



Valley

Community Policing Council

August 26, 2021

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

CPC members present: Rowan Wymark, Dick Winterbottom, Tom O’Keefe, Jaqueline Ritz, Edwina Kiro, Michael Suttle

Absent: Randi Oliver

- 1. Call to order-** 6:03 PM
- 2. Approval of August Agenda-** Approved
- 3. Approval of July Minutes** – Approved
- 4. New business** – We need to start creating recommendations.
- 5. Discussion about Officer safety**
 - Shawn Willoughby – President of Albuquerque Police Officers Association
 - Shawn Willoughby discussed the contract to file a prohibited practice complaint if any substantive reason why there is a concern in change or equipment that could cause officer safety issues. The challenge in officer safety is staffing; APD is too understaffed in every category. It is challenged with budgeting and staffing to conduct effective operations.
 - A forensic study is needed to determine the proper level of staffing across APD. A previous study, some six years ago, principally addressed field office staffing level requirements.
 - Lt. Jennifer Garcia – APD Community Engagement Specialist, Recruiting and Backgrounds, and Ambassador program
 - We need to work together with the community to make Albuquerque better. Law enforcement cannot do it alone; we need to work collaboratively. Our relationships with the community determine how officers and civilians are safe.
 - The ambassador program began on May 5, 2021, with eighteen officers working collaboratively in ten different communities that may not have had a voice with law enforcement in the past. Their role is to serve as a liaison between those groups and police departments for training. When speaking about training, it is not necessarily with the community; instead,

training officers on working with specific groups or learning things about particular communities when they are working with these communities.

- Lt. Amanda Tapia- APD Police Academy, Career Development and Program, Field training and evaluation program.
 - In the basic training academy, officer safety is a priority. At the end of the basic training academy, the cadets go through a week of intense preparedness training.
 - The administration created the career development program, which focuses on optional training to build knowledge and abilities.
 - Field Training Evaluation – It is seventeen weeks, and the cadets ride with a field training officer or an experienced officer.
 - The cadets get put in four different phases, four different trainers, and different shifts and parts of the city.

- Commander Josh Brown APD Chief of Area Command Bureau
 - Commander Brown oversees all area commands, including PSA's.
 - Gives updates on policies and training requirements that get met.
 - Area commanders present their crime stats and ensuring they are in compliance.

6. Valley Area Command update Laura Trujillo APD crime prevention specialist

- Property Crime July 23, 2021, to August 23, 2021
 - Commercial Burglaries – 24
 - Residential Burglaries – 13
 - Vehicle Burglaries – 43
 - Auto Thefts – 71
 - Recovered Vehicles – 32
 - Robberies by carjacking – 3
 - Commercial robberies – 9
 - Robberies by gunpoint – 4
- Hot spots – Candelaria and I-25
 - Locust Place and Big I
 - Lomas and Woodward Place
 - 2nd street and Gold Ave.
- Commander Scott Norris – Coronado Park update
 - Encampments in Coronado Park will soon be removed. There are public safety issues, as well as Parks & Recreation Dept. workforce safety concerns.

7. Valley CPC Secretary Approved

- Tom O'Keefe

8. Meeting Adjourned – 7:58 PM

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