



Valley

Community Policing Council

August 24, 2023

Approximately 10 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members on Zoom

In-person – 8 members including Council members, APD, and CPC staff.

CPC members present Philip Jameson, Tom O’Keefe, Edwina Kiro, Jaqueline Ritz, Deirdre Ewing,

CPC members not present: Dick Winterbottom.

- 1. Call to order- 6:00 PM**
- 2. Approval of August Agenda- Approved**
- 3. Approval of July Minutes – Approved**
- 4. Lt. Amy Sedler, accompanied by Sergeant Hernandez and Acting Sergeant Taylor from the APD Auto Theft Unit**
 - The unit employs six detectives and one Sergeant.
 - YTD, auto theft is down by 11%.
 - APD utilizes a bait car program, which is highly effective. Two or three bait cars are stolen weekly.
 - Auto theft unit is an undercover, plain clothes unit.
 - In the twenty-eight-day operation auto theft is down 1%
 - An average of 75 vehicles are stolen in Albuquerque weekly; the prior week, 96 were stolen.
 - Talk of establishing a day shift and night shift unit, but manpower is currently lacking.
 - License plate readers, which can detect stolen vehicles, are utilized around the city.
 - Hyundais, Kias, and trucks are common theft targets.
 - VIN switches for stolen cars, and organized crime rings are common in car theft.
 - Do not put yourself in personal danger if your car is stolen. Thieves are often armed.
 - Suggestions for safeguarding your vehicle:
 - Don’t leave the car registration in the car, if the car gets stolen the individual can look at the registration for the owner’s information. Hide it in the vehicle, not in the glove box, or take a photo and store it on your smart phone. Never leave the title in the vehicle.

- Use a tracking device, such as LowJack or Apple AirTag; call APD to locate vehicle.
- Don't warm up vehicle unattended.
- Use the key fob alarm to scare off possible thieves.
- Have the vehicle's VIN etched in various places. JiffyLube does this free. APD will have free etching performed on 9/23 at 1155 University Blvd, 9:30-2:30.
- For trailers, have the VIN etched on the underside of the frame.
- Use a steering wheel or brake club; consider an ignition lock.
- Don't leave the key in the vehicle, even if garaged, and don't leave the key near the vehicle if it can activate the ignition.
- If your vehicle is recovered, it may be contaminated with drugs. Get it professionally cleaned.

5. Lt. Bryan Price, Valley Area Command update

- There was an increase of 5% in aggravated assaults.
- Robberies are down by 20% from last year.
- Sex crimes down over 10%
- Burglaries are down 30% year to date
- Shoplifting down by 20% year to date
 - The charges are increased for chronic shoplifters, as dollar amounts are aggregated to result in a felony.
- Felony arrest/ warrant clearance up 100% vs last year.
- Felony new charges up 30% for YTD .
- Misdemeanor charges are up 35% from last year.
- DWI arrests are up 350% from last year.
- Real Time Crime Center monitors happenings on social media to prevent crime.

6. Next month's meeting will be a presentation on Specialty and Treatment Courts and Young Adult Court.

- APD having an open house for the new University substation at 11 AM next Friday
- Yearly Council of Chairs Town Hall next Saturday

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

To watch the Valley CPC August Council Meeting, please click the link below:

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Date: August 23, 2023, 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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