

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2005**

ATTENDEES

John Baker	Pamela Phillips	Susan Sayegh
Chief Paresi	Dan Morris	Laura Marscheck
John O'Carroll	Ted Johnson	Connie Holtmann-Spangler
Mimi Devore-Rigg	Michael Yarter	Santiago Rodriguez
Florence Buchanan	Chelsi Cheatom	

ABSENT

Guido Mantilla	Dana Phillips	Rob Aker
Kamal Asnani	Lauren Vaniski	Andres Ramirez
Maurice Hankins		

GUESTS

Sgt. Tiffany Morey PIO Tim Bedwell

- 1) Connie opened the meeting addressing to the Chief concerns brought up during the round robin session.
 - John O. asked if the tazer bill making it illegal for citizens to own or use a tazer passed. Chief asked Connie to contact Kimberly McDonald to find the outcome.
 - Santiago asked how much it costs to house an inmate for a year. Chief Paresi said it is approximately \$84.00 a day which comes to over \$30,000 per year.
 - Dan addressed concerns with the way the roads jigsaw and how it correlates to accidents. Chief will have Connie check with Public Works and John Runicks. Also, we will check into getting some of the streets restriped. Chief Paresi explained that the type of oil used to make the roads causes the paint to disappear quickly. Connie will try to get Kevin Futch from Traffic Engineering to come to a future meeting.
 - Mimi brought up the graffiti issue. There are only two persons in the City that paint over the graffiti. The City is looking to hire a third person but it is impossible to keep up with it. A law did go into effect which makes it illegal to sell spray paint to persons under 18 which should help a bit.
 - John O. advised of a complaint he received regarding the front desk at the Northwest Area Command. A found license plate was brought to the station and the person was told by an employee "what do you want me to do with it". Chief Paresi said that was not how it should have been handled and that he would speak to the appropriate staff to ensure it does not happen again.

- Susan asked if there were restrictions on the number of times a person can go on ride-alongs. Sgt. Tiffany Morey stated that you are allowed one ride-along every six months and explained the reasons why the restriction was done. Susan also asked if there was a use of force policy in effect regarding animals. Chief Paresi advised that the officers are held accountable and do go in front of the use of force review board if an animal is shot, and that animals are shot for officer safety only. Officer Yarter added that Animal Control works closely with Patrol and is frequently called out as backup in situations where animals are present.
- 2) Sgt. Morey gave a presentation on a new program called Community Watch. Chelsi asked how the districts were determined as far as the Community Watch Program was concerned. Sgt. Morey stated that they were not yet determined. Officer Yarter questioned why at last year's gun turn in program citizens were given more money for rifles than handguns since handguns were more prevalent on the streets. Chief Paresi said that they were hoping to draw in the more powerful and semi automatic weapons but that this year they will probably have just one price for all weapons. He also said that they will try to limit the gift cards to businesses that do not sell guns. Ted asked where this year's event will be held. Sgt. Morey said it was going to be at the Clark County Government Center.
 - 3) PIO Tim Bedwell gave a presentation on the new public service announcements regarding drinking and driving and the no gun celebration campaign. He also said that there is a PSA targeted toward the Hispanic male community regarding seat belt usage in progress. John B. asked if we could do something similar to the drinking and driving videos that are geared toward high school students. Chief Paresi thought that was a great idea.
 - 4) Mimi was not able to give an update as yet on the lack of signs in the school zone due to not getting together with Dan Beggs. The topic was tabled for the next meeting. Chief Paresi did explain that traffic patterns, signs, speeding were major issues.
 - 5) Chief spoke about emergency relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Police Departments throughout the state of Nevada have gathered together and sent a large convoy of officers and supplies to assist. Approximately 100 officers in 50 vehicles were sent down to Buloxi, MS. NLV sent a contingency of 8 officers and 4 vehicles. They will be leaving on Sunday and should be home by Tuesday. From what the officers saw and experienced, they will probably come back with a much different outlook on things. After the officers get back, they will go into a debriefing where an assessment can be done. This will determine if we will send more officers to assist. Dan asked how it was determined who should go? Chief Paresi said that they just started calling people to volunteer until they got the number they needed. Next time, we will have an established volunteer list and will pick from there. Dan then asked how we will deal with officers who come back who might need counseling? Chief advised that we expect to encounter some officers who will need counseling and such. We will make sure they get any help they needed. John O. asked who would pay for any damaged vehicles. Chief Paresi said that we will fix them and then send to FEMA for reimbursement. John also asked if the officers had to get into the water. No, not our officers as they were there to check for storm damage, check for survivors, and relieve other officers.

6) The following is the consensus of what avenues you want to use to educate the public. Come back next month with ideas on how to accomplish this.

A. Introduce South Area Command to the Community

- Get station cleaned up with a beautification project, bring the public through and get them involved. (Mimi) *Could tie into #3.*

B. Disaster Preparedness

- Prepare the local community to handle floods, earthquakes.
- What are the current relocation plans?
- How prepared are we really?
- C.E.R.T. Training.
- Power (Gas/Electric) concerns. (Ted) (Chelsea) (Pam) *Could tie into #3*

C. Enhance Police Department Website

- Consider a total bi-lingual site.
- Video downloads. We could start with breaking the divisions down to small byte clips (i.e. Records, Community Services, Patrol - What they do, Who they are.)
- Reach out to the future community with P.S.A.s/Advertisement in All Points North Newsletter, etc.(John O.)(John)(Santiago) (Dan)

D. Educating the Business Within Community

- Approach the Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Administration, etc. with classes. (Susan) *Could tie into #3*

E. Youth Education

- Start a program similar to the Citizen's Academy wherein the children of the community could get a first hand look at the police in a positive way. (Susan) *Could tie into #3*

F. Burglary/Auto Theft Determent Education

- Offer classes or information to the public on how to protect themselves from these two rising crimes. (Pam) *Could tie into #3*

G. Educate Using Other Forms of Media

- Church Newsletters.
- Soccer Schedules. (Santiago)

H. Outreach to "Forgotten Groups"

- Seniors.
- Poor. (Flo)

I. Community Watch

- Use as an umbrella for programs listed above. (Chief Paresi)

NEXT MEETING **OCTOBER 17th** at 5:00 p.m. at the Lake Mead & Bruce station.

Note: This meeting date was changed from the October 10th date discussed at the meeting as October 10th is a holiday (Columbus Day).