



Valley
Community Policing Council
March 26, 2026

Approximately 10 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians, and council members, on Zoom.

In-person –4 members of the public

CPC members present: Philip Jameson, Deirdre Ewing, Leah Jeffcoat,

CPC members not present: Dick Winterbottom, Terra Bernheisel

- 1. Call to order-** 6:00 PM
- 2. Approval of Agenda-** Approved
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – January, not October or February minutes
- 4. Old/New Business** –
- 5. APD Chief of Police Cecily Barker and DC L. languit**
 - Chief Medina left the city in a good place regarding property and violent crime.
 - Year to date, down 20% in homicides. Ended the year with 63 homicides. As of today, the homicide unit has solved 60 of the 63 cases. On average, the clearance rate is usually about 50%-60%. The department is well over the national average, thanks to the homicide unit, including credit to field officers and initial response to calls.
 - Year to date, property crime is down 16%, and auto theft is averaging a 30% decrease. Arrests continue to increase compared to last year.
 - Year to date
 - Felony arrest increase 37%
 - Misdemeanor arrest increased 20%
 - End of the last implemented fall operation, where police were more visible in the community and made contact with business owners and residents to identify what crimes they were seeing.
 - They got out of the consent decree last year.
 - Bid – the new bid takes effect April 4, 2026, with 43 additional officers being added to field services.
- 6. Next month – BMDC Warden Kai Smith**

7. Dr. K, Homeless innovations officer with the city within the Health, Housing, and Homeless department

- New strategic direction on how to engage with fold-in encampments.
- Providing resources to the unhoused. The NEST, ACS, and community partners navigate individuals to shelter services within the city's gateway system of care and offer wraparound case management and navigation programs.

8. VA Area Commander Jose Sanchez

- Statistics are CAD-based
- Violent crimes – Aggravated Assault year to date 34% increase
- Robberies – down 4%
- Sex crimes – 70%.
 - Last year they had 17, this year it's at 10. Multiple offenses, from homosexual contact, child abuse cases, and criminal sexual penetration cases. The VA area command doesn't have a serial rapist, because the numbers are low; those few numbers can make the percentage up.
- Property crime – this year is straight even compared to last year. Auto burglary 133, no change in the past 3-4 weeks. They have seen a 14% increase, with 7 in 28 days.
- Prevent auto burglary – lock your vehicles, keep valuables out of sight, put them in the trunk, or take them inside. Don't leave firearms in vehicles. There were 6 incidents year to date of guns stolen.
- Auto theft down 45%

9. Meeting adjourned 7:21 PM

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

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