

**North Las Vegas Police Department  
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
June 12th, 2006**

**ATTENDEES**

<b>Chief Paresi</b>	<b>Laura Marscheck</b>	<b>Dan Morris</b>
<b>Ted Johnson</b>	<b>John Baker</b>	<b>Dwayne Miller</b>
<b>John O'Carroll</b>	<b>Dana Phillips</b>	<b>Pamela Phillips</b>
<b>Mimi Devore-Rigg</b>	<b>Florence Buchanan</b>	<b>Susan Sayegh</b>

**ABSENT**

<b>Santiago Rodriguez</b>	<b>Connie Holtmann-Spangler</b>	<b>Al Greer</b>
<b>Gregory Troutman</b>		

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Sgt. Jill Morrison - Southern Desert Regional Police Academy**

- 1) Chief Paresi greeted the Council and asked if anyone had issues to bring up for the round robin.
  - Dan asked about the shortages the NWAC is facing. Chief Paresi said that he is having a meeting on Thursday regarding reallocating the troops and realigning the existing boundaries. There are about three options for the boundary change which is needed to shift the call load down. The shortages have caused major overtime issues.
  - Mimi wanted to thank whomever was responsible for reconfiguring the traffic light timing, especially at I15 and Craig. Since the change, more cars are able to go through the intersection in the left turn lanes in one cycle.
  - Pam stated that this was her last Council meeting as she was moving to Oklahoma City. She enjoyed working with all of us.
  - Susan asked about the volunteer program she had discussed at an earlier Council meeting. Chief Paresi advised that it is forthcoming.
- 2) Chief introduced the guest speaker, Sgt. Jill Morrison who is the director at the Southern Desert Regional Police Academy. The SDRPA is run jointly by NLVPD and HPD. She is in charge of the students, along with two other NLVPD officers and three of Henderson PD's personnel.

Sgt. Morrison gave a history of how the SDRPA came about and what it does once they get the new recruits. She also did a presentation which gave an overview of academy life. Afterward, there was a question and answer session.

  - Mimi asked about the cost per student. Chief Paresi said that the PD pays for the student's salary, equipment, college credits, etc. It runs about a couple of 100 thousand dollars per student by the end of the 18 months before they hit the streets by themselves.

- John O. wanted to know what the students have to pay. Chief said they pay for their shoes, cleaning supplies, tape, and other minor items that can be found on page 42 of the books Sgt. Morrison handed out. Prior to being hired, it costs the PD around \$4,000 per student for a gun, vest, uniforms, taser, webgear, and radio. There isn't much up front cost. Mimi stated that the out of pocket expense is minimal.
  - Sgt. Morrison stated that the SDRPA is there to give everyone every chance to succeed but they won't sacrifice quality for quantity. The TAC officers "teach and counsel" students so that they have the basic skills and heart to become an officer.
  - John O. asked about the different t-shirts he saw in the presentation. Sgt. Morrison explained that they all have gray t-shirts but that some of the students were wearing their dark blue sweatshirts. John also asked if the students were taught the same things in class as students came from different agencies. Sgt. Morrison advised that since the academy was POST (Police Officer Standardized Training) certified, there are specific classes and objectives that have to be met in order to be a Category 1 police officer. Once the officers leave the academy, they get the respective training from the agency at which they are hired. John then asked about the dropout rate. It is approximately about 10% within the first two weeks.
  - Dana wanted to know how the academy divvied up the spots between the different agencies. Sgt. Morrison explained that the maximum number of students in one class is 65. NLVPD and HPD each hold 25 slots. They then try to first fill spots for CCSN, the Clark County School Police, and the non-affiliates. Whatever is left goes on a first come, first serve basis. She has a proposal in right now to run three academies a year instead of two as they are in demand and out of room.
  - Dwayne asked if it would be practical to run our own academy in the future. Chief Paresi stated no, that the demands for the number of people to run the academy and to train the students would quadruple, not to mention the expenses. Right now the costs are split and it is good for us to see how other agencies work. Sgt. Morrison added that being able to network helps us to keep evolving so that we can succeed.
- 3) Sgt. Morrison asked for volunteers on July 19<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup> to help out with the practical scenarios. If anyone is interested, please e-mail her at [morrisonj@cityofnorthlasvegas.com](mailto:morrisonj@cityofnorthlasvegas.com).
- 4) Chief Paresi spoke about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Indicators regarding calls for service and the crime index. Our ability to be proactive is declining due to the increase in crimes. Craig Road, as an example, has a significant robbery rate.

Chief also talked about the supplemental budget which is up about \$16 million from last year. There is an increase in the Training budget of \$105,000. Quality instructors are being brought to train here where we can train more people for less. The emphasis is on better training and providing more skills. We are asking for 10 Corrections Officers, 40 Police Officers, and about 30 civilian positions. We didn't do well on the grants but we'll try to get some this year.

Please read over the budget and the Performance Indicators and bring in questions to the next meeting.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 12<sup>th</sup> AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND ON WASHBURN & ALLEN.**