

# CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

January 19, 2021

6:00 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session virtually using Zoom on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Deb Dumont, Chairman; Patricia Simpson; David Bratcher; Julie Blair; Chuck Culpepper

Members Absent: Gloria Tso; Rose Grey

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Dumont, and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

### II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Julie Blair moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Chuck Culpepper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### III. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Steve Hebbe gave the Chief's report. He said staffing has been affected due to some employees being quarantined or exposed to COVID-19, but service levels have not been affected yet.

FPD has four (4) cadets just starting the academy, and three (3) officers now in the FTO program, but recruiting has been very difficult recently. There are also 2 officers leaving the department and 1 sergeant retiring this month.

The upcoming legislative session has been full of police reform discussion, including the subject of qualified immunity. Chief Hebbe and the New Mexico Chiefs Association have been meeting with Legislators to educate them on ways to improve policing.

FPD has been focused on solving violent crimes within the inebriate community. These crimes are often harder to solve because the victims are highly intoxicated, hard to contact, don't cooperate, don't show up to court, etc. FPD has been meeting with local advocacy groups to figure out ways to better help these victims and solve these crimes.

Chief Hebbe gave an update on the Real-Time Crime Center. They have six (6) cameras up in the Riverwalk and have also deployed some cameras at Farmington Lake and on the traffic lights along Main Street. FPD is partnering with the school district and local businesses to connect to their camera systems in order to help deliver more effective service.

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 November and December. Below are the numbers, compared to the prior year.

	November 2020	November 2019
Citizen Complaints	4	4
Internal Affairs Investigations	4	0
Supervisor Inquiries	2	2
Use-of-Force Incidents	8	12

	December 2020	December 2019
Citizen Complaints	7	9
Internal Affairs Investigations	5	5
Supervisor Inquiries	4	1
Use-of-Force Incidents	11	13

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

VI. CASE REVIEW – None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Deb Dumont, Chairman

  
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Kay Rose, Liaison