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COUNCIL WORK SESSION SUMMARY ROUTING SLIP

Meeting Date July 25, 2016

TITLE: BUILDING A SAFER LAS CRUCES.

- Are there attachments to the Council Work Session Summary? Yes No
- Will there be a Video Presentation for this item? Yes No
- Will there be a PowerPoint Presentation for this item? Yes No
- If "yes", will a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation be included on the Council Work Session Agenda? Yes No

DEPARTMENT / ORGANIZATION	SIGNATURE	PHONE NO.	DATE
Deputy Chief Miguel Dominguez		528-4310	7/20/16
Chief Jaime Montoya		528-4290	7/20/16
Other			
Assistant City Manager/CAO (if applicable)			
Assistant City Manager/COO (if applicable)			
City Manager			7/21/16



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PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION:

- Inform/Update
- Direction/Guidance
- Legislative Development/Policy

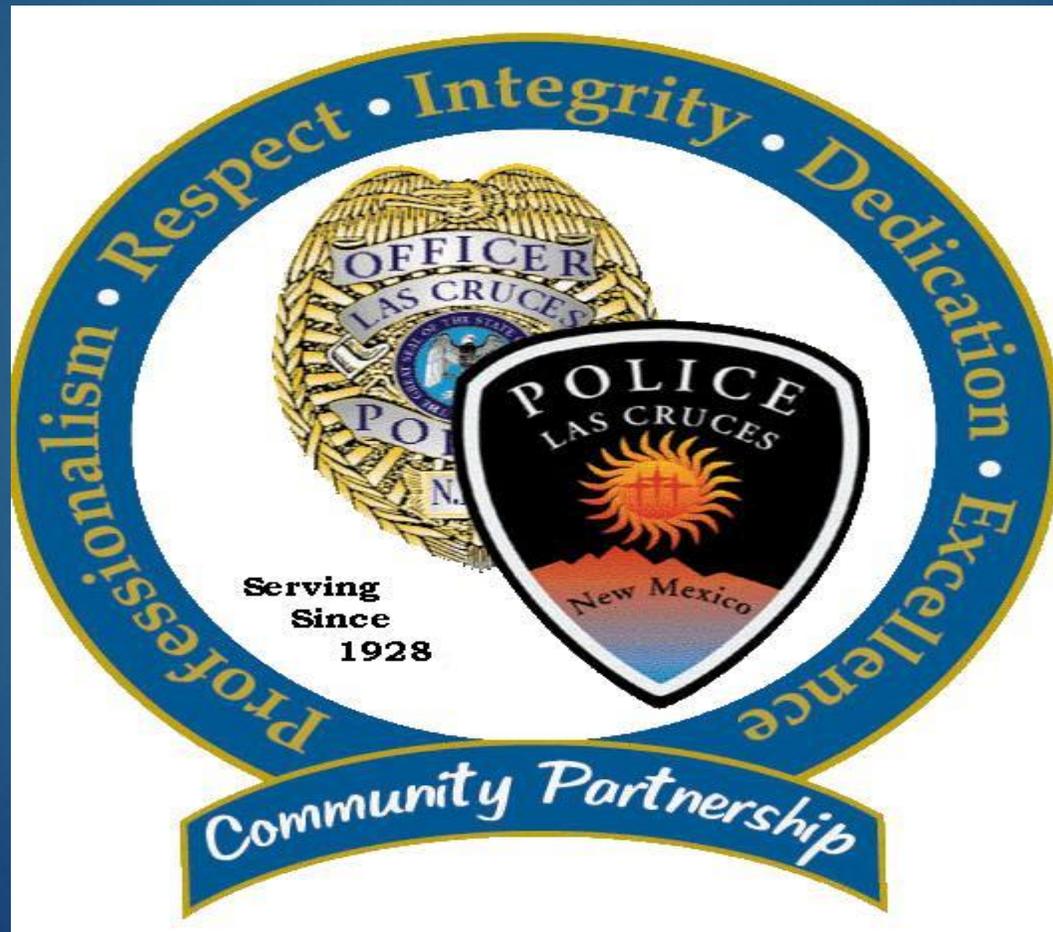
BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) is committed to working together with the community we serve to address crime and quality of life issues that foster the highest level of public trust and safety. City Council has requested a work session to discuss how we can continue to be one of the safest cities in New Mexico. Staff of LCPD will present information on training efforts, crime prevention strategies, and community partnership and outreach initiatives. Also, discussed will be future community policing programs which will have a significant impact on problem solving and crime prevention. Recent high profile incidents throughout the nation have stressed the importance of why our community and LCPD must keep working together to improve public safety and enhance the quality of life in our community. LCPD believes that our efforts and future efforts will go far in building and making Las Cruces a safe place to live, work and play.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

N/A

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- ▶ Public Safety is a collaborative effort between the Police Department, Community Leaders, Volunteers, Community Organizations, and the Community. Our community partnerships are essential for designing and implementing crime prevention strategies and problem solving measures.
- ▶ It is the community and police working together to address crime fighting and quality of life issues that fosters the highest level of public trust and safety.

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LCPD EFFORTS

- ▶ Community Policing Initiatives
- ▶ Interagency Intelligence meetings (Federal, State, Local)
- ▶ Multi Agency training (Active shooter, Barricaded Subject, Mass Casualty)
- ▶ Emergency Action Plans (Churches, Schools, public buildings)
- ▶ Advanced training for officers
- ▶ Problem Oriented Policing/Impact projects
- ▶ Community and Retail partnerships
- ▶ Online reporting
- ▶ COMPSTAT (Crime Forecasting)

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LCPD TRAINING

- ▶ Crisis Intervention Training CIT (Mental illness, Suicidal subjects)
- ▶ Critical Incident Training
(Civil disorder, Natural/Man-made disasters, Hostage/Barricade incident, Bomb Threats, Active shooter)
- ▶ Critical Incident Management
- ▶ Advance firearm/tactical training
- ▶ Legal Training (Search and Seizure, Reasonable Suspicion, Probable Cause, Voluntary Contacts)
- ▶ Investigative Techniques

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Information Sharing/Joint Training

- ▶ Interagency intelligence meetings. Federal, State, Local (17)
- ▶ Fusion Center
- ▶ Law Enforcement Planning Committee (OEM)
- ▶ Justice Partners
- ▶ LCPD/LCFD (Rescue Task Force Training)
- ▶ FEMA (Terrorism & Emergency Management)

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Community Oriented Policing

The focus of Community Oriented Policing is problem solving. POLICE WILL STILL RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES. However, many calls to the police are not police related and are more effectively handled by other agencies. As the number of non-emergency calls decrease, benefits to the citizens increase.

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Officer Availability

- ▶ LCPD CALLS FOR SERVICE

 - 146,984 – 2015

 - 76,101 – Jan-Jun 2016

- ▶ LCPD INCIDENT REPORTS

 - 29,864 - 2015

 - 14,838 – Jan-Jun 2016

- ▶ LCPD ONLINE REPORTS

 - 122 – FY 15

 - 155 – FY 16

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Officer Availability

- ▶ Improve incident and report INCIDENT AND REPORT IMPROVEMET THROUGH ONLINE REPORTING
- ▶ LCPD took 155 eligible reports from January 2016 – June 2016 via the Online Reporting System saving the department \$7,750
- ▶ 1,310 eligible reports were taken by officers during the same time period

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

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Current Proactive Crime Reducing Efforts

- ▶ POP/Impact projects targeting crime (53 POP/134 IMPACT)
- ▶ MOC operations (8)
- ▶ Interagency intelligence meetings. Federal, State, Local (17)
- ▶ Las Cruces Retail Asset Protection Association
- ▶ COMPSTAT (Crime Forecasting)

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Community Partnerships

- ▶ City departments (Parks, Streets, Utilities)
- ▶ Las Cruces Retail Asset Protection Association
- ▶ Faith based organizations
- ▶ Civic Organizations
- ▶ Unified prevention coalition (underage drinking, prescription drugs)
- ▶ Juvenile community corrections board (Juvenile probation)

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Community Involvement

- ▶ Neighborhood watch meetings
- ▶ National Night Out
- ▶ Emergency services EXPO
- ▶ Safe Routes to School
- ▶ Crime Victims Walk

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Community Outreach

- ▶ Youth Leadership Camp
- ▶ Coffee with a Cop
- ▶ Safety Presentations (Senior living centers, day care centers)
- ▶ MOC operations
- ▶ Emergency Evacuation Plan assessments
- ▶ Ride-a-Long program
- ▶ School presentations (safety, anti-bullying, drugs)

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Community Give Back

- ▶ Habitat for Humanity
- ▶ Special Olympics Torch Run
- ▶ Lot revitalization program (Elderly, Handicapped)
- ▶ Animal awareness program (Safe and Clean Pets)
- ▶ Excel program
- ▶ Ident-a-Child

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Improving Community Policing Efforts

Community Policing philosophy is a key component of a partnership we build with our citizens. This process has evolved over the years and is an integral part of our day to day patrol operations.

Moving Forward

The addition of nine (9) community policing officers through a COPS grant will greatly Promote and Enhance our Community Partnerships.

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