

Fresno Police Department Chief's Advisory Board Minutes

August 31, 2006

Present: Anthony Alaniz, Cary Catalano, Roz Clark, , Lawrence Garcia, Gail Gaston, Tom Gentile, Harry Gill, Robert Harris, Jesse McDonald, Jr., Debbie Nard, Kathy Omachi, Rebeca Rangel, Luke Raughley, Jan Sangster, Deep Sethi, Bryant Williams (for Gordon Donoho), Lt. Dennis Montejano and Chief Dyer.

Absent: Kamal Abu Shamsieh, Ed Bailey (excused), Paula Farris, Frank Franco, Floyd Harris, Jim Newman, Enrique Reade, Michael Roth, H. Spees, David Tittle and Darrell Tuckness,

Guests: D.C. Roger Enmark, Capt. Pat Farmer, Capt. Keith Foster, Lt. Phil Cooley, Lt. Mike Reid, Sara Mahadi , and Robert Sack.

The meeting was held in the City Hall Annex Training Room and called to order at 5:37 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from July 27, 2006 were approved.

Agenda Items:

Officer Brian Nieto Update: Brian was released from intensive care and is now at a rehabilitation facility. He was in intensive care for 28 days and still has open wounds. The doctor that was in the emergency room when Brian came in on the night of the shooting told the Chief that he wouldn't have given Brian 24 hours to live. Now he is on the road to recovery and doing well.

Clovis P.D. Robbery: At 815 hours, two men with ski masks and gloves broke out a window and entered the bank armed with handguns. A single employee was inside of the bank during the robbery. A person at the drive through notice the events taken place and contacted the police. Clovis PD located the vehicle with the two armed suspects inside driving on West Barstow. The suspects fired multiple rounds at the pursuing officer. Eventually the suspects crashed the vehicle into an apartment complex where they continued to exchange fire with officers. One suspect went into one of the apartment buildings and attempted to evade arrest by shaving, changing clothes, and restyling his hair. A K-9 was used to locate the suspect and police found a handgun in the attic of the apartment. Skywatch was able

to locate the second weapon on top of a parking structure within the apartment complex. The second suspect was located on West Garland while loading his luggage into a vehicle in an attempt to leave town.

Joint Services Update:

Lt. Mike Reid spoke about the joint services and the committees that are currently meeting on the issue. There are four different committees: Governance, Communication Center/Location, Property-Evidence, and Prison Processing Center. The committees meet twice a week to put together ideas and recommendations for the joint services project. It should go before counsel in about 90 days.

Round Table Discussion:

During the round table discussion multiple board members congratulated the Chief on a job well done with the removal of “tent city”, the war on drugs, and the fund raising for Officer Nieto. Many members also stated that they were glad to hear that Officer Nieto’s health was improving.

The topic of increased violence was addressed. The Chief stated that currently the prison system is at a bursting point. Prisoners are being released earlier due to a lack of room to house them. This causes a higher number of criminals to be on the street in a quicker amount of time. Felony arrests have increased by 46% in the last five years in Fresno. The increase in arrest is due to the increased number of proactive units.

The video policing project is still in the process of being mapped and implemented. Each District Chief has produced a map of where the cameras would be most effective in their districts. FAX will be installing cameras near there facility and the PD is now looking for a vender and installers for the video system. Ideally the vendor, locations, and installers will be in place and ready to install cameras in 30-60 days.

Announcements:

September 6th is the Worlds Apart, Futures Together at the Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center. There are over 400 community members coming together to speak about crime, education, and the future of Fresno. As of the time of the meeting, tickets were no longer available.

There will be a town hall meeting at the end of September to discuss the shooting that took place with Officer Nieto. A date has not yet been set.

On September 23 there will be a jazz festival in China Town. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate.

Closing Remarks:

None

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

