**SW Community Policing Council notes 1/8/20 Karen M. Douglas**

* Assistant US Attorney/DOJ Elizabeth Martinez addressed the CPC and has served since appointment as Executive Assistant Attorney under US Attorney Gonzales in 2010. She first recognized City Councilor Ken Sanchez (recently passed away) as having been a strong supporter of both APD and the community.
* APD interactions with the mentally ill and homeless prompted the November 2012 investigation in which both the City of Albuquerque and APD cooperated fully. DOJ reviewed more than 1000 emails, letters, and Police lapel camera videos. Following this DOJ Civil Rights Division investigation, the resulting 106 paragraph Consent Decree/Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) involved 4 months of negotiations. The CASA has been amended twice. The APD Forward Coalition/AMICI has also provided routine updates to the court.
* The CASA dictated APD Training and oversight for Use of Force (UOF) to improve APD relations with the community. The 6 Community Policing Councils were required by the CASA, providing input for APD policies and including monthly CPC briefings by APD officers.
* Both the Civilian Police Oversight Agency (appointed by City Council) and APD Internal Affairs review UOF cases for implementation of discipline, when warranted. The Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC) is also consulted.
* Ms. Martinez reiterated the citizens frequently express the value of community policing as key to APD success in compliance with CASA measures. Both APD outreach to the community and required briefing occurs during the semiannual Federal hearings scheduled following reports compiled by the Independent Monitor, Dr. James Ginger. These day long hearings, presided by Federal Judge (Brack/Browning) offer updates by the Independent Monitor, DOJ/US Attorney, and City of Albuquerque. City Councilors and the Albuquerque Mayor have also provided briefings during previous hearings
* Lt. Ferris Simmons and Lt. Johnson, Lead Field Training Officer of APD then spoke, joined by Albuquerque Assistant City Attorney. The APD Internal Affairs/Compliance Bureau has 60 employees and investigates Levels 2, 3, and deadly Use of Force cases. 90% of UOF cases are handled by Internal Affairs with remaining 10% by APD line management. Internal Affairs includes Lieutenant Johnson, a Sergeant and a Detective. APD IA can evaluate problems unemotionally and offers Safe Exchange Zones for officers reporting incidents.
* The Independent Monitor’s 10th quarterly report indicated 64% APD Operational Compliance with discussion of APD promotional process and recruitment; de-escalation of situations by officers, which makes the community safer; APD flexibility to consider alternate learning styles; APD completion of 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) by officers with enhanced CIT by 40% of force; and requiring 4 weeks of OJT for new cadets. Lateral hires by APD complete 9 weeks of training including 2 weeks of OJT and reality-based training. Lateral hires also need to pass 31 areas of training including Internal Affairs briefing to ensure safe practices and good decision-making.
* US Assistant Attorney Martinez remarked that Mayor Keller administration with new APD Chief Geier have made tremendous leaps forward with positive reports from the Independent Monitor. The city needs to sustain operational compliance for 2 years.
* During November 2017 Federal Judge Brack had charged the prior city administration with Obstruction of Justice.
* Lt. Simmons would like to establish an APD Leadership Library and discussed APD evaluation of suggestions with denial/acceptance by APD Chief Geier. Officers also attend APS student award ceremonies for community view of APD in a more friendly light. APD is considering offering child care to new recruits attending the police academy. APD Police Service Aides require an Associates degree and officers must be 21 years old to graduate from the police academy.
* Russ Biggs and Robert Heckman of the APD Forward coalition then presented the SMARTCASA technology tool (available at [www.smartcasa.org](http://www.smartcasa.org) ). This tool color codes the APD level of compliance for 344 paragraphs (270 monitored) of the Consent Decree/CASA from quarterly Independent Monitor reports. APD must maintain primary (policies in place), secondary (training to policies) and operational compliance (officer practices in the field) for 2 years.
* APD officer then briefed December 2019 crime statistics for SW Command. APD SW Command established a Proactive Response Team (PRT) in 2018 decreasing crime 19% by prevention. Resident calls to SW Command have decreased by 10% due to PRT, while overall APD calls are increasing. 36% of SW APD calls are for Coors/Central Ave area.
  + Residential Burglaries decreased 21%
  + Auto Burglaries (auto contents) decreased 16%
  + Auto Thefts decreased 13%
  + Commercial Burglaries decreased 11%
  + Vandalism decreased 20%
  + Resident calls regarding panhandlers decreased 41%
  + SW Command reported 7 UOF cases during December and 0 Show of Force cases