

**2024 CPC ANNUAL REPORT
VALLEY COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2025**

Introduction

In 2024 the Valley CPC worked as a team, with ownership taken by all members. In doing so our Purpose was to hear a multiplicity of voices from our membership and the community. We kept to our schedule to meet monthly January through October, skipping November and December as our meetings conflict with holidays.

Our membership consisted of three women and three men, one Native American and five non-Hispanic whites.

Getting to Work.

During the year the Valley command position switched from Commander Nick Wheeler to Commander Jose Sanchez. Both of them supported and informed us well. The one in-depth set of presentations we led were three presentations on Violence Interventions, with two consisting of CPC presentations from active interventions in Albuquerque or the County, and the third a panel discussing Violence Intervention as a topic at Valley CPC. These were held in October 2024.

Our meeting speakers list was as follows: January - Metro Crime initiative
presented by the Mayor's office representatives.

February - Round table: is there (such a
thing as) revolving Door Justice presented by Chief Assistant DA Josh Brown and COP
Medina

March - Emergency Communications
Center presented by Erica Wilson, supervisor ECC

April - no speaker, discussion with
Cmdr Wheeler and Ed Perea, mayor's policy advisor

May - CPOA overview presented by
Director Diane McDermott, President of CPOAAB Aaron Calderon

June - IMR 19 update APD Sgt

Charmaine Carter; Overdose, Prevention & Intervention Court Judge Claire McDaniel

July - Legal System and Mental Health -

Sara Millspaugh, PhD Psychologist, Tess Williams LOPD NM, Karl Swenson 2d Judicial DA's attorney.

August - Metro Court Overview

presented by Judges Joshua Sanchez, Rose Cosgrove-Aguilar. Valley National Night Out presented by APD Deputy Commander Ashley Stephenson.

September - APD COP Harold Medina

six month update; Ian Mentken presentation on Unhoused Storage of belongings in the Valley.

October - Violence Intervention Panel

presented by DA Sam Bregman, ACS Deputy Director Jeffrey Bustamante, and APD Commander Mike Hernandez.

Activities

Having all members of our group lead one of more sessions was our main achievement. We also continued the December activity of baking cookies for the entire Valley APD Command. A number of us attended the APD fair held for the public, and the community Town Hall sponsored by CPCs. We also reached out to several of our neighborhood associations by attending their meetings, and to neighborhood block captains during National Night Out.

Lessons learned

1. Sharing the duty of designing and leading our programming gave the membership of our CPC a greater sense of ownership and satisfaction.
2. Despite the CABQ including us on their volunteer opportunity lists of possible avenues for community service, and our technologically feeble attempts to contact the Valley Community, we continue to see a disappointing level of interest in the work of CPC and viewership.

3. In 2024 there was a diminution of transparency from APD. There were multiple reasons for this in our view. Nevertheless, the end of the Monitor's presentations was not followed by continued attempts by APD sections to reach out to the public through CPC. We have found that our surest avenue to request APD presentations is through our Valley Commander, and is dependent on our expression of interest as the different divisions of APD have not shown initiative to reach out to us.

4. Following the three CPC presentations on Violence Prevention in October we have a continued interest in this area, and are working on recommendations to renew CABQ and law enforcement programming to reduce community violence, as well as a recommendation in process as this report is written suggesting APD continue to work an executive level task force to reduce Officer involved shootings/level of Use of Force with renewed community transparency.

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