

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL COMMAND CENTER
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
9600 Dyer
El Paso, Texas 79924**

June 11, 2013

Co-Chairman, Brooks Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Brooks led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Committee Members Present:

*Commander Zina Silva
Brooks Dawson – Co-Chairman
Carol J. Mesler - Secretary*

Board Members Present:

<i>Inge Anton</i>	<i>Graciela & Jaime Sanchez</i>
<i>Magnolia Curtis</i>	<i>Fred Shuford</i>
<i>Gus Hebrok</i>	<i>Carmen Torrez</i>
<i>Jessie Ruelas</i>	<i>Lt. Steven Schmidt</i>

Board Members Absent:

<i>George Anton</i>	<i>Gloria & Jose Rubio (excused)</i>
<i>Regina Arnold (excused)</i>	<i>Dave Scepanski</i>
<i>Pat & Dale Baugh (excused)</i>	<i>Bill Schultheiss</i>
<i>Brian Haggerty</i>	

Introduction of Guests:

Brooks introduced Leslie Canada, who has been a civilian with EPPD for many years and who would like to join our CAB. Tina and Willie Hannah visited while they were in El Paso before going back to Thailand.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of May 14, 2013 as presented; motion carried.

Commander's Report:

Commander Silva reported the northeast crime is -1%, which is about the same as the same time last year. Burglaries are up – there were eight this week

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Par Report:

- * 5/16/13- PAR officers participated in a Police Memorial at Austin H.S., along with numerous outside law enforcement officers.
- * 5/24/13- EPPD Annual Police Memorial conducted at Chuck Heinrich Park with Chief Allen, Executive Staff, invited dignitaries, and families of fallen officers and guests.
- * 5/29/13- MADD Awards Ceremony conducted at Radisson Inn. Officer Bell presented with a youth mentoring excellence award.
- * 5/31/13- 116th Class Academy Recruits conducted ride alongs at NERC and other regions.
- * 5/8/13- City-sponsored Sun City Pride Parade conducted at Central and officers from NERC and all regions provided traffic control.
- * 5/9/13- Music Under The Stars outdoor concert series began, and will run weekly through July 29 at Chamizal Park. Officers from all regions will provide traffic/crowd control.
- * Ft Bliss recently announced federal cutbacks caused cancellation of annual Amigo Airshow, for which NERC PAR normally arranges showcasing of EPPD displays from whole dept.

Commander Silva said that PAR is now working patrol due to being short staffed. There are 38 recruits in the current Academy class. She urged the CAB members to go on ride-alongs to observe what the officers do on a daily basis. It was noted that more transients are around the Gateway areas/underpasses. Jaime said drivers don't use signals. The Commander said we don't have many officers out, that 911 calls are a priority – they issue about 1,000 citations per month – now new drivers have to attend a driving training course. The Commander then handed out some information sheets regarding the number of calls to various NE addresses, and useful hints for cell phone users.

Committee Reports:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Brooks discussed having a town hall meeting/meet the commander day, stating a date will be chosen later. There will be a clean-up in July. There will be a Pride Day meeting at Headquarters – to be scaled down this year – more information coming as available – small clean-ups. Fred Pacheco said graffiti is up – they can deal with the paint, but the stickers are more difficult to remove

Leslie Canada introduced herself and told of the various duties she has had over her years with the Department. She said there will be a Safety Fair at Bassett Place on June 22, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. National Night Out will be August 6, 2013.

Citizen's Forum:

None.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Mesler, Secretary

***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Recognition of Officer of 2nd Quarter 2013
Golden Corral Steakhouse
4610 Trans Mountain Road***

Please call one of the following if you cannot be at the meeting:

Carol Mesler – 755-0209

Or

Isabel Hernandez (the commander's secretary) – 759-2051

***“I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish
small tasks as if they were great and noble.”***

Helen Keller