



## **Northwest**

### **Community Policing Council**

**July 16, 2025**

Approximately 14 public members attended, including APD civilians and council members on Zoom.

In-person attendance – 16 community members, APD, and council members

CPC members present: Jacquelyn Cooke, Edward Butner, Jeff Miller

CPC members not present: Susan Jennings-Schwinn,

- 1. Call to Order: 6:00 PM**
- 2. Approval of agenda -**
- 3. Approval of Minutes –**
- 4. Animal Control Carolyn Ortega, Director of Albuquerque Animal Control**
  - Largest animal shelter in the state.
  - They get about 20,000 pets in the shelter per year. Daily, 1200 pets
    - They are currently under 700 pets, the lowest since COVID.
  - Community proactive
    - Government-run community vet clinic (first in the country). Located on the east side of Eubank, right off I-40
    - Created to provide more spaying and neutering.
    - It's a law in Albuquerque to get every pet spayed and neutered.
  - The clinic opened in 2022, and about 6000 spay and neuter procedures were performed between the vet clinics and community initiatives.
  - They have a van called the We Care Mobile Vaccination unit. They go into those high-risk communities. Recently, the mobile units went to the encampments and homeless shelters to ensure their animals get the medical treatment they need.
  - Partnered with APD AFR and substantiation to provide them with iChips scanners.
  - Pet food pantry – people can get pet food if they qualify.
  - Dog parks – Enforce off-leash laws. They are focusing on high call areas. If that area needs a sign, contact animal control. They are more efficient in getting those in all parks, so people are aware. Often, people don't follow the pet laws or take them seriously. These laws are for public safety. They gave themselves two options: one was to write the criminal citation for abuse and neglect. They also introduced a civil bill that could do more than a misdemeanor law being broken.
    - Initial citation \$200.00 break, first law warning for first time.

- Take services into the community, they saw a reduction in intakes, and euthanasia. Improvement in adoption. More pets are getting adopted.
- An increase in the budget was made to improve shelters. Got funding for a multipurpose vet clinic next to the west side shelter. Breaking ground by the end of the year.
- They have nineteen animal protection officers
  - There are four sergeants
  - They get about 25000 calls a year.

**5. Bernalillo Metropolitan Detention Center Deputy Warden, Major Ergon, PIO (Public information officer)**

- They have a 17% staffing level, culture, and expectation of officers
- There are 1500 men and 300 women in the MDC.
- Age 25-34 600
- Age 35-44 600
- Aggravated assaults and Felony – 50%
- No felony – 40%
- Misdemeanors – 3.4% (other agencies pickup)
- They have 411 officers
  - MDC has a 30% vacancy
  - Day shift – 149 officers (52% staffing)
  - About 42 officers ( 28%) work outside the building, who do court and medical transport.
  - CCP (4 officers) Control Monitoring: These officers monitor the GPS of individuals who are released back to the public.
  - Swing shift – 311 officers ( 82%) and three monitors, the CCP is not in the facility.
  - Overnight - 56 officers (20%) and one monitor CCP
- In their academy, they currently have 25 students in the class. On average, there are 25 to 30 cadets in class. He knows people need jobs, so the MDC does it once the individual completes the background check and qualifies, and they bring the individual into an administrative function.
- McLendon Lawsuit
  - The maximum headcount is 1950. Currently, there are 1801. If the number reaches 1950, they work with the court to find alternatives. Once that 1950 number is reached, they have 21 days to decrease it, or they start choosing who gets released. They have no choice because it's a federal requirement.
  - They have three areas: the security portion, the mental health portion, and the medical portion. Three different experts visit the MDC. The medical part was visited, and they are waiting for reports. The security portion came two weeks ago, and the mental health has not yet been addressed at the MDC.
- The Warden mentions that he is requesting funding to establish reentry programs for five years

## **6. Northwest Area Commander Chris Patterson's crime update**

- Officer-involved shooting in the NW
  - The officer involved is doing well, no injuries, and the four officers are on administrative leave, returning in two to three weeks.
- Department-wide tactical plan for traffic. They will be going after license plate violations (no license plate, expired license, or plate altered). This tactic plan was department-wide in all seven area commands, and the Metro Traffic Division worked together. The tact plan went from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- APD issued 1,111 citations.
  - Violations license plate uses – 491
  - Violations for insurance (no proof of insurance, or no insurance) – 165
  - Speeding violations – 139
  - Cell phone usage – 13
  - Miscellaneous – 303
  - NW had the most citations, with 221 citations during these five days.
  - The traffic division wrote 231, the NW wrote 221, and the closest area command was the foothills.
- APD launched the drone as a first responder program. The first two drones are up in the SE, and a drone hive is being installed in the NW.
- The gas card pilot program started on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The NW and SW officers will be issued cards for using the local pumps, rather than driving downtown to fill up. The pilot program will be for one year, and they will compare the time for service calls and the fuel cost.
- Traffic tact plan – 2233 citations, and 672 traffic stops. Speed cameras are available in areas of the golf course and the paseo, plus another on Coors.
- The West Bluff substation opening in the shopping center will be used as a recruiting building. It should be completed by the end of the month.
- Crime stats
  - Aggravated Assaults – slight increase 5%
  - Robberies – down 0.5%
  - Sex crime – up 23%
  - Auto burglaries – down 3.6%
  - Burglaries – down 1%
  - Shoplifting – down 25%
  - Auto theft – down 38% from last year
- PRT will focus on cottonwood, west bluff, and riverside.
  - Cottonwood – 533 police contact
  - West bluff – 445 police contact
  - Riverside aka Montano – 210 police contact

## **7. Pete Gelabert, NW Crime Prevention Specialist**

- Call the NW substation @ (505) 768-4850. Tell them you want to add your home to the house watch if you are going out of town. Lock your vehicle and home, and be vigilant.

- On Friday, July 25, 2025, coffee with a cop at Golden Corral 2701 Coors NW at 8 AM.
- August 5<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out. There is a problem with the application, and it is being fixed.

## **8. Meeting adjourned 7:37 PM**

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Date: July 16, 2025, 6:00 PM Mountain Time (U.S. and Canada)

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