



The regular monthly meeting of the *Southwest Community Policing Council* was held on *Wednesday, September 4, 2024*, beginning at *6:00 p.m.* via Zoom. The minutes were made part of the record. The meeting was called to order and led by Ernest Esquibel

**Welcome from Council members.**

Ernest Esquibel   Andrew Griego  
Albert Chavez   Elizabeth Lovato

***Members absent***

Scott Mason

1. **Call to order** – 6:00 PM
2. **Introduction of Topic/Guests and Introduction of Council Members**
3. **Approval of September Agenda** – Approved
4. **Approval of August Minutes** – Approved
5. **SW Area Command and Ron Kemp Crime Prevention Specialist update**
  - Residential burglaries – 14
  - Auto burglaries – 26
  - Auto theft – 45
  - Commercial robbery – 20
  - Commercial burglary – 13
6. **APD Chief of Police Harold Medina**
  - DOJ settlement agreement - In April they were deemed in full compliance. APD is in compliance with 99% of their paragraphs, including the city council. About 56% of the consent decree has been dismissed and is no longer viewed by DOJ. There are currently 44 paragraphs actively monitored.
  - Crime – In July, it was great in terms of homicide. They have not been doing great with the homicide rates in the last couple of weeks. Between July and August, they had about nineteen homicides. About seven of the nineteen have been murder-suicide. For the year there are -9 homicides compared to last year.
    - Robberies are down 57% this and auto theft is flat.
    - Most property crimes are five points either positive or negative.
  - Enforcement activity:
    - Up to 30% of felony warrants cleared, while last year they had a 24% increase in felony warrants from being cleared.
    - The clearance rate for homicide is at 97% year to date.
  - Recruiting
    - There are about 920 officers, with an additional 35 in training with a total of 955 officers. APD is funded for 1,000 officers. A new class starts in October with about 25 cadets. The PSAs are down to 65, due to some taking positions with transit safety. Dispatch is low in numbers, and working on recruiting.

- Community engagement
  - Working with the ambassadors. Some things were said on the OBRD's by officers regarding the Native American community. They are working on developing a cultural awareness class.
- The DWI investigation is pending.
- Community discussions and questions

#### **7. Southwest Area Commander Renee Barraza crime update**

- Violent crime in the SW has been down since Commander Barraza took over in December 2021.
- In 2023 there were fourteen homicides, compared to 2021/2022
- Violent crimes and shooting down double digits.
- There is an increase in police presence around the parks.
- The year to date of homicides in the SW there are six.
- There is a spike in auto burglaries.
- Crime stats on the website from January to July
- The five tiers when calls come in
  - 1 – dispatch immediately
  - 2 – serious injury to an individual
  - 3 – example home burglary and auto burglary.
  - 4 – not have to send police officers right away
  - 5 – at the bottom less priority.
- A citizen can file a police report online or at the substation.

#### **8. Judge Rosemary Cosgrove – Aguilar, Judge Shonnetta R. Estrada, Judge Jill Martinez, CEO Lisa Lowe and PIO Camille Walker from the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court**

- Power point presentation (1:02:52)
- Community discussion and questions

#### **9. Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM**

To watch the Southwest CPC September Council Meeting, please click the link below:

Topic: Southwest Community Policing Council

Date: September 4, 2024, 6:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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## Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

# SPECIALTY COURTS

The Metropolitan Court's Specialty Court Programs save lives and taxpayer dollars. Over the past 27 years, Metro Court has established 13 Specialty Court Programs designed to address various issues in our community.

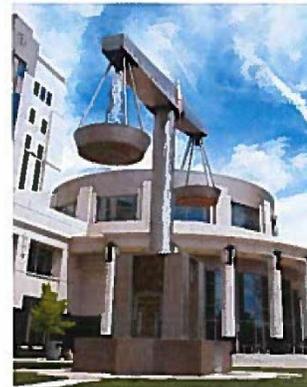
These Courts, often an alternative to jail, offer participants structure and guidance through counseling and treatment, judicial oversight, and court supervision.

The cost to taxpayers of these programs is about 1/4 of the cost of incarceration.

Metro Court Judges volunteer and oversee the Specialty Courts and often work through their lunch hours or after-hours with the programs, in addition to hearing their regular dockets.

Specialty Courts work! Research shows that those who successfully complete the programs are far less likely to reoffend and have been equipped with the necessary tools to be productive members of our community.

For more information, please call (505) 938-4243, or visit [metro.nmcourts.gov](http://metro.nmcourts.gov).



### **Behavioral Health Court**

*Presiding Judge Joshua J. Sánchez*

Behavioral Health Court works to proactively break the cycle of arrest, adjudication, incarceration and release of those diagnosed with a mental health disorder.

### **Behavioral Health DWI Court**

*Presiding Judge Brittany Maldonado Malott*

This program is for individuals charged with a misdemeanor DWI offense and who have been diagnosed with a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness, or are developmentally disabled.

### **Community Veterans Court (C.V.C.)**

*Presiding Judge Felicia Blea-Rivera*

C.V.C. is designed to assist veterans diagnosed with mental health disorders, substance abuse, PTSD, or traumatic brain injuries. The program works collaboratively with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide services and support to veterans who have been charged with misdemeanor offenses.

### **Competency Court (Misdemeanor & Felony)**

*Presiding Judge Nina Safier & Presiding Judge Shonnetta R. Estrada*

Competency Court is designed to identify, assess, and move defendants who raise competency concerns through the court system in an efficient and expedient manner.

### **Courts to School**

*Presiding Judge Shonnetta R. Estrada*

The Courts to School Program is designed to bring the courtroom experience into the school system by exposing high school students to the procedures and realities of the criminal justice system.

### **Domestic Violence Early Intervention Program (DVEIP)**

*Presiding Judge Nina Safier*

This program is for domestic violence offenders without prior DV or violent felony convictions. DVEIP's goal is to intervene early in domestic violence cases to prevent recurrence of the incident & progression to more serious crimes.

### **Domestic Violence Solutions Treatment Education Program (DVSTEP)**

*Presiding Judge Rosemary Cosgrove-Agullar*

DVSTEP works to reduce the cycle of violence and recidivism among high-risk domestic violence offenders, while also providing treatment and counseling to victims and children.

### **DWI Recovery Court**

*Presiding Judge Christine E. Rodriguez*

DWI Recovery Court provides intensive court supervision, alcohol & drug screening, substance use counseling, and community based self-help for high-risk defendants convicted of subsequent misdemeanor DWI offenses.

### **Overdose, Prevention, Treatment & Intervention (Opt-In) Court**

*Presiding Judge Claire A. McDaniel*

The OPT-In Court seeks to address the fentanyl addiction and overdose crisis in our community by identifying and diverting high risk individuals from jail immediately into treatment with the goal of safely detoxing, treating, and stabilizing these individuals.

### **Outreach Court**

*Presiding Judge Asra I. Elliott*

Outreach Court assists homeless individuals charged with misdemeanor offenses by connecting them with community resources, housing, and treatment interventions.

### **Pre-Adjudication Animal Welfare (P.A.W.) Court**

*Presiding Judge Rosemary Cosgrove-Agullar*

P.A.W. was established to stop the cycle of abuse by those charged with misdemeanor offenses involving the cruelty to or neglect of animals.

### **Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Court**

*Presiding Judge Renée Torres*

This unique court creates an atmosphere of healing through best practices and traditional methods in pursuit of spiritual and physical recovery for Native Americans with subsequent misdemeanor DWI offenses.