

CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 17, 2022

6:00 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 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; Matt Clugston; Chuck Culpepper; David Bratcher; Traci Neff

Members Absent: Gloria Tso; Rose Grey

City Personnel Present: Steve Hebbe, Police Chief
Cpt. Kyle Dowdy
Sgt. Travis Spruell
Sgt. Mark Gaines
Kay Rose, Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patricia Simpson at 6:04 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Chuck Culpepper moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Matt Clugston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Steve Hebbe gave the Chief's report. Budget takes up a lot of time during Spring. He discussed the 18% pay raise that the Governor gave State Police, which presented a challenge for local law enforcement agencies as far as retaining and recruiting officers. FPD will be issuing a 15% raise to help alleviate this issue.

Chief Hebbe discussed the uptick in gun activity this year and specifically one shooting in which the suspect was killed. There has also been an uptick in severe vehicle crashes, which could partly be due to not making traffic stops during the pandemic.

Patricia Simpson asked if any of the new marijuana dispensaries have had an impact on law enforcement. Chief Hebbe said they haven't had major issues yet, but they're waiting for the legislature to address some problems such as setting legal limits for DUI's, etc.

Chief Hebbe discussed some of the retirements, which included Deputy Chief Taft Tracy, and the promotions of both Baric Crum and Kyle Dowdy to Deputy Chief.

IV. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Sgt. Gaines gave an overview of the Internal Affairs (IA) reports and Sgt. Spruell gave an overview of the Use-of-Force incidents for March and April. Below are the numbers, compared to the prior year.

	March 2021	March 2022
Citizen Complaints	3	4
Internal Affairs Investigations	1	4
Supervisor Inquiries	1	12
Use-of-Force Incidents	10	8

	April 2021	April 2022
Citizen Complaints	2	1
Internal Affairs Investigations	1	3
Supervisor Inquiries	1	5
Use-of-Force Incidents	9	6

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. MEMBERS – None.

b. CITIZEN INPUT – None.

VI. CASE REVIEW – (Closed Meeting)

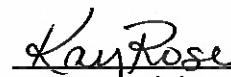
Traci Neff made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Chuck Culpepper. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the closed meeting, during which the matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made and seconded to open the meeting for further business. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Chuck Culpepper and seconded by Matt Clugston to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.


Patricia Simpson, Chairman


Kay Rose, Liaison