



Valley Community Policing Council

Zoom meeting: February 25, 2021

Approximately 31 members of the public attended, including APD Civilian and Sworn

CPC members present: Rowan Wymark, Edwina Kiro, Randy Oliver, Talia Sledge, Tom O'Keefe, Jacqueline Ritz, Erin Cohen.

- I. 6:04 PM, meeting called to order.
- II. 6:04 PM, councilmembers Introduction.
- III. 6:08 PM, Peter Simonson, Presentation "The External Force Investigation Team."
 - A. Deputy Chief Eric Garcia responds to presentation, spoke about issues with IMR-12, and Force Review Board findings.
 - B. Simonson responds on APD's systemic and procedural issues.
 - C. Garcia speaks on remedies to Internal Affairs Issues
- IV. Commander Cori Lowe Evaluated and listed challenges within Internal Affairs 1- Training History, 2- Process of Interviews, 3- Multiple changes in I.A Supervision, 4- Covid Issues.
 - A. Questions to Commander Lowe from the Panel regarding continuity.
 - B. Commander Lowe responds; *turnover an I.A Commander post has led to problems with mission completion, we have had three new deputy commanders within 2020.*
- V. 6:30 PM, CPOA Director Ed Harness speaks on prospective EFIT process, says that there are deficiencies within APD with detective training, and is hopeful of the long-term effects of EFIT.
 - A. Panelist questions on EFIT qualifications for hire, and prospective candidates.
 - B. D.C. Garcia; *EFIT hires will not be APD and will be from throughout the country.*
- VI. 6:40 PM. USDOJ US Attorney Elizabeth Martinez spoke about the search process and a public hearing being held tomorrow, and invited attendees to watch.
 - A. Councilmember Tom O'Keefe asks; "what will EFIT be investigating?"
 - B. D.C. Garcia responds; *all level 1 and level 2 uses of force.*
 - C. Councilmember Jacqueline Ritz asks; *Is discipline difficult for commanders to implement, as they are part of the police union?*

- D. Commander Jonathan Brown responds; *We are no longer part of the union, APD Police Commanders are now at will employees, and administering discipline is just part of the job.*
 - E. Ed Harness: Police union needs to be bifurcated, all supervisory officers should be removed.
- VII. 6:53 PM, APD’s Michael Meisinger spoke on APD, Use of Force Training Program and the meaning of Tier-4 training.
- A. Question from councilmember Sledge on inequitable use of force for marginalized groups at demonstrations.
 - B. Question from Council; “Does APD undergo conciliatory spirit training?”
 - C. Meisinger responds: *APD undergoes Crisis Intervention Training and De-escalation training*, and speaks about the m
 - D. manpower needed for Tier-4 training as to why progress within the department is slow.
 - E. Attendee: “How do you think the training is working?”
 - F. Meisinger: *Creating a training process is a seven-step program.*
- VIII. 7:19 PM, Commander Brown speaks about rise in auto theft, using bait cars, and theft of catalytic converters.
- IX. 7:23 PM, APD’s Laura Trujillo gives Valley Crime Report:
- A. Vehicle Break-ins – 50
 - B. Auto Thefts – 54
 - C. Commercial Burglaries -17
 - D. Residential Burglaries – 15
 - E. Auto Thefts – 58
 - F. Recovered Vehicles – 28
 - G. Carjacking – 1
 - H. Commercial Robberies -4
 - I. Robberies by Gunpoint -3
 - J. “Most of the crimes went down from last month, the only ones that went up were auto theft and commercial robbery.
- X. Continued discussion on Bait vehicles, catalytic converter theft.
- XI. CPC Liaison Kelly K. Mensah on Building stronger CPC Communities
- XII. Council Elections:
- A. Rowan Wymark re-elected as Co-Chair, no opposition
 - B. Edwina Kiro re-elected as Co-Chair, no opposition
 - C. Erin Cohen elected as Secretary, no opposition
- XIII. 7:57 PM, meeting adjourned.