



**Valley**

**Community Policing Council**

**February 22, 2024**

Approximately 13 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members on Zoom

In-person – 17 members including council members, APD, and CPC staff.

CPC members present: Tom O’Keefe, Edwina Kiro, Jaqueline Ritz, Philip Jameson, Dick Winterbottom, Deirdre Ewing (Zoom)

CPC members not present:

- 1. Call to order- 6:03 PM**
- 2. Approval of February Agenda- Approved**
- 3. Approval of January Minutes – Approved**
- 4. New Business/Old business**
- 5. “Revolving Door” Round Table Discussion**
  - Does pretrial detention violate an accused’s rights in the NM or US constitutions?
    - Can someone be arrested and detained even though they haven’t had a trial and are presumed innocent until proven guilty? Is it constitutional or not constitutional?
      - Josh Brown: The simple answer is, it is not unconstitutional. Individuals are presumed innocent when they exercise their right to a trial, at which they are found not guilty, guilty, or accept a plea agreement to take admission of guilt.
  - The Arnold tool is still being used. It’s a rubric to assess an accused’s history to help determine if pretrial detention is appropriate. Judgment is also employed to augment the tool. Included in the tool’s criteria are:
    - Failure to appear
    - Criminal history
    - Previous violent crimes
  - Chief Medina discussed the issues of getting help for the mentally ill and his struggles with his personal family issues on mental health. He commented that APD is working with the courts, and sometimes they don’t agree with each other on cases and issues, however they still work together to help the community. More mental health resources are needed for broad and effective treatment.
  - “Revolving Door” issue was a topic of the Metro Crime Initiative, citing the need for legislative action to remedy the assumed practice. Have any legislative

measures been proposed? The problem is that legislators can't agree on what, if any, legislation is needed, so proposals don't result in legislation.

- Are some judges more inclined than others to grant pretrial release? DDA Boone cited figures that could be interpreted as being so, but there are many variables that could influence those figures.
- The round table participants generally agreed that, at least for the Second Judicial District, there is improved communication and cooperation among Judicial, Prosecution, Defense and Police that has significantly reduced the concern over inappropriate release of arrestees.

#### **6. Carleton T. Mayers II, esq.**

- An attorney in private practice in Chicago. He will be visiting Albuquerque from March 5-8, 2024, to present "crisis training with police and civilians".
- He will have a PowerPoint presentation at the SW CPC meeting on March 6, 2024
- He works with communities across the country that consist of law enforcement, private businesses, community groups, local media, state and local government, and all public safety stakeholders.
- Bringing in the public safety stakeholders on how they can come together in equity and inclusivity.

#### **7. VA Area Commander Nick Wheeler crime update**

- Increase in auto burglaries where guns are being stolen.
- **Keep valuables out of sight.**
- Encampment injunction – They are waiting on the judge to make an opinion.

#### **8. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM**

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Date: February 22, 2024, 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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