



**Valley**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**Minutes**  
**May 23, 2019**

- 1. Call to Order – Chair Ari Posner 6:00 pm**  
**Council present: Rowan Wymark, Edwina Kiro, and Abigail Long**  
**Approximately 28 attended from the public, 13 from APD**
  
- 2. Old Business**
  - a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda, second and approved.

- b. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the March minutes, second and approved.

Announcements: MHRAC meetings are every month, second Tuesday.

- 3. Report from Valley Area Command – Lt Vigil**

- Burglary – 3
- Commercial Burglary – 24
- Residential Burglary – 31
- Auto Burglary – 79
- Auto Theft – 74
- Found/Recovered Auto Theft – 41
- Robbery – 9
- Will be having more bike officers out in the streets in the next few months

Q: What are police doing to get those numbers down?

A: We are trying to see if they are some patterns and trying to stay on top of things.

Q: How many officers do you have covering the area?

A: There are different shifts but we normally have about 25 officer in the area.

Q: Do you keep track of the time, what is the average wait time?

A: It depends on the call, it can wait up 5 hours to get to a call.

Q: Patrolling in car vs on a bike, what are the strategies?

A: We utilize bicycle officers for business and pedestrians and they have more time to be in contact with citizens and are usually never taken from the streets.

Q: Does the number of calls get prioritized?

A: The number of calls itself do not, we priorities by the type of call that is dispatched.

#### **a. Use of Force – Lt Johntson**

There were 14 Use of Force reported for the month on April

- 5 Show of Force
- 9 Use of Force

Show of force: fire arm (tazer)

Use of Force: pepper spray (something that can lead to an injury)

Q: If swat team is deployed, is that use of force?

A: Depends on what kind of tactics they use on the incident, they use force as a last resort.

Q: How many officers are there in the incident force review?

A: 20 detectives, 4 sergeants

#### **CASA Update**

- IMR-9 has been posted, you can go to <http://documents.cabq.gov/police/reports/department-of-justice/independent-monitors-ninth-report-may-2019.pdf>.
- There are 9 sections of the CASA, with a total of 344 paragraphs.
- 276 paragraphs are measurable for compliance
- There are 3 levels of compliance: Primary (policy and procedure); Secondary (training); and Operational (day-to-day operations).
- On the ninth report progress:
  - Primary was 99.6%
  - Secondary was 79%
  - Operational was 63%
- If you have any questions, please contact the Compliance Bureau at: [apdcompliance@cabq.gov](mailto:apdcompliance@cabq.gov)

**4. Presentation – Youth and Safety Forum (APD, CYFD, APS, CoA Family and Community Services)**

• **Ali Moore (Director of Community Connections at New Day Youth and Family Services)**

For the past 40 years, New Day has remained singularly focused on meeting the needs of young people in trouble to accomplish the mission, we work towards a vision that every youth has safe refuge for the present, adult allies for the future, and basic skills needed for a healthy and positive path forward. Our mission is to authentically connect young people to safety, community and themselves. As citizens, we should make sure the children are okay and have somewhere to go.

- There are at least 4,000 homeless children in Albuquerque and that does not include people who do not attend school.
  
- **Renee Jenkins (Youth Blast Intern and part of the advisory council)** – Advocates for Youth Safety and Youth Engagement. Youth blast will help kids between the age of 15 and 22.
  
- **Kristine Meurer (Executive Director of Albuquerque Public Schools, Student Family & Community Support Division)**
- Six departments and one division support unit work together utilizing the Coordinated School Health Approach. There are a total of 700 people in the APS district wide.
- We work with all first responders including APD, Fire department, Foster Care Unit etc.
- We have a program called Handle with Care, first responders like police officers and firefighters will notify our police chief when they respond to a crisis that has affected one of the students. Our police department will then pass that information on to school officials who can help support the child. We then send a hand with care to the nurse, principle and teachers, this way instead of being sent to the principal's office for not paying attention, they send the children to the nurse office for either a nap or to take the time to engage with them better.
- CYFD has been getting help from APD for many of their investigations, as it was not going well but we they have been working on it and there has been improvement.
- Suicide is the leading death for young children because most of them are depressed and do not feel they have a safe place.
- We do have one of the best suicide protocols in the nation. We have to work with their peer because they know more than we do.
- Most kids do not graduate or stay in school due to being moved around a lot. With the Student Succeed Act, it makes it clear that at all possible cause the child should remain in their school origin and transportation cannot be a reason for them to be moved out of the school. School stability is all the child can get.

How many foster child do you think graduated? We do not know we lose them because either they drop off or they get behind from being moved around a lot from schools.

- **Nicholas Sanders (APD Lieutenant for Juvenile Unit)**

What is their role CYFD? They have protected services, juvenile justice area, behavioral health services, they are primarily focused on youth and their families. They are responsible to the neglect and abuse investigations. There are so many of them they cannot handle all of them on their own, which is why APD is now helping. The goal is for the kid to be successful and not be back out on the streets. The numbers are starting to go down.

## **5. Audience Q&A and discussion with panelist**

Q: APD has gone to visit the home, are you aware that CYFD has to visit with both parents?

A: You have to utilize every avenue. There was a policy change with APD, intake call comes and if any person within Bernalillo calls sky, an officer will be dispatched. There have been many issues with those dispatchers. Those calls were taking 4 hours or more. We get officers out but it took longer. CYFD and sky now have a prioritization system.

Q: What causes teenage suicide?

A: Depression which can be caused by cyber bullying

## **6. Adjournment**

**Adjourned 7:45 pm**