

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL



**CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE**

The Southwest Community Policing Council (SW CPC) began in 2020, on track to becoming an interactive meeting process to increase the communication and collaboration between the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and Southwest Area Command (SWAC) residents and business owners.

The coronavirus pandemic prevented in-person meetings April through December. SW CPC held no meeting in April but planned an informal meeting via Zoom webinar for May to discuss with community leaders at the local level (*not a political forum*) problems the SW CPC faces in dealing with crime and fear in the far southwest corner of Albuquerque. The Next-Door app has constant chatter about the sound of gunshots, loud racing auto engines, “squealing” tires, speeding vehicles, and ATVs tearing up the neighborhood parks. In general, the residents do not feel APD is receptive to their concerns, do not believe APD does their job, nor do they think ABQ management cares about the SWAC residents and business owners.

The Lifeline Assistance smartphones with data packages are available to all low-income and homeless residents in ABQ. Many SWAC residents do not have transportation, fear driving in the dark, fear to leave their home after dark, have no childcare even though children are welcome at the meetings. The list goes on and on as to reasons residents do not attend the SW CPC meeting. A Zoom webinar would open attendance to all residents with a telephone. The goal was meetings with some people participating by webinars and asking questions as a part of the future in-person meetings.

Because of CPOA Executive Director Harness’s inaccurate statement that City Council Bill No. F/S O-17-55 applied to the SW CPC forbidding a “political forum,” he badgered the SW CPC Chairperson, Steve Schmidt, to cancel the May webinar. The fear of having his reputation tarnished by violating a city ordinance Mr. Schmidt, a religious leader, canceled the webinar. Mr. Schmidt found the new overseer, Edward Harness, to be suffocating, which would result in many disagreements about the role of the SW CPC. Mr. Schmidt’s resignation precipitated the resignation of Stephanie Griego and Teresa Marie Garcia. The result was SW CPC lost the most active members.

SW CPC was devastated by the loss of three members. The SW CPC had spent the previous eight (8) months building its membership

from two (2) members to six (6) members. SW CPC was the most diverse group in Albuquerque.

The SW CPC has endured two (2) years of turmoil, most of it not the council’s fault. That makes it exceedingly difficult to persuade APD to engage with the council to discuss constitutional community policing. This turmoil and constant “bringing new members up to date” on the policy and procedures made it feel like the SW membership had to hurdle a great wall during the year 2020. The result is SW CPC was unable to make any recommendations but did join in the citywide recommendation that the APD create a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for interaction between APD and CPCs.

The SW CPC goal remains to continue learning and growing into a group that bridges the chasm between the residents, business owners, and APD in the SWAC. Efforts to prevent domestic violence in all forms, including child abuse and sexual violence, to all peoples is a top priority for SW. SW is seeking resources for developing a message that will resonate with the mostly Hispanic residents in the SWAC. The council members want to demonstrate that constitutional community policing involves community members as active participants.

Sincerely,

The SW CPC

**Christopher Sedillo**  
**Stephanie Griego**  
**David A. Reza**  
**Dr. Jonathan Madison**  
**Andrea Lester Young**

**Wanda Harrison**  
**Josue E. Rodriguez**  
**Teresa Marie Garcia**  
**Roberto (Robbie) Vigil**  
**Joseph R. Kolozsy**

The council consists of:

**Chris** is a retired 26-year Navy veteran working diligently to improve veterans' plight. As a member of American Legion Post 13, Honor Guard, Legion Riders he provides funeral escorts. As a member of the Honor Flight, he helps raise funds to each year take 25 veterans to Washington D.C. to see their memorials. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, they were unable to take the trip. He is also a member and treasurer for the United Veterans Council of New Mexico. He is busy with his many volunteer activities and is the primary caregiver for his 84-year-old father. His partner assists with the care of his father.

**Wanda** moved back to Albuquerque in November 2015 after many years living in AZ & OH. Retired from 31 years working for the United States District Court for Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division at Columbus, and 33 years of working a steady part-time retail job for four companies - JoAnn Fabrics, Marshall Field's, Kauffman's, and Macy's. She is the caregiver for her 77-year-old brother, who has cerebral palsy from birth at home in Fence Lake, NM.

**Stephanie** is a lifelong South Valley resident who loves the community, is open-minded, and strives for a safer and healthier community. She cares for her family while working at the Rape Crisis Center Central New Mexico and Kaseman Behavioral Hospital.

**Josue** is a lifelong resident, husband, and father dedicated to improving the communities in Albuquerque. He is District 3 representative for the Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**David** is a lifelong resident, having lived in many problematic neighborhoods, and knows the struggles and issues surrounding our communities, from owning a business to living in poverty while serving as a faith/religious leader and a business owner. Currently Vice-Chair for the Penitentiary of New Mexico Advisory Council of Kairos Prison Ministry and member of the Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity. He has served as a board member for SIATech Charter High School, an educational assistant for APD, served two consecutive terms as student body president of the Albuquerque Job Corps Center, and as the Vice-President and chapter representative

for ASUM and the Multicultural Greek council. During his time at UNM, he worked as a student support services representative and El Centro de La Raza as an office assistant. He has an associate degree in Sociology, Communications, Liberal Arts, and General Studies.

As the outreach advocate for the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence, **Teresa** can work with the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. This relationship resulted in networking and collaborations with active community members and sitting on several committees such as Health and Wellness Committee, Women To Be, S.A.F.E. House New Mexico fundraising, and the Albuquerque Sexual Assault Evidence Response Team (ASERT). Also, she is a Certified Pharmacy Technician.

**Jonathan** is a research scientist at Sandia National Laboratories within the Material, Physical, and Chemical Sciences Center. In his current role, he provides multi-scale experimental characterizations that enable materials-based insights and solutions. Dr. Madison's research interests focus on the intersection of experimental and computational techniques for 3D reconstruction of microstructure, quantitative characterization, and simulation of microstructural evolution. He has 8 Department of Energy published technical reports, over 25 peer-reviewed articles in archival journals, 760+ citations, and an h-index of 13.

**Robbie** is a lifelong resident of ABQ and a former EMT for ABQ Ambulance and NMSPP emergency dispatcher. Currently an instructor for CABQ CERT and a federal employee working for the Social Security Administration.

**Andrea** is the President of a non-profit organization providing help for homeless and domestically abused women and on the board of a non-profit organization providing a 12-step program for people with addictions. She is a small business owner and long-time resident of Albuquerque. Andrea is married to Melton. Their 20-year-old daughter, Trinity, is a junior at New Mexico State University.

**Joseph** is a long-term resident with ideas for constitutional community policing based on old-school neighborhood watch when the relationship between APD and community residents was harmonious. He works for Albuquerque Public Schools and was on the Safety Committee at APS Maintenance and Operations.

<p><b>January 8, 2020</b> Christopher Sedillo Wanda Harrison Stephanie Griego Steve Schmidt</p>	<p>2 Male 2 Female</p>	<p>WHITE 1 Male 1 Female HISPANIC 1 Male 1 Female  ENGLISH 2 Male 2 Female</p>	<p>28 to 70+ years</p>	<p>1 Navy Veteran  Female 12 + tech school  Female 16 yrs. Male 14 yr.</p>	<p><b>Presentation</b> to teach the SW CPC how to do the things required in the CASA</p>	<p>CPC - 4 Excused - 0 Unexcused - 0 Residents - 9 APD - 5</p>
<p><b>February 5, 2020</b> Christopher Sedillo Wanda Harrison Stephanie Griego Steve Schmidt</p>					<p><b>Presentation</b> - 2nd Judicial District &amp; Metro Court judges plus Diversion Program Director for discussion on the diversion courts in ABQ <b>NEW MEMBERS</b> <b>Teresa Garcia</b> <b>Ernest Esquibel</b> <b>Sharon Esquibel</b></p>	<p>CPC - 4 Excused - 0 Residents - 12 APD - 2 Guests - 6</p>
<p><b>March 4, 2020</b> Christopher Sedillo Wanda Harrison Stephanie Griego Steve Schmidt <b>Teresa Garcia</b> <b>Ernest Esquibel</b> <b>Sharon Esquibel</b></p>	<p>3 Male 4 Female</p>	<p>WHITE 1 Male 2 Female HISPANIC 2 Male 2 Female ENGLISH 3 Male 4 Female SPANISH 1 Female PORTUGUESE 1 Female</p>	<p>Males 28 to 59  Females 33 to 70+</p>	<p>1Navy veteran 1Legally blind  FEMALE 12+ to 18 yrs.</p>	<p><b>Presentation</b> - Information regarding Officer allocations/overview of training &amp; CPA plus Enlace Comunitario, a community agency.  <b>Sharon Esquibel</b> is unsure she can devote the time necessary to be a CPC member.</p>	<p>CPC - 6 Excused - 0 Unexcused - 0 Residents - 11 APD - 5 Guests - 4</p>

Month	Gender	Race/ Language	Age	Education	Program	Attendance
<p><b>April 1, 2020</b>  Christopher Sedillo  Wanda Harrison  Stephanie Griego  Steve Schmidt  Teresa Garcia  Ernest Esquibel  Sharon Esquibel</p>					<p><b>Due to the Covid-19</b> pandemic shutdown of the State of New Mexico, CPC's were unable to meet. Before the month's end, <b>Steve Schmidt, Teresa Garcia, and Stephanie Griego resigned</b> due to Mr. Edward Harness's mistaken understanding of the City Bill # F/S O-17-55 and CPCs. CPCs are a no power council, not a city committee or board. <b>Sharon Esquibel</b> continues to decline to be a council member.</p>	
<p><b>May 6, 2020</b>  Christopher Sedillo  Wanda Harrison  Ernest Esquibel</p>	<p>2 Male  1 Female</p>	<p>WHITE  1 Female  HISPANIC  2 Male  ENGLISH  2 Male  1 Female</p>	<p>55-70+</p>	<p>1 navy veteran  1 legally blind  1/w 12 grade  + tech school</p>	<p><b>Planned webinar</b> to engage a larger group of residents nixed by error of CPOA Executive Director Edward Harness</p>	
<p><b>June 3, 2020</b>  Christopher Sedillo  Wanda Harrison  Ernest Esquibel</p>					<p><b>Due to the Covid-19</b> pandemic shutdown of the State of New Mexico, CPC's could not have a meeting.</p>	
<p><b>July 1, 2020</b>  Christopher Sedillo  Wanda Harrison  Ernest Esquibel</p>					<p><b>Council members met with CPOA</b> Executive Director to establish a way forward. Ernest Esquibel realized the continual confrontations between CPC &amp; CPOA were not something he</p>	

					wanted to experience. <i>He resigned.</i>	
<b>August 5, 2020</b> Christopher Sedillo Wanda Harrison	1 Male 1 Female			1 navy veteran  FEMALE 12 yrs. + tech	<b>APD reports</b> <b>NEW MEMBERS</b> <b>Stephanie Griego</b> <b>Josue E. Rodriguez</b> <b>David A. Reza</b> <b>Teresa Marie Garcia</b>	Unknown – details not provided by CPOA
<b>September 2, 2020</b> Christopher Sedillo Wanda Harrison <b>Stephanie Griego</b> <b>Josue E. Rodriguez</b> <b>David A. Reza</b> <b>Teresa Marie Garcia</b>	3 Male 3 Female	HISPANIC 3 Male 2 Female WHITE 1 Female ENGLISH 3 Male 3 Female SPANISH 1 Female 1 Male PORTUGUESE 1 Female	MALE 35 to 60  FEMALE 33 to 70+	1 navy veteran MALE 14 yrs.  FEMALE 12+ to 18 yrs.	<b>Presentation</b> from the Albuquerque Community Service Department; APD Crisis Intervention Unit; APD Emergency Communication Center	CPC - 5 Excused - 1 Unexcused - 0 Residents - 7 APD - 3 CASA - 4 Other CPC members - 4
<b>October 7, 2020</b> Christopher Sedillo Wanda Harrison Stephanie Griego Josue E. Rodriguez David A. Reza Teresa Marie Garcia					<b>Presentation</b> by Interim Chief Harold J. Medina and Zane Stephens from Transgender Resource Center <b>O-20-27</b> Community Policing Councils Ordinance became effective this date. <b>NEW MEMBERS:</b> <b>Dr. Jonathan Madison</b> <b>Roberto (Robbie) Vigil</b> <b>Andrea Lester Young</b> <b>Joseph R. Kolozsy</b>	CPC - 4 Excused - 0 Unexcused - 2 Residents - 14 APD - 2 CASA - 4 GUESTS - 1 Other CPC members - 2

<p><b>November 4, 2020</b>  Christopher Sedillo  Wanda Harrison  Stephanie Griego  Josue E. Rodriguez  David A. Reza  Teresa Marie Garcia  <b>Dr. Jonathan Madison</b>  <b>Roberto (Robbie) Vigil</b>  <b>Andrea Lester Young</b>  <b>Joseph R. Kolozsy</b></p>	<p>6 Male  4 Female</p>	<p>HISPANIC:  5 Male  2 Female  WHITE:  1 Female  MIXED:  1 Female  AFRICAN-AMERICAN:  1 Male  ENGLISH  6 Male  4 Female  SPANISH  1 Female  1 Male  PORTUGUESE  1 Female</p>	<p>MALE  35 to 59    FEMALE  33 to 70+</p>	<p>1 navy veteran    MALE  12+ to 18 yrs.    FEMALE  12+ to 18 yrs.</p>	<p><b>With eight (8) new members unfamiliar</b> with the mission and duty of the CPCs - SW took time to familiarize themselves with CPC and did not hold a meeting during November 2020 planning to come back strong in 2021</p>	
<p><b>December 2, 2020</b>  Christopher Sedillo  Wanda Harrison  Stephanie Griego  Josue E. Rodriguez  David A. Reza  Teresa Maria Garcia  Dr. Jonathan Madison  Roberto (Robbie) Vigil  Andrea Lester Young  Joseph R. Kolozsy</p>					<p><b>With eight (8) new members unfamiliar</b> with the mission and duty of the CPCs, SW took time to familiarize themselves with CPC and did not hold a meeting during December 2020 planning to come back strong in 2021</p>	