

Fresno Police Department Chief's Advisory Board Minutes

November 9, 2006

Present: Kamal Abu Shamsieh, Anthony Alaniz, Roz Clark, , Gordon Donoho, Lawrence Garcia, Tom Gentile, Jesse McDonald, Jr., Debbie Nard, Kathy Omachi, Enrique Reade, Michael Roth, Jan Sangster, David Tittle, Lt. Dennis Montejano and Chief Dyer.

Absent: Ed Bailey, Cary Catalano, Paula Farris, Frank Franco, Harry Gill, Floyd Harris, Robert Harris, Lorena Martinez, Jim Newman, Rebeca Rangel, Luke Raughley, Deep Sethi, H. Spees and Darrell Tuckness.

Guests: Pat Barr, Sgt. Brian Rogers and Robert Sack.

The meeting was held in the City Hall Annex Training Room and called to order at 5:41 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from September 28, 2006 were approved.

Agenda Items:

Identity Theft Presentation: Lt. Dennis Montejano started by showing the board members the UV lights that officers can use to help detect fake ID cards and credit cards. Currently all traffic officers carry the lights, but private donors have given enough funds to outfit all patrol officers with the UV devices.

Sgt. Brian Rogers presented on identity theft and how to make sure you do not become a victim. He stated that there is a high correlation between methamphetamine users and identification theft. User's are able to steal credit cards, driver's licenses, checks, and other information. They then sell it to someone who produces fake ID's to match the credit cards and/or checks. The Sgt. recommended that you shred all material that contains any personnel or financial information, mail bills at the post office if you do not have a secure mail box, have your checks mailed to your bank for pick up and make sure to check your statements every month for charges that you are not responsible for.

Fresno PD Gang Video: Channel 26 took video footage from ride-a-longs done by Steve Yocum over the past nine months. The video has been used to

create “The Force” documentaries on a weekly basis and made a short video of the things Fresno PD encounters. Copies of the video will be made for police personnel to present to groups throughout Fresno. The Chief stated that it is important to suppress fear when crime is not as uncontrolled as stated by the media. It is now time for the public to see what the Fresno police officers must face in the line of duty. Currently there are 835 police officers in Fresno. It was estimated in the 2025 plan that with the current population and projected growth, the Fresno PD should be hiring 31 new officers a year. Last year, the PD hired none.

Bulldog Operations:

Currently there are approximately 4,000 validated Bulldog gang members, 1,500 associates and an estimated 4,500 non-validated or undocumented associates. The Bulldog gang is in all areas of Fresno and are continually connected with assaults, robbery, and drugs. The Chief stated that the police department will illuminate the Bulldogs. This does not mean that they will be the only gang targeted, but will be the main focus due to their size and negative impact on the community. The Chief also added that he is in the process of creating a GPS program from gang members on probation. The police department will also track the gang members being arrested throughout the judicial system. This will help to see why and if gang members are being released from jail or if the DA is even pressing the necessary charges to keep the gang members off the streets. Through the Mayor's Gang Initiative, services will be offered to persons wishing to leave the gang lifestyle. A few services include tattoo removal, job skills training, and relocation assistance. The goal is to give the gang members that want to leave the gang the opportunity to do so while also becoming an integrated member of society.

Announcements:

On November 14th from 8:30-9:00 p.m. a proclamation will be done at City Hall for Officers' Daniel Messick and Trevor Shipman.

On November 17th Deputy Chief Renee Martin will be retiring after 30 years of service with the Fresno Police Department.

Closing Remarks:

None.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

