

CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 19, 2016

6:00 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401.

Members Present: Chair Deb Dumont, Rose Grey, Becky Hernandez, David Bratcher, Chuck Culpepper, Patricia Simpson

Members Absent: None

City Personal: Police Chief Steve Hebbe
Lt. Baric Crum, Internal Affairs
Sgt. Matt Veith, Internal Affairs
Sgt. Richard Gibbons, Internal Affairs
Joanna Oliver, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Dumont at 6:00 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken. Chairman Dumont announced that Becky Hernandez will be leaving the Committee and welcomed new member Rose Grey.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

David Bratcher moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Chuck Culpepper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Hebbe stated that it has been a very difficult month for the department especially in the last few weeks. The Farmington Police Department has received a lot of support from the Community. There have been no indications that there are threats to our officers.

They will be interviewing three candidates for the position of Deputy Chief and will know by next meeting who will be filling that position.

Eric Daigle, a use of force expert will be here Aug 16th to Aug 19th to hold training for FPD supervisors and officers. Chief Hebbe would like for the CPAC members to meet with him on the evening of August 16th.

Officer Phillip Francisco was hired as the new Navajo Nation Police Chief. They have six cadets starting in the Police Academy with 4 positions open with the possibility of bringing in laterals.

Early indicators for FY17 budget looks grim. They will be looking at making some alterations to the travel and training budgets.

The Department upgraded the dispatch and record system software. They are still in the process of bringing over all the data and working out all the issues. Along with this upgrade, they also received the electronic citation module. This will allow the citations to go directly to the courts to be downloaded. There are 10 officers testing the module as of now and over the next 6 months there will be more officers using this system.

IV. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Sgt. Veith gave an overview May and June Internal Affairs reports. The internal investigations are almost identical to last year. In May there was a 44% increase in Use of Force and 51% decrease in Citizens Complaints. In June there was an 85% decrease in Use of Force and a 30% decrease in Citizens Complaints. Total combined to date this year are approximately 52 internal investigations and citizens' complaints combined.

V. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- a. MEMBERS – none.
- b. CITIZEN INPUT – none.

VI. TRAINING

Chuck Culpepper made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Patricia Simpson to do an IA case review. All voted in favor; motion carried. Following the closed meeting, during which meeting the matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made by Patricia Simpson to open the meeting for further business. Chuck Culpepper seconded the motion; motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.



Deb Dumont, Chairman



Joanna Oliver, Secretary