

Fresno Police Department Chief's Advisory Board Minutes

May 25, 2006

Present: Ed Bailey, Cary Catalano, Sylvia Chavez (in for Anthony Alaniz), Roz Clark, Gordon Donoho, Paula, Farris, Gail Gaston, Harry Gill, Robert Harris, Jesse McDonald, Jr., Debbie Nard, , Kathy Omachi, Rebeca Rangel, Enrique Reade, Jan Sangster, Kamal Abu Shamsieh, H. Spees, Darrell Tuckness, Chief Dyer and Lt. Mark Salazar.

Absent: Frank Franco, Tom Gentile, Floyd Harris, Lorena Martinez, Jim Newman, Luke Raughley, Michael Roth, Deep Sethi, and David Tittle.

Guests: Sgt. Brian Rogers and Robert Sack.

The meeting was held in the City Hall Annex Training Room and called to order at 5:43 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from April 27, 2006 were approved with minor revisions.

Opening Remarks:

Chief Dyer noted that Lt. Mark Salazar, Crime View Bureau, would be sitting in for Lt. Motejano.

Agenda Items:

Crime View Bureau : The Bureaus job is to get both timely and accurate data. By producing timely and accurate data the Chief is able to allocate his resources as best possible. In the past each station had its own crime analysis and auditor, but now Lt. Mark Salazar has taken all of these individuals and put them under one command. This makes for a more timely and accurate data collection process. Do to this increase in accuracy of the data, the police department has been able to decrease call response time from 9.2 minutes to 7 minutes. The Uniform Crime Report used to take 2.5 months to reach the state level, but is now updated on a daily bases. The goal by next fall is to have a publicly accessible web site that shows a "true" view of the crime in a given area and will also show the 14/28 day crime trends.

New Graffiti Program: The Police Department has centralized the graffiti removal process. The graffiti unit, run by Sgt. Bill Dooley, consists of detectives assigned to vandalism, code enforcers (painters), and faith based groups involved in cleaning up the neighborhoods. The goal is to be able repaint the vandalized areas as quickly as possible and decrease the number of “tags” throughout the city. The graffiti unit is also able to record the graffiti before it is repainted and keep record of the different crews. Currently there is an “Off the Wall” program in which persons caught doing graffiti are given an 8 hour educational on the impact it has on society. The unit is also in the process of implementing a program in which the offenders would have to spend a day with a painter painting over graffiti. If you see someone in the process of vandalizing please call 9-1-1. If you have graffiti you’d like removed please contact 621-TAGS (8247).

Video Policing: The city has put up cameras at Manchester do to the high crime rate in that area. Over the next few months approximately 80 more cameras will be put up around Fresno. The cameras are meant to record and review, meaning that someone will not be watching them 24/7, but will instead review them if a crime has been committed. This will not only help catch criminals, but will also help defer crime in areas where cameras are posted.

MySpace.com: The incident has been sent to the District Attorney’s office and a charge against the mother is expected.

Policy and Procedure: Rebeca Rangel requested a copy of the police department’s policy and procedures from the Chief. The Chief stated that the department is currently in the process of separating policy and procedure. Once the process is complete the policy may be made available to the public, but the procedure will not, due to officer safety issues.

Announcements:

Enrique Reade congratulated Chief Dyer on his ability to connect with and show respect to the demonstrators on May 1, 2006. He stated that he was very impressed with all of the officers and was glad to see a peaceful demonstration take place.

Closing Remarks:

None

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

