

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2008

Present: Landy Black, Steve Greenfield, John Pamperin, Diane McGee, Carol Rosset, Kevin Wolf, Hamza El-Nakhal, Carlos Matos

Guests: Stephanie Ross – Minutes Taker
Debra Doroshov – Crime Prevention Specialist

<i>Special Guest Debra Doroshov's Update</i>	<p>The Davis Police Department, in its continuing effort to address and find solutions to community problems, has decided to move forward to the next step in implementing the Community Oriented Policing method. Devised by Robert Peel in the 19th century, it's not a program but rather a philosophy and management style, based on the notion that community interaction and support can help control crime, with community members helping to identify suspects, detain vandals, and bring problems to the attention of police. Davis Police officers would manage their own beats, in much the same way that one would manage a business. This will allow the officers to get involved with the entire community in their beats, not just specific community groups. Instead of officers relying solely on their supervisors, this philosophy would allow them to make their own decisions in managing their beats. Traditional policing is a reactive response to crime, while community oriented policing is a proactive approach. We need community input to know what problems they want us to address. To meet these goals, we are trying to facilitate better teamwork by having day shift officers brief night shift officers about what's going on in their beats. We will be training the entire department: officers, sergeants, lieutenants, dispatch, records, and investigations. We want to be proactive about community safety. We want to deliver better police service by problem solving instead of just responding to calls. Debra's role is to work with the beat officers, sergeants, and community groups to plan how to solve problems and put out crime alerts.</p> <p>Kevin Wolf suggested that neighborhoods hold regular meetings. He also suggested neighborhoods get information from the police about what to do if they see a crime taking place. He wants to distribute information to his neighborhood so people are made aware.</p>
<i>Chief's Update</i>	<p>There was recently a hate crime in Davis, in which a gay man was beaten outside of G Street Pub. Our investigators have that crime almost solved. It will be sent to the DA's office soon.</p> <p>Catalytic converter theft is still high. Recently, over 2,000 catalytic converters were sold by a company in Sacramento for which they received \$230 per converter. We can't say for sure, but a lot of them were probably stolen. No checks are done on the converters themselves or the people who sell them. It is</p>

impossible to identify who the converters belong to once they're removed from the vehicle, and it's very easy to sell them. The California Police Chiefs Association is in talks with the state legislature to create a law that would punish people who steal the converters for their precious metal.

The State is considering withdrawing its booking fees support. Currently, the State pays booking fees, but they want to get rid of that and make it a City problem instead. This means that the Police Department would have to pay more than \$100,000 from our own budget for booking fees.

PLEASE NOTE: If no one will be in Davis during the month of August, that CAB meeting may be cancelled. Please contact Pat Snyder at (530) 747-5405 and let her know whether or not you'll be able to make it to the next meeting.

Round Table Steve Greenfield reported that Christi Scibbins is the new Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. She worked with an event planning company before taking this post.
