

#### **Northeast**

### **Community Policing Council**

# September 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

# 1. Call to Order - Chair Vicki Williams - 6:40 pm

Council present: Dorothy Woodward, Brennan Williams, Troy Taylor, Cassandra Morrison

Council member Ane Romero presently attending Citizens Police Academy.

**Note:** Power outage in area. Meeting moved to balcony of Room 5.

Approximately 28 attended from the public, two from APD

## 2. Old Business

## a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda, second and approved.

### b. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes, second and approved.

Chair Vicki Williams: Review the history of anonymous recommendations made by community members. Since Feb. 2019, eight (8) recommendations have been submitted for consideration by APD chain of command.

## **3. APD Presentations:** Sgt. Dain Symes

- a. Crime Report: Unavailable.
- **b.** Use of Force: August 2019. 1 serious; 2 shows of force; 0 tactical activations; 7 uses of force. 10 total uses of force.
- **c. Recruitment:** Lt. David Saladin, APD Training Academy Instructor: Upcoming class: 59 tested for academy, 4 lateral transfers, 30 Police Service Aides (PSAs). As of August 2019, 57 cadets are due to graduate in March 2020. Two (2) cadets classes start in January 2020.

**4. Presentation** – **Guest Speaker:** Brian Blalock, Secretary, NM Children, Youth and Family Dept.

Mr. Blalock emphasized attention to five (5) needs of CYFD to better and more broadly serve affected children.

- A. How do we keep children safe? The first person responding to child abuse call-outs usually is a law enforcement officer. It is best when both an officer and social worker arrive at same time.
- B. We need resources and services for our children. Presently, the state has no community-based mental health resources for children.
- C. A stronger family system is needed. (We need all the grandmas.) It is better for children to be placed with relatives rather than in an institution.
- D. Better data. Better decisions. This means working with NM CAN, a resource partnering with young people to: build community, promote equity, and lead change. CYFD database is written in Cobalt and half of that data should updated by spring 2020.
- E. How do we listen to children who cannot speak for themselves?
- **5. Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.** Power not restored. NDBMC staff requested we swiftly exit the building for safety reasons.