down. We are up 21% in calls for service and less than 9% growth of officers. The population continues to grow. House sales is picking up again which will impact the PD.

For the first time, we will be having interview boards for new hires which will be March 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, please call Sylvia DeSordi at 633-1812. We will have a training class prior to explain everything.

We had 17 graduates from this last academy with 6 of the 17 being females. This is the largest class of females we've ever had. Once out of basic academy, they will be given 6 weeks of advanced in house training and then will be released to 19 weeks of field training.

The next academy will start in March. We have no new people - there are 24 non-affiliates. We will check to see if there is anyone we would like to pick up from among those.

Chief Paresi discussed Vision 2025 which is the latest version of the City planning document. The goals and objectives are very broad. Vision 2025 is a total strategic plan for each department in the City. The document contains sections that apply to each department. We will take a look at how to make the community less dependant on the PD. Please look at pages 49-51. Chief also touched on com/stat which is a piece of Vision 2025.

The Area Commands are starting Precinct Councils. Our council is a more Citywide policy approach. Their councils will be a neighborhood problem solving approach. As they are public meetings, you may attend but you can only be a member of one council. Mimi asked how the public would get notified about those council meetings. Chief asked Connie to take care of it. Also the PIO will put out releases.

Chief advised that the budget hearing will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He will meet with the City Manager and let us know where we are and what is happening. This will be a very competitive budget.

Chief Paresi will be going up north for the legislative session to push for the red light cameras. The red light cameras have received a letter of endorsement. We will be selling it as behavior modification and to save lives. We will be the "test city" for the cameras, and will be setting up at four intersections - Losee and Cheyenne, Cheyenne and Martin Luther King, Craig and Martin Luther King, and possibly Civic Center and Lake Mead. He also is hoping to change the amount of time property is kept in our Evidence/Property room from 90 days to 60 days.

We are also trying different things in high pedestrian areas. Check out El Dorado and Centennial. This is the wave of the future. We are also looking to change crosswalks and signs.

Regarding alarms, we are trying to strengthen the ordinance to make alarm companies give mandatory training when installing them. We will look at Phoenix, Austin, and Portland regarding the commercial alarm process. We are tasking the Area Commands to start up Business Watches. They will ask the business owners what they need from the PD. Susan asked if we might utilize the Chamber of Commerce. Chief said that he would take a look at it. The business owners have the responsibility to contact us.

- 5) Connie advised the Chief that the Council is not receiving the press releases. Chief said he would look into it.

- 6) Chief Paresi showed the Council the design for the new badges. The gold will be for Detectives and above and the silver will be for the officers. Note that the City seal is on the badge. Part of 2025 is that all City agencies will adopt the City logo. He will have the committee reconvene to come up with a new patch.

The Discovery Channel will be doing a piece on traffic accident investigation and they are show casing the North Las Vegas Traffic Division.

Connie is working on the Recruitment brochures.

Next month we will be testing for new police and detention officers. Get a hold of Sayoko Fay or Anthony Lettieri in Background Investigations if you know of anyone interested. We are especially looking for good local people.

Please read through the Vision 2025, especially pages 49-51. We will discuss it at the next meeting.

**Next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Mead facility.**