



**Southwest**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**August 4, 2021**

Approximately 19 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members.

CPC members present: Teresa Garcia, Stephanie Griego, Andrea Lester Young, Robbie Vigil, David Raza, Joseph Kolozsy, Josue Rodriguez, Chris Sedillo, Wanda Harrison

CPC members not present: Dr. Jonathan Madison

1. **Call to order:** 6:01 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved
4. **APD Recruiting Unit Peter Silva**
  - \$5000.00 sign-on bonus for cadets
  - \$1500.00 sign-on bonus for PSA (Police Service Aids)
  - Currently, at the academy, there are 48.
  - There are six lateral that recently graduated.
  - They are still hiring for the November lateral class.
  - There are 290 qualified applicants for testing from now to November.
5. **Topic Discussion:** Mr. Baron Jones, Senior Policy Strategist – ASLU  
"Overrepresentation of person of color in Correctional facilities"
  - Baron Jones discusses his personal experience in the prison system. He mentioned that he only saw African Americans in the section he was in and not many white people in the jail. In the prison population African Americans make up 2.69%, and in the prisons is 9-10%, Hispanics, 44% in the county but 53% in prison populations. In 2008 the men and women's jail population decreased. From 2016 to March 2020, the prison population decreased by 9%, however in 2021, due to Covid, the prison population increased. ACLU and the New Mexico Safe Coalition are asking to implement racial impact statements similar to a fiscal impact statement that allows different agencies, public defenders, and attorney generals to view their impacts on their budget and workload. The racial impact statement could accompany criminal legislation to be informed on decisions.

**6. Questions:**

- Any new issues with homelessness rights?
- What about the ACLU smart justice campaign?
- Why don't we track race or ethnicity data on traffic stops?
- Are there any numbers on actual sentencing, for instance, probation or community services vs. jail or prisons for different racial and ethnic groups arrested?

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**8. APD Interim Deputy of Field Services Chief Josh Brown**

- Josh Brown is currently working with Judge Dominquez with Metro Court on a program to refer people experiencing homelessness and mental health issues and open a pathway for officers to make that referral. There is no health intake in the system other than the arrest phase for homelessness court and has to come from a service provider. The initiative for officers to take that person directly to services for mental illness or substance abuse to make sure they don't end up in prison.

**9. Southwest Area Commander Timothy Espinoza update:**

- Property crimes significantly down
- Commercial burglaries, Residential burglaries, and Shoplifting in the negative
- Auto thefts are at a -9%
- There was a spike in homicides. There are no specifics about randomness; however, it's not random individuals targeted; it often involves domestic and drug-related issues. The two hotspots are on Coors and Iliff, the hotel and motel area, including Coors and Central.
- The PRT team focuses on Coors and central, where they are making significant progress.
- Speed involving a fatal accident on 98th street and Dennis Chavez.
- Speeding and drag racing on west-central 98<sup>th</sup> street and Unser
- ShotSpotter expanding 2sq miles.
- On the positive side, the youth leadership program and lowrider are in full swing and looking to get involved with local high schools in the area, particularly west mesa high school. The vehicle is an in-product of programs in community engagement and community policing. APD is beginning to collaborate with other departments around the country to formulate a national youth leadership program initiative.
- The National Youth Leadership program initiative: There will be an art contest to decorate the new trailer for high school students.

**10. Meeting adjourned – 7:25 PM**

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