



**Valley**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**February 26, 2026**

Approximately 7 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians, and council members, on Zoom.

In-person – 13 members, including council members, APD, and CPC staff.

CPC members present: Philip Jameson, Deirdre Ewing,

CPC members not present: Dick Winterbottom, Leah Jeffcoat, Terra Bernheisel

1. **Call to order-** 6:00 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Approved
3. **Approval of Minutes** – hold off on minutes until next meeting
4. **Old/New Business** – Gateway Center services, located at the old love lace building. The gateway west by the airport can hold 660 individuals. There are 100 beds for men and women. They also have family rooms. Opening up locations for the kids who age out of foster care, the time frame would be 6-8 months to help them get on their own.
5. **ABQ Community Safety Perspective - Walter Adams, Deputy Director ACS**
  - Respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. The calls they receive are suicide ideations, welfare/wellness checks, suspicious individuals, and disturbances. They respond to low to mid acute, not medical or non-enforcement.
  - They were launched in September 2021 and have taken over 140,000 calls for service. About 8% of their calls are diverted from police. Those calls were typically sent to police or fire, and are now going to ASC.
  - Different levels of teams
    - Mobile crises, which is co-response, 4 independently licensed technicians under the ACS banner, and they ride with APD.
    - Behavioral health responders and community responders – respond to and have outreach, and resource coordinators. They are specific to encampments and to individuals experiencing homelessness.
  - Over the last couple of years, they have evolved their approach to responding to unhoused individuals.
  - Partnered with UNM-H street medicine. They are bringing medical and psychiatric services to the street.

- Identifying high acute individuals who might be a driver of high calls for service to their emergency department or hospitalization. High utilizers and they are working with them onsite.
- They go across town, pop up in areas called ACS Connect Cares, bring providers to those locations, and serve individuals there. On-site, they navigated the system to help people.
- They have their opiate education and prevention team providing Narcan. There's a CORA responder working with individuals who are victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sex trafficking.
- They have partnered with Roadrunner Food Bank and assist in filling out SNAP applications. UNM medical team onsite, and MVD to provide onsite IDs.
- In September 2021, they had 10 employees. They are now funded for 140 positions and are filling them. The majority are under the field division. Previously, they were dispatched from the fire department; as of January 2024, they are now dispatched from the police department.

#### **6. ABQ Community Safety Perspective - Deputy Commander Matthew McElroy, APD Metro Support Section**

- The Metro support section oversees
  - Transit safety unit
  - Prisoner transport unit
  - Neighborhood engagement support team – NEST
  - Gateway transport unit- transports intoxicated individuals to the medical sober.
- Under the crisis intervention division. CIT, follow-up teams – detectives deal with individuals with mental health issues.
- A cross over is when the crisis team falls within this division and the ACS commissions.
- They are the enforcement side for encampments. They deal with low-level nonviolent misdemeanor crimes, where there is a high level of complaints about encampments. The NEST team is paired with solid waste.
- They came out about 18 months. There were 4 officers who met with the solid waste team to figure out what to do.
- Interaction team – offer shelter at actual encampments and encampments defined by the city. Responds to encampments and public property policy. Areas that are structured or modified structures. They offer humanitarian resources, providers, and shelter.
- If not taken, they issue a notice to them that they are not permitted to camp in this area on public property. They are given a time frame to leave that area. Under a priority system, when the time frame expires, the enforcement team goes out to enforce violations of the law.

#### **7. Xochitl Campos Biggs Chief Policy Advisor for APD**

- The 30-day session had ended.
- The ALPR data passed.
- Aggravated assaults on police officers that enhance the penalty passed

- Felony possession – comes up multiple times in the last few years, and dies instantly. This year, they changed it to serious violent offenders who would be charged as felons in possession.
- Officer worker comp –did not go through; it only needed one more hearing.
- Homicide by vehicle – the bill was created by the motor department, it was filed, but didn't have a hearing.

#### **8. VA Area Commander Jose Sanchez and Crime Prevention Specialist**

- Property crime – theft, fraud, and embezzlement – 97
- Auto burglary – 28
- Residential burglary – 15
- Commercial burglary – 18
- Auto theft – 30
- Ordinances – 569
- Person crimes, robbery, all types – 6
- Family offenses – 213
- Aggravates assault/ battery- 92
- Total calls for service – 8838
  - Calls for service for the whole month. Period watches that officers are doing on-site suspicious, officers calling those out themselves.
- Aggravated assault rates are high in the Valley area command and throughout the city.

#### **9. Next meeting with the Interim Chief of Police and a couple of speakers on homelessness.**

#### **10. Meeting adjourned 7:22 PM**

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Date: February 26, 2026, 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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