

Town Hall Meeting-Public Safety

Highlights/Notes from Meeting on 11-12-09

Citizen Concerns:

- More lighting at City Parks
 - Gangs/Violence in our City
1. City is adjusting Police Officer Shifts to include ten hour days
 2. There will be an average of 17 Officers with in a 24 Hour Period serving the community
 3. Chief Julian Gonzales stated that one of the departmental goals is to obtain funding in order to have a “Gang Unit” here in Española.
 4. The Weed and Seed Program has been established in schools in order to identify possible gang activity and members.
 5. Teen Court at Carlos Vigil Middle School is a great program established in order to have violators stand before peers in a mock trial situation.

How can citizens contribute and help our city:

- Support our Espanola Valley Youth Programs-volunteer and encourage our youth!
- Talk and get to know your local police officers! They are there to help and serve.
- Call your community leaders with your concerns.
- Write to your Congressional Delegation