Northeast

Community Policing Council

Zoom Meeting: 11-09-2021

Approximately 22 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members.

CPC members present: Vicki Williams, Richard Lujan, Kenneth Armijo, William Orr, Cassandra Morrison, Francine Lopez, Roy Turpen

CPC Members not present: Dina Soto, Troy Taylor

1. Call to order – 6:32 PM
2. CPC Overview – Who we are – What is our mission
3. Amended and approval of November Agenda – Approved
4. Amended and Approval of October Minutes – Approved
5. APD Chief of Police Harold Medina
   - State legislation session had topics about losing qualified immunity and lost to law enforcement and their rights.
   - APD is under a settlement agreement with DOJ and a monitor that brings challenges to the profession. Last year the monitoring report had comments on former administration with discipline and command staff.
   - Recruiting classes are more significant than in past decades. In October, forty-seven cadets graduated. In December, they anticipate fifty-three, with twelve going to CNM in January, totaling sixty-five for the classes. In the spring, a repeat of the process with sixteen cadets at CNM gets transferred to APD in December.
   - They are committed to hiring many PSA’s and obtaining civilian support staff. Before the balloon fiesta, seventeen PSA’s graduated, which lifted the burden on the sworn police officers. APD is committed to starting another PSA academy.
   - Chief Medina reported that they added support to the investigation unit in terms of the digital intelligence team and solved a homicide case. There are changes in
investigations in providing training within the last and developing the first
detective’s academy.

- **Personnel:**
  - Short staff across APD and violent crime cases have not been followed
    upon on time, including property crimes that are not getting investigated
    quickly.

- **Crime:**
  - All detectives worked violent crimes for forty-five days. In recent months,
    there was a slowdown for homicides and a slight increase in prior weeks,
    currently at its lowest in months for the year. If there are available
    resources, more cases get moved and people in custody.

- **Personnel changes within the department**
  - Cecily Barker, formerly Chief of Staff, is now Deputy Chief of
    Investigations
  - Josh Brown, formerly Valley Area Commander, is now Deputy Chief of
    field services
  - Cori Lowe, formerly Commander of compliance, is now Deputy Chief of
    Compliance
  - Changes will get made if needed.

- **Property crimes are down, and violent crimes are up.**

- **The statistics on the seventy biggest agencies, Albuquerque crimes in homicides
  increased thirty-eight percent over the past two years.**

- **He stated that supporting funding, resources, and legislation to help fix all the
  portions of the criminal justice system. Also, take ownership when changes get
  made in APD (Albuquerque Police Department)**

- **Questions:**
  - Are you able to speak on the IMR report that comes out on Friday
    regarding compliance?
  - What legislative actions will help APD, and whom do we contact to
    support these actions?
  - Where then is the “middle” for the use of force determination?
6. Patricia Serna, Policy Manager of APD’s Policy and Procedure Unit, and her team members, Angelina Medina and Tanya La Force.

- Policy and Procedure unit (P&P)
- APD standards operating procedures SOP, special orders, and forms
- Why does APD have a policy development process?
  - APD SOP 3-52 policy development process flowchart
- Questions and answers from council members
  - Who writes the policies? How is it determined that a new policy is needed?
  - Who determines the owner of a policy? What are the qualifications to be a policy owner?
  - What are the job qualifications for the individuals who write the policy for APD?
  - We understand that field officers have the opportunity to provide feedback on the policy. Who reviews the feedback, and how is it determined to incorporate, or not, the feedback from the officers?
  - What is the function of the PPRB, how are the members selected, and what are the qualifications requirements for members?
  - Does the PPRB have the opportunity to review feedback from the field officers? Do they have the authority to incorporate changes based on fields officers’ feedback?
  - How do you manage the avoidance of policy overlap and duplication?
  - There are over 200 policies, has any thought been given to reduce or consolidate policies or eliminate a policy that has shown to be ineffective?

- Contact information for Policy and Procedure Unit
  - General Email: opa@cabq.gov
  - Patricia Serna, Policy Manager
    - Phone number: (505) 768-2410 or (505) 967-5124
    - Email: pserna@cabq.gov
  - Officer Tanya La Force, Policy Coordinator
7. Old Business

- Poll Question: How effective are the CPCs in building trust between APD and the community they serve (10 being most effective)?
  - Results: 1-5 = 31%
  - Results: 6-10 = 69%
- November Poll question: Do you support the NE CPC in their effort to explore how policies are affecting field officers’ performance and, in turn, public safety?
  - Results will get read at the next meeting in January 2022.
- No Public meeting in December
- There are many opportunities to meet officers and go on the NE APD area command website to view dates and times to meet officers.

8. APD Presentations/ Monthly statistical report

- Commander Greg Webber discusses community outreach strategy and asks the council how the area command likes to receive information? They are still searching for a community prevention specialist; the position opened up this week and closed at the end of the month (November).

9. APD monthly statistical report Sgt Dain Symes: Crimes in October

- 104 – Larceny calls for service/ Decreased from previous months
- 31 – Auto burglaries
- 23 – Residential burglary
- 58 – Commercial burglary - increased
- 44 – Auto theft
- 88 – Disturbance calls
- Crimes against people
  - 245 – Family offenses/domestic violence
- 72 – Aggravated assault and battery
- 0 – Homicide
- 9 – Criminal sexual penetration
- Total calls for service – 7704

- Use of Force - Force per 1000 calls = 1.1
  - Level 1 – 1
  - Level 2 – 6
  - Level 3 – 1
  - Total = 8

- Call types
  - 10 – Disturbance calls
  - 6 – Onsite suspicious person or vehicle
  - 5 – Family disputes
  - 4 – Residential burglaries
  - 3 – Aggravated assault and battery
  - 3 – Suspicious persons or vehicle
  - 2 – Commercial burglaries
  - 1 – Sex offense
  - 1 – Child neglect
  - 1 – Suicide
  - 1 – Auto burglary
  - 1 – Drunk driving
  - 1 – Shots fired
  - 1 – Panhandlers
  - 1 – On-site disturbance
  - 1 – Fight in progress
  - 1 – Armed robbery/ commercial
  - 1 – Continuation of an earlier force of event
  - 1 – Wanted person
  - 1 – Vandalism
  - 1 – SWAT activation
10. Meeting Adjourned – 8:15 PM

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