

**East Colfax Partners Q4 Safety Meeting Agenda**  
**December 10th 10am-12pm**  
**Denver Police Department District 2 Station**  
**3921 Holly St. Denver, CO 80207**  
**Doors open @ 9:45am**

**Agenda**

1. Introductions	10:00-10:10
2. Recap of Last Meeting	10:10-10:15
3. DPD Report Out a. Update on Safety Survey ( <a href="#">YTD change 2023-2024</a> ) i. Violent Crime ii. Drug Activities iii. Non-Violent and Property Crime b. Staffing update	10:15-10:35
4. East Colfax PNI Updates a. Lighting b. Next Steps	10:35-10:50
5. City Report Out a. Mayor's Office / Office of Neighborhood Safety b. District 8 c. DOTI	10:50-11:15
6. <a href="#">East Colfax Organizations' Report Out</a>	11:15-11:50
7. Wrap Up & Next Steps a. CRO's Office Hour	11:50-12:00

**Minutes:**

**East Colfax Safety Meeting - DPD District 2 Station - 12/10/2024**

**Attendees:** Office of Neighborhood Safety, Shontel Lewis' Office, VOA - Family Motel, Hiddenbrook Apartments, Denver Excise and License, Owanee Hotel, The Fax Partnership, EastFax Tap, The Night Window, EC3, Lt. Costigan, Lt. Curtis, Cmdr Aragon, CRO Ruiz, CRO Cervantes

- 1. Introductions -**
  - a. Monica Martinez of The Fax welcomes attendees, will facilitate.
- 2. Recap of Last Meeting**
  - a. Monica reviews the details of the prior safety meeting in August.
    - i. Dr. Herold

- ii. Fencing
- iii. DOTI Safer Streets Grant

### **3. DPD Report Out**

- a. Commander Aragon reviewed the details of the Safety Survey conducted at the start of 2024.
  - i. Highlighted the Notable Arrests report reflecting the efforts to address the top Survey concerns.
    - 1. Violent Crime
    - 2. Drug Activities
    - 3. Non-Violent and Property Crime
  - ii. Commander Aragon asks the room if the top 3 concerns still feel like the top 3 or have priorities shifted? Reflects that the existing top 3 concerns are always top of mind.
    - 1. Community input: Yes, they are still the top 3 concerns.
- b. Commander Aragon updated that Meghan Patrick has moved to the DA's office.
  - i. Meghan made a lot of great strides with community engagement.
  - ii. Meghan's position will be filled in time. Commander Aragon will be part of the decision making process and wants to have someone who can engage the community in the same high level manner.
- c. Commander Aragon - will work to share data with the community as expediently as possible. Will share with The Fax to disseminate.

### **4. East Colfax PNI Updates**

- a. Lt. Curtis stated that they've gone ahead with the upgraded lighting for the PNI area. There will be a fly-over to ensure Xcel has completed the work.
  - i. Call 311 if you notice any street lights that are out.
  - ii. Question (posed by Office of Neighborhood Safety): What is the partnership with Aurora on lighting work?
    - 1. Commander Aragon notes that Aurora is in flux currently. There are meetings pending to get into better, broad alignment. Unclear who is in charge of District 1 (the Aurora district that borders Denver District 2 and 3).
    - 2. The Office of Neighborhood Safety echoed the Commander's sentiment that things are certainly inconsistent in Aurora - a lot of turnover recently.
    - 3. Lt. Curtis: Denver and Aurora have their own independent agreements with Xcel so he cannot speak to how Aurora will handle things like lighting requests but it is possible that a request coming from Denver may in the end resolve an issue that affects Aurora.
    - 4. DPD will reach out to help identify who the CROs are in Aurora.
- b. Lt. Curtis: Next steps are reactivating the PNI sites, like The Regis hotel. Open to community suggestions.
  - i. Unclear status of ownership, intentions but there are some

restrictions on the property as it stands. There will be hoops to jump through but the City is eager to reactivate the property in a productive manner.

## **5. City Report Out**

- a. Shontel Lewis' Office (D8):
  - i. Hopeful for the BRT, in communication with the D5 office.
  - ii. Hoping to find a solution for the open air drug use, trying to look for alternatives besides punishment that leads to the same situation a few days or weeks later.
- b. Office of Neighborhood Safety:
  - i. 20+ programs under the umbrella of this office.
  - ii. Working to find alternative solutions so that traditional law enforcement doesn't have to be the only answer.
  - iii. Resources and information will be forthcoming to expand awareness of what is available.
- c. DOTI - Not Present

## **6. Organization Report Outs:**

- a. Hope Communities:
  - i. Wrapping up the year, some events for residents are upcoming. There will be a Hope Community safety meeting for East Colfax in early 2025. There will be a meeting focusing on supporting families dealing with domestic violence as well.
- b. VOA:
  - i. It's Colorado Gives Day! VOA does a lot of work supporting across the city including programs for senior women and children.
  - ii. No major safety updates at the motels but across the street is more active with issues.
- c. EC3:
  - i. Hoping to re-boot the Safety Ambassador program in 2025.
  - ii. Safety Walk/Patrols data will be available soon.
- d. Awanee Hotel:
  - i. No major updates.
- e. Excise and Licensing:
  - i. Michael's is being looked into. Re-inspection forthcoming. DPD is also taking steps.
    - 1. Lt. Costigan and Cmdr Aragon advised that some of the violence in that area came from the recently shut down hookah bar. So there has been a downtick in violence since they've been shut down.
      - a. Community input is helpful in identifying more problem areas/unlawful businesses.

## **7. Wrap-up/General Discussion**

- a. Is there a new DPD policy in the upcoming year given the forthcoming change in President?
  - i. Commander Aragon - no change in policy. No projects with ICE. No targeting of migrant population. If orders shift/change, DPD will

notify. DPD policies prevent assistance/interference in immigration matters.

- b. Colfax Safety Page - [thefaxdenver.com/colfax-safety](https://thefaxdenver.com/colfax-safety)
  - i. The goal of this page is to be a resource for all of East Colfax pertaining to safety. Community input is welcome and encourages sharing resources and information.
- c. Commander Aragon: Meghan Patrick's replacement will just be focused on D2.