

Valley CPC Annual Report for Year 2023

Introduction

Purpose: facilitate the communication, collaboration, consensus-building, and cooperation between APD and the Valley Community.

Membership: as of January 2023 - Rowan Wymark, Tom o'Keefe, Edwina Kiro, Jacqueline Ritz, Dick Winterbottom, Philip Jameson, Rudy Garcia.

Diversity: 3 women, 4 men. 5 Anglo, 1 Hispanic, 1 NA. All members 65+

Getting To Work

Meetings: Each meeting included a crime update from Valley CMDR Nick Wheeler or staff

January APD Update on IMR-16, Valley Level 1 Use of Force Pilot Project, APD Behavioral health issues.

February Superintendent Victor Valdez, job description.

March APD COP Harold Medina - DOJ, crime stats, warrants, recruiting, community policing. Rudy Garcia, Valley CPC member-crime mapping project.

April Round Table CID Commander Mat Dietzel, ACS behavioral health supervisor Walter Adams, and Peter Cobra representing McClendon plaintiffs - how do CIT and ACS interact with the mental health community.

May Council of Chairs Update, IAFD CMDR Scott Norris discussed Use of Force incidents involving those with mental health issues.

June 1. Training Session-Where did the ABQ CPC's come from, where are they going? With Klarissa Pena, city council District 3; Alexander Uballez and Aja Brooks, US Attorney Office; CMDR Jason Sanchez, Compliance and Oversight.
2. Valley CPC-Public safety in Albuquerque Public Schools-APS COO Gabriella Blakey PhD, Lt Steve Mares, APS police, Vicki Price, Director of Counseling APS.

July CASA Update, Sgt Chermaine Carter, COP Harold Medina on Recruiting and retention, crime numbers. Future of CASA-Taylor Lueras for CABQ, Alexander Uballez, US Attorney.

August Lt Amy Sedler and staff of the APD Auto Theft Unit -explaining their unit, safeguarding your vehicle, what to do if vehicle is stolen.

September Albuquerque's Specialty Treatment Courts-Young Adult Court

October ACS Violence Intervention Program, APD COP Harold Medina-recruiting, crime, proactive measures.

November/December - no meetings

Location 1/2 year in South Valley, 1/2 in Downtown or North Valley

Attendance Average Total 24/meeting, 12 each zoom and in-person

Activities In addition to the above meetings, we had two planning meetings during the year, and several of us attended the All CPC meet the APD Specialized Units event in September, as well as the CPC Christmas Party. Also, at Christmas we baked several hundred cookies and delivered these to Valley Area officers.

Our Chair Rowan Wymark left in mid-year to join the CPOA, new chair Philip Jameson began. Attendance at Council of Chairs meetings was monthly.

Recommendations

1. Rec 23-1: Training Academy - upgrade officer training on report writing - Approved
2. Rec 23-2: EFIT reports should be placed in officer's files. Approved
3. Rec 23-4: APD form a working group with other stakeholders with goal to reduce mental health calls by APD. Denied as redundant to current work.
4. Rec23-8: Change to procedure for review of CPC recommendations to include verbal communication during the process with an opportunity for amendments. After discussion with Compliance Division indicating some agreement, NO Decision Published as of April 2024.

Lessons Learned - with change of Valley Chair from a highly experienced member to a relatively new member, the Valley members determined to step up individually so that the entire membership will take ownership of one or more meeting topics next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip Jameson, Chair of Valley CPC

