

CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 15, 2019

6:00 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401.

Members Present: Deb Dumont, Chairman; Patricia Simpson; Chuck Culpepper, Gloria Tso

Members Absent: Julie Blair; David Bratcher; Rose Grey

City Personnel Present: Police Chief Steve Hebbe
Deputy Chief Jessica Tyler
Lt. Sierra Tafoya
Sgt. Dennis Ronk
Sgt. Nicholas Bloomfield
Cpt. Baric Crum
Kay Rose, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Dumont at 6:06 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Patricia Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Chuck Culpepper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hebbe said that twelve (12) cadets graduated from the academy at the end of November, followed by 3 weeks of post-academy. There are eleven (11) more recruits starting the academy in January and they should be graduating towards the end of May. Chief Hebbe also mentioned that Deputy Chief Noon retired in December.

FPD is preparing for the FY2020 budget cycle. They should be receiving grants for a few vehicles, but one of the big priorities this year is replacing their in-car / body-worn camera system.

The new legislative session is starting in Santa Fe and FPD will be monitoring the bills that come out of that, in particular the Asset Forfeiture bill and an IPRA bill that more closely aligns with the realities of body cameras. Due to the growing amount of IPRA requests regarding videos, FPD has dedicated a full-time staff person specifically to those requests.

The "Polar Plunge" for Special Olympics has been changed this year to a High Dive Challenge at the Farmington Aquatic Center on January 26th.

IV. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Sgt. Dennis Ronk and Sgt. Nick Bloomfield gave an overview of the November and December Internal Affairs (IA) reports. Below are the numbers, compared to last year.

	November 2018	November 2017
Citizen Complaints	2	6
Internal Affairs Investigations	0	1
Supervisor Inquiries	4	2
Use-of-Force Responses	15	20

	December 2018	December 2017
Citizen Complaints	3	6
Internal Affairs Investigations	0	3
Supervisor Inquiries	3	1
Use-of-Force Responses	16	15

Sgt. Bloomfield discussed a K-9 deployment incident that occurred in December in which the scene was not secure and the suspect was bitten unintentionally. They have since taken steps to prevent that situation from happening in the future.

V. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

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

VI. CASE REVIEW

Chuck Culpepper made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Patricia, to do an IA Case Review. Motion carried.

Following the closed meeting, during which the matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made by Patricia to open the meeting for further business. Chuck 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.


Patricia Simpson, Acting Chairman


Kay Rose, Liaison