

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2005**

ATTENDEES

**Chief Paresi
Pamela Phillips
Michael Yarter
Mimi Devore-Rigg
John Doody
Chelsi Cheatom**

**Lauren Vaniski
Laura Marscheck
Connie Holtmann-Spangler
Santiago Rodriguez
Ted Johnson**

**Dan Morris
Susan Sayegh
Florence Buchanan
Rob Aker
Guido Mantilla**

ABSENT

**Dana Phillips
Kamal Asnani**

**Maurice Hankins
Andres Ramirez**

John Baker

- 1) Connie opened the meeting introducing the newest Council members, Guido Mantilla and Chelsi Cheatom. Everyone gave a quick introduction of themselves.
- 2) John D. brought a concern from one of his neighbors regarding recent break-ins in the neighborhood. The neighbor didn't want to have a gun in the house and was considering purchasing a citizen Taser. She was wondering what the legal position was on civilians using Tasers. Chief Paresi responded that there is a bill in front of the assembly that will outlaw them. Wait until after July 1st to see if the law gets enacted. If it hasn't, they will be able to use it for the next two years until it comes up again at the next assembly. Chief advised to have the neighbor speak with Community Services for other options, programs, and inspections. Sgt. Tiffany Morey can be reached there at 633-1845. The main number is 633-1808. Another consideration with the citizen Taser is that it is a reduced voltage taser which lends a false sense of security. It also must be used at a closer distance (15 ft.) than the police taser (20 ft.) and you only have one chance at tasing the suspect. In light of this, the neighbor should look into getting gun training.
- 3) Mimi brought up about the homeless and graffiti issues. Chief Paresi advised that the homeless issue must be coordinated with other agencies and we need to get State authorization to handle freeway shoulder sites. We don't have any place to move them to as the shelters are maxed. Chief asked Mike to bring in the guideline book that deals with graffiti.

Mimi also spoke about the school zone signs between the elementary and high school on Goldfield and Washburn. After you leave the elementary school zone you don't see a sign for the high school until you get to the football field of the high school. Connie will notify Dan Beggs.

- 4) Connie advised that the move of the directional signs on Craig for the Northwest Area Command has been completed. Chief Paresi will check into having them redone so that they are easier to read.
- 5) Ted spoke about the FATS (Fire Arms Training Simulator) and the driving simulator. He asked if the Council members would be interested in trying them out. Chief Paresi will see about setting up a date possibly in July with Dee Taylor of CPAAN.
- 6) Chief handed out the new recruitment brochures that Connie worked very hard on producing. There will be a change in the Position of Police Officer flyer to include the Detention Officers. Officers J. Gravatt and R. Rodriguez were added to the SID/Backgrounds for recruitment under the direction of Lt. M. Rose and Sgt. H. Campbell. There will be eight hiring sessions for police officer and four for detention officer each year. The More Cops bill made it out of the Senate. The Governor will sign the bill right away and it should take effect July 1st with the money becoming available October 1st. We are looking into doing a recruitment CD/DVD to hand out with the full support of the City, hoping to have it done by July 1st. The goal is to promote North Las Vegas. We will targeting junior colleges, colleges, and military academies. John D. asked about the City picking up relocation expenses. Chief Paresi said that is in discussion with the City Manager. We are open to any suggestions.

The budget was handed out for review. It will go in front of the City Council for approval tomorrow. Please bring the budget handout with you to each meeting as we will use it from time to time throughout the year. John D. asked about the entry listed for the Cops Grant. Chief Paresi explained that it was the last installment payment for the last 25 police officers.

- 7) Connie asked everyone what strategy they would like to see the Council work on. It was agreed after consensus that “Educating the Community” will be the strategy that will be addressed. Strategies discussed that might be used: internet, going door to door, videos, mailers and inserts, information packets given out by the home builders or utility companies. Chief Paresi added that the community needs to start participating as we ant to have an inactive relationship with the community. The Council was tasked to create a list of what newcomers to North Las Vegas need. Chief Paresi would like the Council to identify what education means to them (as a community member as well as a Council member) so that we can build from there.
- 8) Chief Paresi passed around the new patches and badges. The new patches/badges will be handed out starting in July. The officers will begin wearing them in August. The officers will be able to keep their old badges. There will be a retirement ceremony for the old patches/badges on Labor Day. Susan asked about a City ordinance so that our badges/patches cannot be duplicated. Chief Paresi is looking into this.
- 9) Chief Paresi spoke about 11 of his staff members graduating from Northwestern University. A great learning experience was had by all, although it was tough going. From now on, we will be the Nevada host agency for the University.

- 10) Connie asked if everyone was getting their e-mail or are there still problems? E-mails for those of you with hotmail and AOL seem to get intercepted by our server. If you are not receiving your e-mails from us, please let Connie know and she will set you up a yahoo account
- 11) Chief Pares discussed an internet fraud scam that has been hitting hard. You receive an e-mail from a bank or even E-bay which look legitimate, stating that there is a problem with your account and it asks you to verify information. Please let everyone know not to respond to these e-mails and never give out account information. Legitimate places will never ask you for that information. This type of scam is called phishing.
- 12) Guido asked about complaints regarding illegal medical/dental services. Chief Paresi will check with the DEA for information.
- 13) National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd at Hartke Park. If you would like to participate with a booth, let Chief Paresi know by the next meeting so we have time to gather stuff together.

NEXT MEETING June 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Lake Mead & Bruce station.

Note: Please mark your calendars with the meeting dates for the remainder of the year:

- July 11th
- August 15th
- September 12th
- October 17th
- November 21st
- December 12th