

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Chief Paresi	Dwayne Miller	Dan Morris
Ted Johnson	Connie Holtmann-Spangler	Santiago Rodriguez
John O'Carroll	Pamela Phillips	Al Greer
Gregory Troutman	Florence Buchanan	Duane Miller

ABSENT

Kamal Asnani	Laura Marscheck	Chelsi Cheatom
Mimi Devore-Rigg	Susan Sayegh	Dana Phillips
Guido Mantilla	John Baker	

GUEST SPEAKERS

Lt. Michael Rose, Internal Affairs

- 1) Lt. Rose gave a presentation about I.A. Pro. He relayed how the police officer's job has changed over the years. He referenced, from cases across the United States, the reality of police involved shootings and how they effect the departments and the officers, as well as the community. He then introduced an integrated system called I.A. Pro and showed how, when, and why it is used to uncover potential employee problems before they get out of hand, thus enabling the community being spared unnecessary force and the officer receiving intervention before excessive force has been wrongfully used. After the presentation there was a question and answer session held with the council members.

Chief's Advisory Council Member Greer suggested that we put our efforts out to the public so that they have a clear idea on what is being done on their behalf.

- 2) Chief Paresi asked for additional topics that the Advisory Council would like to learn about in future meetings. Some of the suggested topics were:
 - Becoming a Police Officer - what is the training involved in pursuing this career and maintaining that career once the hiring process is over.
 - The Recruitment Process - From Interest to Application and Beyond.
 - Youth Intervention Programs - What does North Las Vegas offer?
- 3) Connie opened the floor for the round robin.
 - Al Greer reiterated that we need to get out the to community the good that we are doing and that we are proactive.
 - Ted Johnson stated that traffic is still a problem throughout North Las Vegas, i.e. Speeding, illegal lane changes, lane confusion, etc. Chief Paresi asked that members call John Runiks

in Transportation when there is a problem with the streets, such as: lane marking, signage, etc. John may be reached at (702) 633-1204.

- Ted also wanted to know how else we can make the public aware of our IA Pro program and the intervention that we provide. The Chief said he would try to get Mark at the R.J. to come to one of our meetings to do a cover story.
- John O'Carroll had some concerns regarding adequate housing for our new recruits. He also mentioned the anonymous gift for the AR15s that was given to Metro and wanted to know if NLV officers are decently outfitted. Chief Paresi stated that NLV has had several of these weapons for quite a while now and that our patrol will be fully outfitted with them in the near future. Our goal is that every officer that wants the AR15 will have one. He is also looking at other ways to protect our officers in the field. Some of these ways were mentioned but for officer safety will not be reflected in these minutes.
- Pam Phillips wanted to know if there have been many reported problems with BB guns. Chief Paresi stated that it is a common call, however someone getting physically hurt is uncommon. Usually it involved property damage. Officer Duane Miller went on to discuss the different approaches used by officers in the field when encountering this type of call.
- Gregory Troutman asked about the availability of intervention programs within the City of North Las Vegas, such as D.A.R.E. It was explained that the Police Department is involved with G.R.E.A.T. rather than D.A.R.E. since the latter requires commissioned officers and we would rather put those officers on the street, thereby helping the entire community. We also have Stranger Danger, McGruff and other programs available.
- Officer Duane Miller explained his view of I.A. Pro from an officer's viewpoint and expressed his gratitude at being able to see the program from the other side. It gave him a better appreciation of the program as a whole.
- Daniel Morris inquired about the possibility of starting a P.A.L. (Police Athletic League) program. Chief Paresi stated that there are no plans currently to go in that direction, however it may be a reality in the future. Currently though we do have K.O.I.N.S. (Kids Organized to Improve Neighborhood Streets) and the Latino Community Connection programs available.
- Al Greer said that we need to get this information out to the public and we also need to start a teen center. Chief Paresi will be working on additional ways to get this information to the public, this council is one of those ways. He also stated that we work closely with the Nevada Boys and Girls Club.

Once the round robin was completed, Chief Paresi mentioned that he has had two motorcycle officers go down in the last week, Officer Silva and Lt. Womack. He explained what happened in each case and stated that this now makes four motorcycle accidents in the last five weeks.

The South Area Command remodel was discussed. The delay in getting back our original meeting area is because of asbestos tile removal, which pushed the job completion date back.

Chief Paresi explained that the budget process is still on-going.

He mentioned that a check for \$3,300.00 was presented to the Raul Elizondo Elementary School as a result of the donations received at the Raul Elizondo Charity Softball Tournament between the North Las Vegas Police Officers and the Nellis Air Force Thunderbirds. NLV won this time around.

There will be a promotional exam held in the Police Department in four weeks for those officers wishing to pursue promotion as either a Sergeant or Lieutenant.

Numbers for our last testing for police officer was abysmal. We are still looking for qualified applicants that want to make police work their career. All interested candidates should apply.

Lauren has stepped down from the council to accept a position as a police officer with North Las Vegas. We wish her the very best.

Andres has stepped down from the council to accept a position in Washington D.C.. We also wish him the very best.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 10th AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE NORTHWEST
AREA COMMAND ON WASHBURN & ALLEN.**