Foothills
Community Policing Council
Zoom Meeting: 07/12/2021

Approximately 38 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members.

1. CPC members present: Bob Carleton, Judy Young, Paul Sedillo, Graham Bowkett, David Zeuch, Aundre Huynh, Josephine Martinez, Vance Kabella, Idalia Lechuga-Tena

2. Call to Order – 6:04 PM

3. Approval of Agenda – Approved

4. Approval of the Minutes (June FH-CPC Public Forum) – Approved

5. New and Unfinished Business
   - New Foothills CPC Panel Members – approved
     ▪ Idalia Lechuga-Tena
   - Foothills CPC Recommendation to APD and city administrators
     ▪ *FH Recommendation submission: Police Vehicle selection, appearance, and equipment*
       ▪ Submit to APD

6. FH APD update Commander James Collins
   - CAD Calls
   - Commercial burglaries- 9
   - Residential robberies/home invasions- 0
   - Carjackings- 2
   - Robberies to an individual- 7
   - Auto theft calls- 56
     ▪ 0 warms up
   - Commercial burglary calls- 15
   - Residential calls- 22
   - Auto burglary calls- 42
   - Guns stolen resulted in auto burglary- 3

7. Coffee with a cop – starting back up again
   - National night out – August 3, 2021
   - Annual Bid
Lieutenants this Wednesday
Sergeants following week
Police officers the week after
  • The effective start date is the end of August

a. Sgt Pete Silva: APD recruiting
  • PSA class next month (August) Minimum requirements HS/GED, valid ID, 18 years or older, US citizen/work permit
  • Current class 50 cadets – halfway completed
  • Lateral class - done next week
  • CNM class – twenty-two officers
  • Lateral not seated
  • December class 70 cadets
    ➢ Challenges to get that cadets
    ➢ No college degree required

8. Guest speaker: Mike Butler, Retired Chief of Police from Longmont, Colorado

Assuring what happens within the police department did get known with the community. Why are police the way they are in our country? They get placed in the middle of circumstances. Community responding to health and social issues or residual. Deal with those issues by criminalizing them, passing laws, and stiffing laws. Community transformation, occurred when they are not so dependent on police departments. Conducted a study in Longmont to look at the 1000’s people they arrest in one year. They looked at 1st-degree criminal trespassing, house burglaries, invasions/vandalism. They looked at the history of the people getting arrested with arrests nine times and 16 charges in the prior year of the study. Recommendation: community by community – what are the issues? Addiction, mental health, homelessness, and domestic violence. Need to ask how to move forward with public safety and what we need to do with the relations with police and the community? Three questions that are important to ask:

  • How to keep our community safe?
  • How to minimize recidivism for offenders?
  • How to help victims heal?

Community members were heavily involved with the police department from attending staff meetings, strategic planning, hiring decisions, policymaking, and promotion panels. Shifts got made in moving away from utilizing criminal justice for the human condition we encounter every day. Put programs in place for restorative justice, recidivism, and restorative principles and practices with mental health and addiction.

9. Questions:
  • Has Mike Butler made this presentation to the mayor, council, and APD?
  • Do you have a police union? If so, how do you work with them?
  • What does security enforcement mean as a police function?
  • Does Albuquerque have take-home police vehicles?
10. Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 PM

To watch the Foothills CPC Council July Meeting, please watch below:

Topic: FH CPC Public Forum

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Meeting Recording:

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