

Fresno Police Department Chief's Advisory Board Minutes

April 26, 2007

Present: Kamal Abu Shamsieh, Anthony Alaniz, Ed Bailey, Roz Clark, Donna De La Cruz (for Michael Roth), Morgan Doizaki (for Kathy Omachi), Gordon Donoho, Paula Farris, Tom Gentile, Harry Gill, Robert Harris, Jr., Ann Kloose, Rebeca Rangel, Luke Raughley, and Chief Jerry Dyer.

Absent: Cary Catalano, Frank Franco, Lawrence Garcia, Floyd Harris, Lorena Martinez, Jesse McDonald, Jim Newman, Enrique Reade, Jan Sangster, Deep Sethi, H. Spees, David Tittle, and Darrell Tuckness,

Guests: Capt. Dave Belluomini, Lt. Tom Laband, Sgt. Brian Rogers and Robert Sack.

The meeting was held in the City Hall Annex Training Room and called to order at 5:40 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from March 29, 2007 were approved.

Agenda Items:

Operation Bulldog and Crime Stats: As of Tuesday, April 24th, there have been 2,374 felony arrests of confirmed Bulldog gang members. 1,007 of those arrested were already on parole meaning that they will go back to prison. 75 firearms have been taken off the street and 610 referrals have been made for the gang members to receive necessary services. From those referrals, 128 people have been placed in one or more of the services with 23 being placed in an educational environment (GED, coursework, etc.), 31 have left the gang, and 30 have been re-employed. There are still approximately 160 people waiting to receive services. The PD has been contacted by the City of Big Horn, Nebraska and a city within Montana who are in search of information about Bulldogs who have moved into there area.

When compared to last year, violent crime is down 17.8% and property crime is down 16.2%. It is estimated that about 95% of car thefts are meth related. This year car theft

is down 18.3% The PD is on track to have the lowest crime rates in history. A meeting between probation and the PD was held to address prosecution of car thefts. Many offenders are arrested and released that same day, which leads to additional car thefts after the person has been arrested. If we are able to process these people and hold them in jail then the car thefts will decrease even further.

Graffiti Unit Update:

Lt. Tom Laband, supervisor of the Graffiti Unit, spoke about the impact that the program has had and the future goals they plan on implementing. The police department found that approximately 15% of cases involving graffiti were being filed by the DA. PD hired a City Attorney and assigned to the DA's office to increase the number of cases filed for prosecution. The graffiti unit was formed which included: 5 detectives, 12 paint trucks, a cadet, a sergeant, and a lieutenant. The goal is to have graffiti painted over within 24 hours of it being reported. The Mayor's Juvenile Accountability program, which was implemented on January 1, 2007, gives the offenders community service cleaning up around the city and also gives them an education class on the impact of their actions. There has been approximately 160 graffiti arrests and approximately 1,000 community service hours have been served. The program is booked until June. A surveillance van is currently being researched to be placed in high graffiti areas.

Roundtable:

Robert Harris asked the Chief if the PD has met with the safety board for Fresno Unified School District. The Chief stated that there were going to be approximately 30 meetings in 30 days. DC Nevarez attended one earlier in the day but he had yet to hear anything about it. The subject of why no FUSD personnel were on the board was raised. The Chief stated that he does not know but would bring the question to light at the next meeting he attended.

Roz Clark stated that there have been multiple speeders and jay walkers in front and around of McLane High school. She recommended the PD place traffic units there before someone is seriously injured.

Video Policing: The Chief stated that there are now multiple cameras in place around the city including 8 at Roding park and 8 or so at Manchester. Other cameras will also be in multiple "hotspots" throughout the city.

Gordon Donoho stated that there was a meeting with city agencies and service providers at the rescue mission to address the homeless situation. Approximately 800 homeless people were surveyed and it was found that they would like a facility but do not want accountability to go along with that facility. The committee was given 60 days to produce a recommendation for both short and long term solutions.

Rebeca Rangel sated that the grand jury released a report stating that the support an Independent Police Auditor (IPA). If you are interested in meeting with your counsel person to discuss the issue please contact Rebeca. You can also visit the website, www.cccjc.org, for more details.

Ann Kloose asked the Chief how the Sheriff Department expected budgetary short fall of \$25 million next year will affect the PD. The Chief responded that it would only impact some joint agency teams, but the largest impact would be felt at the jail if a floor was closed due to a lack of staff.

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Announcements:

There will be a volunteer fair at PELCO on Friday, April 27th, from 10:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks:

None.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.