



**Foothills  
Community Policing Council  
February 9, 2026**

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

Online –10 members of the public attended, and council members attended.

CPC members present: Woody Simpson, Howard DeLaCruz-Bancroft, Brandon Ahrens, Mark Soohoo, Paul Ripley, Phyllis Marcus, Anthony Rael, Natasha Reed

CPC members not present: Jennifer Lopez,

- 1. Call to order – 6:00 PM**
- 2. Approval of Agenda- Approved**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – Approved (January)**
- 4. FH Area Commander Richard Whitten crime update – 28 days**
  - Auto burglary – 26
  - Auto theft – 17
  - Residential burglary – 21
  - Shoplifting – 20
  - Commercial robberies – several incidents reported, including in the academy area.
  - A single offender responsible for multiple robberies is the FH and NE. He was apprehended and confessed. The undercover detectives assisted in the arrest.
  - The FH Commander emphasized coordination with APD units, including the metro traffic division, to address crime trends using data-driven strategies.
- 5. Sgt. Eric Nelson Metric Traffic Division and Motor Officer, Valerie Perman Transportation Planning Manager, Dept. of Municipal Development, and Nicholas Botero Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program Manager – Automated Speed Enforcement Program**
  - The city does not operate red light cameras; the program is automated speed enforcement only.
  - The program launched in 2022 as part of the Vision Zero initiative
  - There are 25 speed safety cameras operating city-wide, with additional cameras planned.
  - The cameras are placed using data driven process, including crash history, injury severity, community vulnerability, and feedback.
  - The citations are civil, not criminal. The citations are issued to the registered vehicle owner, with affidavit options available.
  - The enforcement begins at 11 mph over the posted speed limit.

- The flat rate vendor contracts to ensure no incentive to issue additional citations.
- The camera locations showed a reduction in average vehicle speed.
- Even a 1 mph speed reduction can reduce a fatal crash risk.
- The funds from the citations are split between the State of NM and the city. The funds are dedicated to traffic safety and Vision Zero projects. These would include pedestrian lighting, crosswalks, and roadway improvements.
- The cameras cannot issue citations without a readable license.
- The ASE data may inform APD deployment but not trigger a real-time enforcement.
- **Metro Traffic Division update**
  - They offer support in other area commands
  - They conduct tact plans based on data and community complaints
  - They created a team 3, which operates Wednesday – Saturday between the hours of 4:00 PM and 2:00 AM. They focus on racing and aggressive driving.
  - They did an operation in the foothills, and their results were
    - They had over 60 traffic stops and over 200 citations in a day.
    - They also did the freeway enforcement and partnered with other agencies.
    - Street racing is a local and national problem. APD coordinates with country and state partners to address this issue.

## 6. Meeting adjourned 7:28 PM

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