

Pebble Hills Regional Command
Citizen's Advisory Board
Minutes
Sept. 10, 2012

Call to order- 6:07 pm

Invocation and Pledge-Thomas Barrett

Guest's present-Asst. Chief Peter Pacillas

Member's present-see sign in sheet.

New member candidate-Mr.Karl Levendosky-now qualifies for membership with application/background check completed and attendance at three meetings. Vote by CAB was unanimous in favor of membership. Welcome.

Officer of the Month Recognitions-

June- Sergeant Gabe Peralta-14 year veteran of PD, Sgt. for 1 ½ years and has served on the SWAT for nine years. Recognized for exemplary work during a knife assault incident. Two victims were accosted by gang members, resulting in three arrests. For his dedication and commitment, he is being recognized by the CAB with a certificate of appreciation and gift card to a local movie theater.

July-Officer Robert Hernandez-a seven year veteran serving on the TAC since '09. For his outstanding investigative work during a series of robberies, including those at local Subway restaurants. He is also presented with a certificate of appreciation and gift card to a local restaurant.

Thank you to both officers for your dedication and commitment.

Presentation by FBI Special Agent David Schwartz

Agent Schwartz is a 10 year veteran of the FBI and is from El Paso, having served in Des Moines, IA. Agent Schwartz specializes in investigating Cyber Crime and went on to explain the computer crimes can be very hard to detect, yet are easy to perform. Most people have access to the internet through various outlets, even the telephone via automated type calls. The Internet began as a way to decentralize information and make it easier to access. This was important because it sped up access. A great "pipeline" was created, with security being an afterthought. Consequently, we are playing "catch-up" and trying to secure the web, which is now virtually impossible.

Hacking into business and personal computers has become an international problem and has caused tensions between countries. These crimes are particularly hard to detect and once noticed, hard to trace. Digital forensics is used to prove a crime has been committed and prosecute.

To protect your personal computer, use a system that has a strong encryption option. WPA is the best, however WPA1 is good. WEP is not recommended and can be cracked easily. It is also recommend that all internet connections have a password that cannot easily be deduced. It is very easy to find a home in any neighborhood that has no password. When detected, the user can sign on to your service and obtain any sort of information. For instance, if a user downloads pornography using your internet service, it will appear as you were looking into these sights. This has caused many people a great amount of distress after being accused of crimes.

More recommendations include using an Anti-virus program on your computer. Remember, to keep these programs updated. When using banking or like websites, always use companies that incorporate Multi-Factor Authentication. This would include asking several identifying questions and a pin.

Minutes were approved as written. Kuzma, Adams, G.

Committee reports-Pride Day-donations are still needed for snacks and drinks. Information notices were sent out on e-force.

National Night Out-Oct. 2, see flyer attached.

New Business-Spirit of Christmas-fundraiser to be held on Nov. 12-13, at three locations of La Terrazas restaurants. Tickets are ready for distribution to CAB members for sale. Checks need to be written to CAB member. Tickets are \$10, with \$4.50 going to the purchase of Christmas gifts for needy children. CAB members being asked to pick up tickets at end of meeting.

A short recess was taken due to length of meeting.

Nominations for Officer of the Month (August)-

1) Det. Erica Rodríguez and civilian Christel Chavez –on Aug. 11, observed a woman and three children walking at approximately 2 am. These two stopped and found the family had been kicked out of their home by the husband/father. It was decided to drive the family to Mission Valley Command. While in route, the husband/father began chasing them and tried to force them off the road. 911 was called and suspect was arrested upon arrival at MVRCA. They are both nominated for their efforts to help and keep safe this family. (4 votes)

2) Motorcycle officers Danny Romero, Roman Maza, and Frank Torres are nominated for outstanding work on July 27. While working escort duty at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery, they “rolled up” on an accident involving a semi truck and vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was exhibiting little emotion and had a blank stare that worried the officers. It was found that the victim was a soldier suffering from PTSD. The officers are commended for assisting the driver under dire circumstances including being trapped in the vehicle and an engine fire that they also extinguished. (1 vote)

3) Officer Francisco Torres- for exemplary service on Aug. 15 during a traffic stop. The vehicle had five occupants with one female occupant having five warrants. Another gave a false name that also had warrants. Officer Torres is nominated for his due diligence in this investigation. (0 votes)

4) Officer Bobby Holguin for his work on a traffic stop involving a cell phone violation. After stopping the vehicle on the 10500 block of Gateway West the suspect gave a false name. Officer Holguin was able to get his real name and found a warrant for a Sept. 2011 aggravated robbery. He is also credited with over 190 traffic stops.(3 votes)

5) Officer Roger Ledesma-while on special assignment at Cielo Vista Mall on Aug. 18, he observed a shoplifter recklessly backing out of a parking space and almost running over a store employee. Officer Ledesma pursued the suspect and witnessed continued reckless driving. He was finally able to stop the suspect as suspect attempted to flee while driving on the sidewalk on Paisano near the Bridge. Suspect was taken into custody at gunpoint and found with over 70 items of stolen property. (1 vote)

All officers and civilian are commended for jobs well done and are equally deserving of accommodation. CAB had a very difficult time on this vote and felt all deserved the award. Det. Rodriguez and Christel Chavez will be presented as August’s Officer of the Month.

Commander Report-

City is currently up 1% in crime with PH up 5%. We are still having a problem with shoplifting and beer runs. Assaults are also higher. With the holidays approaching, this may not improve soon. Officers are being held accountable by the Department and PH has had some officers relieved of duty for various reasons. Accountability issues will continue to be reviewed.

Gabe Sida-

See flyers on Pride Day and National Night Out.

Brochures are available for Identity Theft, please take one.

Code compliance this week will be the Vista del Sol and David Bombeck neighborhood.

Adjourn at 7:50 pm Adams, G., Borunda.