

Valley

Community Policing Council

March 27, 2025

Approximately 11 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members on Zoom

In-person – 10 members including council members, APD, and CPC staff.

CPC members present: Edwina Kiro, Deirdre Ewing, Dick Winterbottom, Philip Jameson, Jaqueline Ritz

CPC members not present:

- 1. Call to order- 6:00 PM
- 2. Approval of March Agenda- Approved
- **3. Approval of February Minutes** approved/amended Deirdre Ewing not present at February 27, 2025 meeting
- **4. Valley community concerns**—Issues of scooters on the sidewalk and what rules apply to the scooter equipment on sidewalks.
- 5. APD Chief Harold Medina -
 - Recruiting They are close to their goal of 1,000 officers by fall. There are currently around 980 to 990 officers, with an additional 50 in training and possibly adding 30 more in training in the next two months. With officers out of training, they could get up to 970 or more; another class will start in May and July. The struggle is in recruiting dispatch/telecommunicators. They are overstaffed with PSA's. The open spaces should be staffed at eleven by the end of summer with the people in training.
 - DOJ The report will be out in the next two weeks. APD needed about five paragraphs to complete, now they have somewhere between two and three paragraphs remaining. These paragraphs have complied. There are about twenty paragraphs that require twenty-four months to be completed. They are hoping the process is dismissed.
 - Community engagement The big issue they are having is continuing to be transparent and proactive on the DWI corruption case. They had to terminate one office and the other one quite. There is a possibility of three more people being investigated. Also, interview retired officers and continue interviewing people. They will continue to follow leads as they get them from pleas, pleading, or

information provided by the US DOJ. It's significant to help rebuild the public's trust. The chief mentioned that they created a public dashboard showing each DWI officer with their number of arrests in the last year, including dismissals, and the reasons for the dismissals. The dashboard gets updated every month. There is a possibility that the chief will sign a deputy commander over to traffic to not only oversee DWI but to take on the role of compliance with court initiative.

• Crime – The crime for homicides are at an eleven versus twenty from last year. That is a 50% decrease year to year. Every crime category that is tracked has a reduction in auto theft, residential burglary, commercial burglary, auto burglary, shoplifting, robbery, and sexual offenses are down year to date. The chief mentioned they want to be more proactive with traffic. There is a 12% increase in felony arrests and new charges. Including a 2% increase in felony warrants.

6. Markela Clinton, Mayors Office Metro Homelessness Initiative (48:14)

- Prior Gaps in ABQ homeless response system
- Responders to unhoused
- Encampment procedure
- City-funded programs
- Available rental assistance and eviction prevention: CABQ health and human services
- Gateway system
- Gateway to housing
- City supported housing
- Hotel conversions
- New housing construction
- Discussions and questions with community and CPC council

7. VA Area Commander Jose Sanchez update

• Crime stats have not been updated since the last meeting. The crime stats are still February numbers.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

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Date: March 27, 2025, 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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