



**Valley**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**Minutes**  
**March 28, 2019**

- 1. Call to Order – Chair Ari Posner 6:00 pm**  
**Council present: Edwina Kiro, Farah Council, Brenden Jaramillo, Abigail Long and Rowan Wymark**  
**Approximately 34 attended from the public, 11 from APD**

- 2. Old Business**
  - a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

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

Motion to approve the minutes, second and approved.

- c. Announcements:**

Two members will be leaving and we are looking for people to join the Valley CPC.

The Northeast CPC wrote an ordinance to ensure that CPC continue after CASA is in compliance.

- 3. APD Presentations**

- a. Crime Report – Laura**

- Burglaries: 1
- Commercial Burglaries: 27
- Residential Burglaries: 23
- Auto Burglaries: 64
- Auto Theft: 53
- Recovered Vehicles: 35
- Robberies: 7

Commercials have gone up, there were two suspects that have been caught. Due to the weather we have been busier than we have since the last month.

Q: Where can we see the violent crime?

A: You can go to [crimemapping.com](http://crimemapping.com)

Q: Do you on a monthly bases report prostitution arrest?

A: We do not, a lot of the prostitution cases come from our specialized units, however we can look into reporting that.

Q: How many officers are assigned to the Valley area command?

A: As of right now, we have 76 officers in this area command.

Q: How many police service aids?

A: 5-7 police aids.

In may we will be having Erika Wilson giving a brief update on the dispatch and communications.

Q: Does the valley have a problem response team (PRT)?

A: We currently do not, we do have downtown units that are always in that area. We will be getting one soon.

#### **b. Use of Force**

The Valley had 5 Use of Force reported this month.

Lt Cabrera (Internal Affairs Division): Internal Affairs is almost completed with the Use of Force backlog. Once we complete it, we will begin to start training with the new use of force policy. They were some issues in the past and APD is trying to centralize the process, so it does not take much time from the officer when doing the reports and so there is not another backlog in the future.

Q: Is there a timeline?

A: There isn't right now, we are trying to get it right and not rush it.

Q: Does Use of Force include SWAT activity?

A: It can, however swat activation does not make it a use of force.

#### **4. Panel Discussion on Gender Based Violence – With representatives from: Domestic Violence Resource Center, Street Safe, Transgender Resource Center and APD Domestic Violence Unit**

Valley CPC has decided to pick a theme of topics on what to discuss and for this month, they got experts from Gender Based Violence to give a brief description in what they do.

We choose this because when the crime statistics were shown, rape did not go down. It is also the 10-year anniversary for the West Mesa victims.

Gender is not just about women, people are targeted no matter what their gender is.

- Christine Barber (Co-founder of Street Safe NM): We work with women who are surviving on the streets. What we have encountered is that people like to put labels on people living on the streets and so when we see women on the street, we label them as an “addict” or “they sell sex”. Majority of the women on the street are sex trafficking victims.
- Adrien Lawyer (Co-director of The Transgender Resource Center of NM): We have been around since 2008 and we do a lot of service around the state whether it is with peer support or help with financial support. We help transgender’s who are not housed and resource, unsecured and mostly surviving on the street. We got a bill passed where you can change your gender on your birth certificate.
- Gail Starr (Coordinator of Albuquerque Sane): We are a group that provides medical exams for domestic violence victims and we serve anyone who has experienced a domestic or sexual violence. We have certain parameters and protocols. We are a non-profit and we serve anyone regardless of their gender, age, homelessness, etc. we examine, we do not investigate and we do not provide the reports to the police unless they want to report it.
- Rebecca (Domestic Violence Resource Center): We do not discriminate by age, race, gender or anything. We can help get court orders, we work with the stalking unit as well and we are there to help the community.
- Detective Joshua Doweth, Sergeant Matt Boomer with APD (FAST Unit)

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

Q: How is the relationship between the DVRC services, APD and the ability to help hinder the issues? How has the experience been? The population?

A: 40% of the women are attacked on the street in a month, the difficulties are that the population is that the trust from APD has not been there and there are many reasons for that. APD has been different lately and we are grateful for the increase of change of relationship.

A: For transgender, women are targeted more than transgender men. We are still not being counted or the data is not being collected. There was a survey done online and it showed that half of the people have experienced sexual assault. Trans’s people are very vulnerable. This is a serious issue that all the groups are mixed and not specified in the data. Our group is not about police officers, it is about getting you to the hospitals and helping in any form that we can

A: Hospitals can be just as worse for victims to go in, they feel like they will be judged or think they are just in there for the drugs. Victims come to Sane after going to the ER, as we do not require much information, we just want to help them out. We want to be as considerate as possible, we see more Trans woman, as some men do not come forward. The population we have seen is the homeless women, they tend to come to us a lot.

Q: What have you seen with the impact on testing the rape kits?

A: The Albuquerque backlog is done. Our focus is on their medical treatment and make sure they walk out better than they did when they walked out. We are seeing exciting multiple hits on certain kits that are linked to offenders. We are excited to see the response and seeing how APD has been helping.

A: It took us a while due to the backlog but since caught up, it has caught the offenders and it is making a huge impact, especially on the victims.

A: Advocacy can involve domestic violence, something sexual assault can be tied up into that. It can be anything from a random person to a family member. It tends to happen more to woman than men, however they are targeted as well and some men have been coming out since the movement.

Q: What is FAST?

A: When victims come up to officers, the way we try to help them out from the offender is giving them stats/percentage of what happens in their case that we have seen. What FAST unit does is we go through all domestic violence reports. Last year there were 28,000 incidents, however not arrest. About 90% of the calls the field officers get are domestic violence calls. If there is a call that the field officer have taken a couple of times from the same person, those officer will send the report to the domestic violence unit or FAST and one of us will reach out to the victim to try and help. We work hand in hand with the advocates, if there is a victim with criminal charges, we sit down and talk to them and try to see what they have done and start to see what we can do to protect them.

Biggest complain we get about the FAST unit is, there are not enough officers in that department.

## **6. Adjournment**

**Adjourned 8:00 pm**