

**Mission Valley Regional Command
CAB Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 2, 2012**

6:07 p.m. Meeting called to order by Ofc. C. Cordova. All attendees rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Flores introduced the guest speaker, Mr. John Martin of the Salvation Army.

Guest speaker – Mr. John Martin – Salvation Army

- Salvation Army in El Paso for over 114 years; started as an orphanage in the 1800's and does not duplicate the services of any other agencies
- Serve 66% children and are not just a shelter – they actually provide services
- Cost is about \$23.00 / day per person and covers everything
- Work closely with law enforcement in all areas
- Highly regarded – regularly have visitors at the agency to see how the organization works
- 20% of human trafficking occurs between El Paso and Houston, TX
 - Two types of victims – forced workers / sex trafficking
- Opening doors to the homeless
- Trying to start a scheduled uniform exchange – children grow up very quickly
- Trying to provide community centers to help the communities with problems
- In his words, “he’s a professional beggar—we fund raise excessively!” The budget is about \$1.8 million from a variety of resources and 90% of these funds go to the services they provide
- Help military personnel in emotional issues, financial problems, marital problems, etc.
 - Trying to get a program going to be called “Soldiers Helping Soldiers”
 - “The program couldn’t exist without you.”
 - Has helped over 7,000 people from Katrina (300 still in El Paso)
- Mr. Martin entertained questions from the audience and expanded on some familial horror stories that primarily involved children. Also covered food banks (not too evident), indicated the number of homeless people is growing and that Parks & Recreation centers are needed to give adolescents programs to get them off the streets.
- The Salvation Army works with other agencies, especially churches so that “we don’t have to say NO to anyone”

CDR Zarur - crime is down 15% at MVRCC

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Victor L. Montes, C.A.B. Co-chair
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