



The regular monthly meeting of the *Southwest Community Policing Council* was held on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The minutes were made part of the record. The meeting was called to order and led by Ernest Esquibel

Welcome from Council members.

Ernest Esquibel Keri Freeman
Albert Chavez Richard Lovato
Elizabeth Lovato

Members absent

Elaina Aucion
Michelle Torres Gilbert Miera

- 1. Call to order – 6:00 PM**
- 2. Approval of Agenda – Approved**
- 3. Approval of Minutes- Approved**
- 4. District Attorney Sam Bregman**
 - Crime is generally improving, but juvenile crime is on the rise. In the first two years of his term, he charged twenty-six juveniles under the age of 18 with 1st-degree murder.
 - Juvenile crime – juveniles committing violent crimes with firearms.
 - Accessibility makes it easy for kids to get guns. They use an app called Telegram.
 - These crimes escalate because the perpetrators want to gain popularity among their peers.
 - The juvenile criminal law code has not been updated since 1993. He and several other prosecutors revised and amended the code with 36 amendments.
 - The DA's office submitted a subpoena to Telegram to attend the organized crime commission meeting to discuss what guardrails they are putting on their social media to prevent kids from getting guns. However, no one from Telegram showed up to the meeting. The DA's office will take legal steps towards Telegram for ignoring a court order.
 - Write to your elected officials to voice your concerns.
 - Parents/guardians/grandparents, please know what's in your child's bags, cars, and pockets.
- 5. APD Chief Harold Medina**
 - **DOJ** – The Albuquerque Police Department has been under the settlement agreement for a decade. They have 255 paragraphs being graded, and next Friday, APD will be making a public announcement that they are three paragraphs out of 255 that are being monitored. The three paragraphs comply, and twenty require twenty-four months of monitoring. The chief stated that if everything goes as planned, APD will drop the lawsuit in the fall. APD has been under the McClendon settlement for over a decade, and on Friday, the city attorney's office filed paperwork in federal court requesting that the settlement be dismissed.

- **Recruitment and retention** – There are about 89 officers in the field. Currently, there are about fifty officers in training and an additional thirty in the next couple of weeks. They are overstaffed with PSA's. The biggest struggle is recruiting dispatchers/telecommunicators. Within the past year, they started a white-collar unit, burglary unit, and other units that tackle property crime offenders with warrants. A nest team was created that interacts with the unhoused population and added another PRT in the SE.
- **Crime** – The year-to-date homicides are at eleven; last year, they were at twenty-one, making it a 50% reduction. The major crimes that are tracked are auto burglary, auto theft, residential burglary, commercial burglary, and shoplifting, and these are down by double digits. All the crimes have a 30% reduction. Aggravated assaults and robbery are down. Proactivity is up 25%, with more arrests in felony warrants; the year before, it was 29%.
- **Proactivity** – The chief mentioned they had shut down two hotels in the southwest.
- **Public engagement** – There were more officers fired, and one quit before agreeing to an interview with APD and IA.

6. ACS Jeffrey Bustamante

- They surpass their 100,000th call. In a month, they handle anywhere from three to four thousand calls.
- The behavioral health responder teams and other teams within ACS assist with the 911 and 311 calls for service. The calls in the SW are along the central corridor.
- ACS assists in operations, offering services to individuals who need help.
- They are looking into starting a youth mobile team.

7. SW Area Commander Renee Barraza crime update

- The new bid started just over a month ago.
- Currently, there are fifty-five officers in the SW

8. Next meeting on May 7, 2025

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

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