



## **Southeast Community Policing Council**

**Zoom Meeting: 05-19-2022**

Approximately 20 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and sworn.

CPC members present: Mike Kruchoski, Ron Halbegwachs, Angelo Ragland, Christopher McDaniel, Samuel Nevarez, Angel Garcia, Suzy Sanchez Beg

CPC members absent: Jeffrey Archuleta

### **1. Call to order – 6:00 PM**

### **2. Review & Approval of May Agenda – Approved**

- Commander Languit could not attend to provide the SE Area Command presentations.

### **3. APD update on Independent Monitor's Report #15 (IMR-15), Lt. Gustavo Gomez**

- Lt. Gustavo Gomez (APD Compliance and Oversight Division) provided an overview of the Independent Monitor Team (IMT) responsibilities, the Court-Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA), and APD's progress toward compliance at three levels: primary (policies & procedures), secondary (training), and operational (leadership). APD has maintained 100% primary compliance since IMR-8. Secondary compliance has reached 99% in IMR-15, after having dropped to 82% for IMR-13 and IMR-14 (down from 92% in IMR-12). This recovery is due in large part to implementation of the Performance Evaluation Monitoring System (PEMS). Operational compliance has increased from 62% to 70% (IMR-14 to IMR-15), due to improved training and more consistent use of On-Body Recording Devices (OBRDs). He discussed the reasons for these improvements, showing data from both IMR-14 and IMR-15.

- Community members who have questions can contact the Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau by email at [apdcompliance@abq.gov](mailto:apdcompliance@abq.gov)
- His presentation begins at 00:10:30 in the meeting recording.

#### 4. Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU)

- Sergeant Terra Juarez and Ms Laura Chavez presented. CACU investigates all felony allegations of child abuse, neglect, and homicide when involving a family member or legal guardian. The unit consist of seven detectives and two civilian employees. Laura Chavez is the CACU coordinator and civilian supervisor.
- Sgt Juarez gave a summary of the CACU workload statistics.
  - On average, detectives are assigned 28 cases every month.
  - As of May 2022, there have been 109 cases this year. CACU has closed 130 cases, including the 107 cases carried over from 2021. On average, CACU is closing 33 cases per month. CACU detectives typically carry approximately 23 to 25 cases.
  - CACU works closely with the New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD), All Faiths Children's Advocacy Center (an organization that does forensic interviews for children), and Para Los Niños (a pediatric program that does medical forensic interviews and sexual assault exams for children).
  - CACU has experienced an increased detective case load due to staff shortage. They plan on adding one more detective by end of the year.
- Laura Chavez talked about the Statewide Central Intake (SCI) office within CYFD.
  - SCI referrals come from a variety of sources in the general public, including those who are mandated to report (for example, teachers). CYFD reports come in 24-7, 365 days a year. Ms Chavez reviews over 300 reports per week. In Bernalillo alone, there were 15,000 reports of child abuse and neglect last year. Last year there were 45,000 cases statewide. Majority of the reports were of child neglect.
- CACU detectives offer training for community members, school teachers, and other agencies.
- There are currently 80 APD field officers and four Sergeants trained as Child Abuse Response Evaluators, also known as CARE officers. They specialize in taking calls about children or juveniles to make sure CYFD is contacted.

- Community members can use #SAFE to report concerns anonymously to certified operators, but identifying yourself is preferred.
- School lunches are available during summer breaks at the schools and parks.
- Their presentation begins at 00:23:30 in the meeting recording.

**5. Review & Approval of minutes – Tabled until next meeting**

**6. Proposed recommendations**

- Mike Kruchoski proposed developing a collaborative recommendation that would require multi-agency support and engagement. It would be based on an actual, extended case that involved mental health issues, substance abuse, violent assaults, and other criminal acts. He will report any progress on a draft recommendation at next month's meeting. (Discussion begins at 00:51:00 in the meeting recording.)

**7. Announcements**

- Coffee With a Cop, Wednesday, May 25, 9:00 a.m., Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, 202 Harvard Dr SE
- Gun Safety Awareness Day, Saturday, June 4, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., La Mesa Presbyterian Church, 7401 Copper Ave NE
- Sunday Family Funday, Sunday, June 5, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wilson Park, 6000 Anderson Ave SE. Movie in the park from 8:45 to 10:00 p.m.

**8. Meeting Adjourned – 7:32 PM**

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

[https://cabq.zoom.us/rec/share/NJqGVcXq8wcHh6983igBjv6Twzp3L\\_YfmUtTAb1kLNneTuf925qhegHxW\\_YKJO8H.RtxEOe6bvNs3EdJC?startTime=1653005345000](https://cabq.zoom.us/rec/share/NJqGVcXq8wcHh6983igBjv6Twzp3L_YfmUtTAb1kLNneTuf925qhegHxW_YKJO8H.RtxEOe6bvNs3EdJC?startTime=1653005345000)