

Southwest

Community Policing Council

Zoom Meeting: 5/5/21

Approximately 36 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and councilmembers CPC members present: Jonathan Madison, Teresa Garcia, Paul Sedillo, Johnathan Reza, Robbie Vigil, Joseph Kolosky, Stephy Griego.

- 1. Call to order 6:00 PM
- 2. Acceptance of Agenda Approved
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes Approved
- 4. Introduction of SW CPC Councilmembers
- 5. Panel Introductions:
- Michael Avery: Professor Emeritus; Suffolk Law School, Former President, National Policing Accountability Project.
- Harold Medina: Chief of Police, City of Albuquerque New Mexico.
- Sylvester Stanley: Superintendent of Police Reform, Albuquerque New Mexico.
- 6. **Introduction of APD officers**: Offcr. Ronald Kemp, Sgt. Peter Silva, Cmdr. Timothy Espinosa.
- Chief Medina Speaks on Police Transparency and Misconduct; and how the Ambassador Program will help.
- 8. **Supt. Stanley Speaks on Trust Between the Community and Law Enforcement;** the necessity of change within the department, and issues of misconduct.
- 9. Avery Presents on Methods of Improving Police Accountability; criminal and civil liability, the costs of the lack of police accountability, the Consent Decree, the results of IMR-13, the Excessive Force Report, the Rape-Kit backlog, and issues between the police and the union.

- 10. **Supt. Stanley discusses questions raised on APD issues with the Consent Decree**, the high turnover of Area Commanders, and shortcomings in the Training Academy.
- 11. Avery Asks Medina a Series of Questions Regarding Speficity in Addressing
- 12. **Medina Replies:** Says that a new foundation must be built, and that one of the major issues, is shortages within the Internal Affairs Division, shortages so severe that he thought of forcing IA officers to fulfil a specified tenure before leaving. He also addressed the factor of Covid-19 concerns over the past year, the balancing act within the APD budget which will always leave some Area Commanders lacking, the rank structure of Progressive Disclipine, and the compounding of minor infractions leading to forced time off within APD policy.

13. Questions from the Community:

- How can the Community of Color create a mutual environment of respect with APD?
- What efforts are being made to provide the public with police misconduct information?
- Will the CPCs be involved in the Ambassador Program?
- What level of misconduct offense gets referred to State Law Enforcement Board in Santa Fe?
- Has there been a study by the Black Law Enforcement Board involving police misconduct?
 - There are segments of the community that don't feel safe with police presence, has the Chief reached out personally to them, as part of his strategy?
- Is there any policy or legislation that the state congress could pass that would help?

14. Questions from the Council/ Attendees:

- What happens when you come across the homeless and an encampment?
- The old Y-Mart on San Pedro Eastern has developed many issues relating to the homeless, what can be done to solve them?

- What was going on with the police activity at the DE Anza Apartments yesterday?
- 15. Maria Wolfe, Downtown Public Safety Echo Coordinator for the City of Albuquerque, speaks on the upcoming Nob Hill to University Public Safety Echo Program.
- 16. Questions from the Community
 - Does APD still offer Ride-Alongs?
- 17. Call for Suggestions for Speakers in Future Meetings
- 18. Councilmember Andres Valdez brings up possible District Attorney Conflict of Interest Regarding Use of Force Prosecution.
- 19. Suggestion from the Community to have a Representative of the Violence Intervention Program at a Meeting.
- 20. Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM

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