



Valley Community Policing Council

Meeting

January 23, 2020

CPC members present: Rowan Wymark, Edwina Kiro, Abigail Long

6 members of the public attended, 10 APD

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Q & A's with Commander Brown, Shaun Willoughby (President of ABQ Police Officer's Association), and Elizabeth Martinez

(Q): What does community policing mean, is it because APD is struggling to figure out what it means?

(A): Commander Brown: We can't police everyone every hour of the day with 400 officers in the area command, community policing means coming together with the community and building those relationships.

(A): Shaun: Community policing is different for every person, and it's supposed to be like that for everyone. APD believes it is building relationships with the community members. It means giving time and staffing time to build a relationship. It's hard to build a relationship when going to call to call.

(C): What happens in the Valley area may be different in other area commands, they have different goals. You have to find what works with the community in the area command.

(Q): Stressed and strained, frustrated because they have been harassed and they just want to attack APD, what are you going to do about it?

(A): Officer: The point behind CPC is to bring that communication, before you would take a call and write a report and there is never a large picture. But now we are working in that direct contact with that community. Recently we organized a meet and greet with block captains. You still need to call 911 but if you have contact with an officer, it helps.

(C): Old town is tough, 95 business and its hard getting people to participate and hard to get a neighborhood watch.

(A): Shaun: Crime is a problem and we want to address it, Albuquerque officers are over worked and understaffed. In 1889, APD had 853 and since then we haven't been able to get those number but today we have 955 officers. Growing is not going to happen overnight, there are officers that also retire, get injured or get terminated, we need to hire more than 100 officers. We are trying to keep up.

(C): population has also grown

(Q): Top heavy departments?

(A) Shaun: ABQ is more top heavy than other departments in other countries. Officers don't want to be doing clerical stuff however most of the compliance stuff are staffed by civilians.

(A) Elizabeth: Many involved officer shootings that were costing tax payers a lot of money for use of force incident. If you think about how much this has cost, we have gotten a much better trained officers, we have gotten a community that is coming together that are building relationships with cops.

(A) Commander Brown: Until we get squared away, we are not top heavy.

(C) Rowan: Officers are the frontline, if they are weak due to the man power.

Elizabeth: We are having good training, resources, equipment and having good hiring. We had an administration come in with raises that hadn't happen in 8 years. It takes a long time to rebuilt. Happy to dealing with the people in the office right now, I hate seeing the crime, but they didn't create that. I feel for these guys picking up the same person more than once.

(C) Shaun: We created a poll, the information is staggering, it's not completed but it tells us how the community feels about the crime, the reform and the policing. We will release it when it is completed.

(C) Elizabeth: People have not seen the progress made since James Boyd, people in our community should know about our CIU department and how well trained they are.

Elizabeth: City has filed a motion to have consent decree on the paragraphs that have been in operational compliance in the last two years. We are hoping the media covers it correctly.

Shaun: We are hoping DOJ backs us up, we have been in operational compliance in those paragraphs for two years and it would help to focus on the ones that are not.

Elizabeth: On January 11th the new use of force policies went into effect and we credit the APOA as they said some stuff was not working and changes needed to be made.

(C) Lt Jones: Having the officers that can get behind a policy and know what their expectations are should make this change easy. Lt Johnsten did a great job with the use of force training.

Lt Johnsten: If there is any use of force incidents, they will go through IA (internal affairs) whether it's a non-injury or small injury.

Lt Johnsten – IMR 10 Update

- 344 Paragraphs total, 276 paragraphs measurable for compliance
- 3 levels of compliance
 - Primary – Policy & Procedures
 - Secondary – Training
 - Operational – Day-to-day operation

This monitoring report:

- Primary – 100%
- Secondary – 81%
- Operational - 64%

Rowan did a remembrance for GP Lovato, CPC member who passed away in January of 2019.

(C) Edwina: There is a house that neighbors thought drugs are being sold and prostitution is going on. However, there has been change since there has been officers there to keep an eye out, it had a huge impact in that location.

(C): There was an empty house and someone broke in, an officer was very helpful in getting that person off the house.

Meeting adjourned

7:18 pm