



**Foothills
Community Policing Council
January 12, 2026**

In person, approximately 19 public members attended, including APD civilians and council members.

Online –6 members of the public attended, and council members attended.

CPC members present: Woody Simpson, Howard DeLaCruz-Bancroft, Brandon Ahrens, Jennifer Lopez, Mark Soohoo, Paul Ripley, Phyllis Marcus

CPC members not present: Anthony Ortiz, Kaitlyn Manuelito, Anthony Rael

- 1. Call to order – 6:00 PM**
- 2. Approval of Agenda- Approved**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – Approved (November)**
- 4. FH Area Commander Richard Whitten crime update – Month of December**
 - Robbery of an individual – 2
 - Commercial burglary – 3
 - Auto theft warm up – 7
 - Auto theft other – 44
 - Commercial burglary – 7
 - Residential burglary – 30
 - Shots spotter – 59
 - Homicides for the city and the whole year have been down dramatically.
- 5. Joe Long, NM Mountain Patrol, and Captain of the Intelligence Unit**
 - The NM legislature and Governor Miles in 1941 created the New Mexico Mountain Patrol and a state statute.
 - They are their own agency. As of today, they function primarily as reserves for the New Mexico State Police.
 - The ability and authority to work with any other agencies.
 - Other law enforcement officers can request them, and the governor can activate them for a certain task.
 - Not an equine unit, they have nothing to do with horses.
 - APD doesn't have a reserve unit due to the DOJ involvement. However, large agencies like BCSO and Santa Fe have reserve units due to grants and programs they have to support, and are not inclined to work with them.
 - NM mountain patrol worked in a backup capacity, riding with officers, called out to special events or specific callouts.

- Today, there are about 90 troopers across the state. The number fluctuates every year.
- Two years ago, they formed an intelligence unit. Focused on the center of human trafficking.

6. Elections

- Chair Wood Simpson – approved
- Co-Chair Branden Ahrens – approved

7. Meeting adjourned 7:39 PM

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Date: January 12, 2026, 6:00 PM Mountain Time (U.S. and Canada)

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