Valley
Community Policing Council
Zoom Meeting: 4/22/21

Approximately 23 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and sworn

CPC member present: Rowan Wymark, Edwina Kiro, Dick Winterbottom, Erin Cohen, Tom O’Keefe

1. **Call to order – 6:02 pm**

2. **Old Business:** Valley CPC has presented a recommendation on APD Commander tenure length.

3. **Supt. Sylvester Stanley Introduces Himself to the Valley CPC:** Speaks on his background, job description and philosophy of police work.

4. **Questions for Stanley:**
   - Are you taking on part of the Chief of Police’s job?
   - How do you stay sane?
   - Will you make educational requirements for more stringent for the police force?
   - What are your three goals for your first 6 months on the job?

5. **Introduction of Valley CPC**

6. **More questions for Stanley:**
   - What areas of CASA Compliance need work?
   - Can you change APD’s culture at the academy or would that be insufficient?
   - Is there anything about your reservation policing experience that will help with working at APD?
   - What is your vision of culture change?
   - What sort of rewards and benefits will be available for police who ease into Community Policing?
7. Chief Harold Medina Speaks on the Recent Police Shooting of a Mentally Ill Man; 
speaks first of the general process involved with an APD police shooting.

8. Question from Panelist for Medina:
   - Alleged misbehavior of APD units at a demonstration for the Chauvin verdict.

9. Chief Medina speaks about the Ambassador Program: How working at Laguna 
Pueblo helped his career as a police officer, also what level of education and experience 
makes a good police officer, the importance of compassion.

10. Questions for Medina:
   - What lessons has he learned from the Chauvin Trial?
   - What steps have you taken to restore morale in the Emergency Response Team, from 
     which 15 members have resigned?
   - Have you considered having Sergeants and Lieutenants be part of a separate labor 
     union?
   - Is the minimum mental age for being a police officer still 10th grade?

11. Council Chair Rowan Wymark Speaks on Why Increased Tenure Length is 
    Important for Area Commanders

12. Commander Brown speaks on union membership; Lt.’s and above are At-Will 
    Employees, and how joining a union is a choice for officers.

13. Questions for Cmdr. Brown:
   - How does Community Policing work in the North Valley?
   - How do you envision working with the Albuquerque Community Safety 
     Department?

14. Dr. Steven Rickman speaks about police departments in other cities divesting 
    certain areas of law enforcement to other city agencies; Cahoots program in Eugene, 
    Ore., being a model for the Albuquerque program, and the Chauvin verdict.

15. Maria Wolfe of the Albuquerque Downtown Public Safety Department Speaks on 
    Project Echo

16. Commander Brown Speaks on Bike Patrols

17. Preview of Next Month’s Meeting on Restorative Justice

18. Meeting adjourned – 7:38
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