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
     o 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.
     o 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
     o 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.
     o 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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