



Southeast Community Policing Council

Zoom Meeting: 04-21-2022

Approximately 31 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and sworn.

CPC members present: Mike Kruchoski, Ron Halbegwachs, Angelo Ragland, Jeffrey Archuleta, Christopher McDaniel, Samuel Nevarez

CPC members absent: Angel Garcia, Suzy Sanchez Beg

1. Call to order – 6:00 PM

2. Review & Approval of April Agenda

- Amended to defer introduction of SE CPC members to end of the meeting. Approved.

3. APD semiannual update

- APD Chief Harold Medina reported on major issues during the last six months. Crime is the number one concern in the community. APD is making progress in areas such as restructuring of the homicide unit, increasing support staff to process electronic evidence, and successfully issuing warrants faster. At this time last year, there had been 36 homicides; currently there are about 26 or 27, with some cases still pending determinations for whether they were homicides or not. APD has been criticized in prior years for not being over a 60% clearance rate, but as of April 20, 2022, APD is at a 107% clearance rate. Major crime categories are going down, except robbery, which is increasing. Chief Medina's biggest concern is the violence towards officers. They have been five officer involved shootings, which often involved a mentally ill person. Chief Medina is advocating for resources for mental health and drug addiction problems.

- APD continues to work hard to comply with the Court-Approved Settlement Agreement. The External Force Investigation Team (EFIT) and APD's Force Investigations unit have developed a strong relationship, demonstrating the benefit of collaboration between APD and the courts. They investigated 157 out of 157 use-of-force cases during last monitoring period for levels 2 and 3.
- APD has had difficulty retaining officers with 0-10 years service. Two sworn officers resigned to take civilian investigator jobs. APD will continue trying to keep individuals in sworn positions and to increase support staff on the civilian side.
- APD is committed to improving community engagement. They've started the "Coffee With a Cop" events again. In May the APD Academy graduating class will attend two "Coffee With a Cop" events to meet the community. The APD Ambassador program continues work to get more diversity within the department.
- The Chief's presentation begins at 00:02:45 in the meeting recording.

4. Second Judicial District presentation: Community Based Crime Reduction program

- Gary Coffin and Gloria Ortiz reported on the Community Based Crime Reduction grant through the Department of Justice. The District Attorney's (DA) office applied for the grant in 2017 and was awarded \$1 million. The grant has two phases: planning phase and implementation phase. Currently they are in the implementation phase.
 - In the planning phase, community stakeholders came together to better understand on how to spend the \$1 million within the community, in ways that would be more beneficial from a community perspective. The DA's office facilitated these meetings. They wanted to overcome the notion that they are a crime reduction team. While the ultimate goal is to reduce crime in communities, the DA did not want to seem like they are trying to put people in jail, which is not their objective.
- The program's 44-page implementation plan identifies four community-driven objectives: community engagement, community prosecutor support, community justice boards and circles, and gun violence intervention. One notable feature is a restorative justice model that focuses on low-level offenses, encouraging discussions between youthful offenders and victims, to intervene with proactive strategies that could turn lives around.

- Gloria Ortiz described some of the goals and activities of the mobile resources center to address community needs. For example, last November they held a coat drive for school-age children. They partner with nonprofit agencies and community members to solicit donations to meet needs within the community. Gary Coffin talked about the “Laundry Love” events at Spin Cycle on San Pedro and Gibson on the first and third Mondays of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., probably through September. Community members can stop by and do their laundry free, and onsite social workers will be there to provide referrals to needed services and resources.
- The program works with several churches in the International District to spread good will within the district. They look for opportunities to collaborate with community policing efforts to build trust and reduce crime levels through sustainable programs. Additional information is available on the DA’s website and Facebook page.
- Their presentation begins at 00:28:30 in the meeting recording.

5. Southeast Area Command Report

- Commander Languit reported on incidents for the past 30 days, then focused on the initiatives and operations in the Southeast. His is interested in getting community feedback and suggestions on way to improve. For this reporting period, there were 1,009 incidents, compared to the previous 30-day reporting period, when there were 854 incidents. Warmer weather contributes to an increased in incidents. Aggravated assault and battery was the highest category amongst the crimes against persons. There has been a city-wide decrease in robberies. Auto thefts have decreased, compared to this same period last year.
- There were 17 use-of-force incidents:
 - Level 1 (investigation by SE chain of command): 7
 - Level 2 (IAFD conducts the investigations): 8
 - Level 3 (IAFD conducts investigations, followed by Force Review Board if there was a tactical activation): 2
- The Commander asks that community members report unhoused encampments through 311. APD meets weekly with other City departments, such as Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS), Solid Waste, and Parks & Recreation, to address the issues appropriately.
- There are four major operational initiatives in the SE Area Command.

- High crime hot spot: weekly data analysis to guide proactive enforcement through a dedicated squad on each shift
- DDax: traffic stops can help reduce crime rates in other categories
- International District (ID) Proactive Response Team (PRT) officers collaborate with community organizations' outreach efforts to provide needed resources to improved quality of life to help reduce crime.
- Gibson Health Hub and the Gibson Public Safety District: APD is working with the SE community to define its role, responsibilities, and approaches for allocating resources and coverage.
- The Commander's presentation begins at 01:06:25 in the meeting recording.

6. Deferred business, and Public Comments & Questions

- The City purchase of the Meeting Owl Pro camera for hybrid meetings is “in-progress,” so the CPCs should have the equipment by mid-May. next months meeting.
- John Comstock complimented the combined community efforts to address homelessness. Sandra Perea asked if statistics about crimes against children and child abuse will be available to the public; Commander Languit will coordinate a presentation by the Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU). Amir Chapel spoke in favor of building community relationships to help reduce crime, especially gun violence, through collaboration. Patrick Behar is looking forward to engaging with the CPC. Paul Sanchez said it's important that we need to hold elected officials accountable for proper allocation of tax funds for needed resources and programs. Access to healthcare is critical for our homeless population.
- This discussion begins at 01:34:15 in the meeting recording.
- Our next meeting on May 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. might be a hybrid meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned 7:59 PM

To watch the Southeast CPC April 2022 meeting, please click the link below:

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