

CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 18, 2022
6:00 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401.

Members Present: Patricia Simpson, Chairman; David Bratcher; Traci Neff; Matt Clugston; Rose Grey

Members Absent: Gloria Tso; Chuck Culpepper

City Personnel Present: Taft Tracy, Deputy Police Chief
Lt. Nate Lacey
Sgt. Shaun Goodsell
Sgt. Travis Spruell
Sgt. Mark Gaines
Kay Rose, Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patricia Simpson at 6:01 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Rose Grey moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Matt Clugston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Taft Tracy gave the Chief's report. He gave a brief update on the recent shooting of Officer Barreto. The shooter, Elias Buck, was arrested in Phoenix. Buck and the others involved are in custody. DC Tracy answered a few questions from the committee regarding procedures and the issues with La Plata County jail, where Buck escaped prior to the shooting.

There were four (4) cadets that graduated from the academy in December and there are eight (8) more who just started this year's academy. FPD has also hired two (2) lateral officers.

IV. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

DC Tracy introduced Lt. Nate Lacey as the new Internal Affairs lieutenant. Sgt. Goodsell gave an overview of the Internal Affairs (IA) reports and Sgt. Spruell gave an overview of the Use-of-Force incidents for November and December. Below are the numbers, compared to the prior year.

	November 2020	November 2021
Citizen Complaints	2	5
Internal Affairs Investigations	2	0
Supervisor Inquiries	1	7
Use-of-Force Incidents	8	10

	December 2020	December 2021
Citizen Complaints	4	3
Internal Affairs Investigations	2	0
Supervisor Inquiries	3	7
Use-of-Force Incidents	11	6

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. MEMBERS – Patricia Simpson and Matt Clugston had the opportunity to try out FPD’s new virtual reality equipment. They discussed some of the scenarios and shared their appreciation. Patricia Simpson also praised the police department for their actions and professionalism regarding a personal matter. Traci Neff shared her experience with the sergeant assessments. Rose Grey was able to watch the swearing-in of Daryl Noon as the new Navajo Nation Police Chief. Noon had previously worked for FPD as the Deputy Chief and Rose Grey said that he thanked Chief Hebbe for being a good mentor.

b. CITIZEN INPUT – None.

VI. CASE REVIEW – (Closed Meeting)

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Traci Neff and seconded by Rose Grey to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.


Patricia Simpson, Chairman


Kay Rose, Liaison