

**MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 6:00 PM  
CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER  
7507 KATHRYN SE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

**SEACPC Board Members present: Ron Halbgewachs (Chair), Frank Ernst (Vice-Chair), Michael Kruchoski (Secretary), Todd Kersting, Paula Metzner, Kathleen Burke. (6)  
Council Members excused: Jeffrey Archuleta. (1)**

**APD Officers present: Commander J. J. Griego, Sgt. Jason Sanchez, Ofc. David Small, Ofc. Robert Carlson, Sgt. Luke Languit, and one other officer, Laura Kuehn, Chris Sylvan (CPC Manager), Yvette Marentes (CPC Admin). (9)**

**Visitors were Robert Ferguson, Diana Cardenas, Rosemarie Baca, Ilena Estrella, Anne Kass, Connie Sedillo, Sandra Erichser, S. Sanchez Beg, Magi Ezzard, Michelle Mullen, Evan Wrons, Sean Matney, Isabel Constance, James Montalbano, Torild Kristiansen (LWV), Pat Wheeler, Bill Kass (POB), Pat Davis (CABQ City Councilor), Steve Rickman (DOJ), two others from DOJ. (21)**

**A total of 36 persons attended the meeting.**

Introductions:

If you are a visitor or police officer, please sign in. If you put your email address on the sign-in sheet, we will notify you of our meetings and you will receive a copy of the month's agenda by email. The Chair of the CPC is the only one that has access to all email addresses and they are kept private.

Ron Halbgewachs welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Board, police officers, and community visitors all introduced themselves.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ron Halbgewachs at 6:13 PM.

Announcements:

There are three openings on our Council. If you are interested, there is a website form that should be completed and submitted ( <http://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council>). That form will then be sent to the Council for review and meeting with the candidate.

Frank Ernst: Encouraged everyone consider joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch.

Ron Halbgewachs: We are glad to have our community visitors and visitors from the Department of Justice join us for our meeting. We had an Executive Meeting last night and had a chance to meet with Dr. Rickman (DOJ) and our new Albuquerque Police Chief Mike Geier. There are 6 Community Policing Councils (CPC) in the city of Albuquerque, each working with a command area. Each CPC meets at different times and usually at Community Centers.

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum was met; six (6) members out of seven (7) were present. Jeffrey Archuleta was excused from the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made to approve the agenda, seconded, and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

We held an Executive Council meeting and approved the minutes for the months August-November with several changes. The minutes have been modified and completed with approval conditional on a final review. The minutes can be viewed online at the website <https://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council> .

New CPC Manager:

Chris Sylvan introduced himself and explained that the CPC Manager position is being revised. He noted that we are going to resolve some of the inefficiencies that they are seeing in the CPCs. He worked with Dr. Rickman to discuss what needs to be done so the CPCs are in compliance with the CASA (Court Approved Settlement Agreement). He is open to anyone contacting him via phone or email at [csylvan@cabq.gov](mailto:csylvan@cabq.gov) .

Todd Kersting has know Chris Sylvan through his previous work with the City Council and is excited to have Chris working with the CPCs.

Presentation/Discussion – Commander J.J. Griego, APD SE Area Command:

Commander Griego: He is originally from New York and has been in Albuquerque for 20 years. He has worked in the SE Area Command as a patrol officer, sergeant, and commander. Everyone wants to know about the new management. He is very pleased to know that Chief Geier is the new Chief. After the new administration came into office there have been some changes in commanders and Commander Griego is one of commanders still in here. The Southeast Area Command is pushing to get back to community-orientThe APD is working to streamline processes, report writing, and use of force reporting. Property crime is generally driven by drugs. In order to reduce crime it is not just a matter of enforcement. The underlying issues need to be addressed or not much will be accomplished. The new administration is 100% in support of this approach and the community will be seeing changes.

Visitor Question: Do you have comments on the settlements that the City is awarding?

Commander Griego: He cannot comment on that.

Commander Griego: There was a comment made about not wanting to call the police because you are worried about someone getting shot. Part of the way this is addressed is the layer of

response. There may be more or less that are at the scene depending on the situation. When there is a more layered response, the officers have the ability to slow things down.

Todd Kersting: What are your thoughts on “dragon” software, voice-activated report writing, and have you looked into it?

Commander Griego: We have looked into it but there is lingo that we use that it does not recognize. Another issue is that officers would speak into it but there are still some software problems.

Mike Kruchoski: There is another application called “Augmedix” where there is a live transcriber. Mike will email the information to the commander. The technology has been getting better as well as the software being used.

Commander Griego: We have a bunch of information and different systems that do not always talk to each other. At the end of the year, when submitting information to the FBI for end-of-year crime reports, there are multiple spreadsheets to work. They are now looking at a centralized area for recoding this information.

Kathleen Burke: City Councilor Pat Davis is in the room and we do a lot of work in the area regarding sex trafficking victims. Our impression at Street Safe is that there was quite a bit of negligence about how the city is handling the issue. Do you feel that with the new administration that there are any new plans in the works to take care of this problem?

Commander Griego: There are issues that we recognize and with the change in administration, now is the time to address those issues because resources get allocated and we need the resources to do those things. It is one thing that definitely needs to have more focus put on it.

Visitor Question: Back in April, Chief Eden sent a memo to not arrest misdemeanors. Is this still in effect?

Commander Griego: What you are talking about has been a policy for some time regarding people who suffer from mental health issues that end up in jail and not getting the help needed. Officers are looking to alternatives and taking those routes to ensure they put the right people in jail.

Visitor Question: Is it at the discretion of the officer?

Commander Griego: Yes, based on the policy.

Visitor Question: Is there a program that we can hook up to the real-time organization if we have cameras in place at our residences?

Commander Griego: It is called the RTCC, a registration program where you register your camera system with the city. Then if an officer needs the video they can come to you. They cannot tap into your camera but it will help if needed.

Commander Griego: About Community Oriented Policing using the DOJ definition. Working with business alliances, input from the community, problem solving, using a model to identify and analyze response to the problem, and organizational transformation. This will help us address problems that need change. This is where we are going and he is excited about it. Laura Kuehn conducts at-home security surveys. She will come by your house or business and provide recommendations on how to make it more secure.

Continued Discussion of SOP 2.52 – Use of Force & related documents:

This discussion was postponed until the meeting next month.

### Ride-Along Reports:

Members of the CPC Council are expected to do ride-alongs with police officers on their beats. Anyone that has done a ride-along is asked by Ron Halbgewachs to do a brief written report. One of the things we have discovered is that several of the recommendations that we make to APD come from things that are observed during the ride-alongs.

Visitor Question: What is the process to apply for a ride-along?

Ron Halbgewachs: There is a form to be filled out at the APD SE Area Substation to apply and a background check will be conducted.

### Monthly Crime Report:

The crime report was read to the Council by Sgt. Jason Sanchez. He is with the Southeast Area Impact Team that is tasked with investigating serious felony crimes. He is open to being a point of contact if anyone has any concerns about felony crimes.

They are getting hammered with property crimes and in particular, auto thefts. They will be putting a lot of energy and resources in that area.

Visitor Question: We cannot tell if crime is going up or down. Is there any possibility we can get more information on if crimes relate and where the crime is happening?

Officer Small: There is an application called "APD Police Mobile" where you can see what see where the crime is happening.

Visitor Question: What about guns being stolen?

Officer Small: He doesn't have that information, but the SE Area has a task force that strictly deals with gun crime.

Visitor Question: A member gets email from Crime Watch and is never seeing some of the stats Sgt. Sanchez described. Are all of the crimes coming up on the app?

Officer Small: The app gives you an estimate. For example, criminal sexual penetration crime is not listed on the app due to privacy reasons. Each area command has a webpage of statistics, as well with links to crime apps.

Visitor Question: What is going on with vice currently?

Sgt. Sanchez: We have 2 vice officers that are assigned to the entire force. Their caseload is 60-80 cases for each and they are focused on these cases.

Luke Languit (Supervisor for the narcotics and vice units): The gang and narcotics units are what they are focusing on. What they have found out in special investigations division is that by just doing enforcement the problem is not going to be solved. They are working with outside agencies to try and get other resources from non-profit organizations to get help and housing for people that need it. There is a push from our new administration to get new Vice Detectives. He has been supervising vice unit for the last year and a half.

Kathleen Burke: Regarding the human trafficking issue from her perspective is that most of the women that are prostituting are human trafficking survivors that are on the streets. They are trying to bridge that gap.

Sgt. Languit: The actual amount of prostitution arrests are decreasing because they are pushing diversion to find out the underlying reasons as to why the prostitutes are on the street. They are finding success with the education resources.

Kathleen Burke: It is a revolving door for the most part when it comes to these women and these issues.

Sgt. Languit: Deliver Fund is one of the non-profits that they are work for and if they can help one woman it is worth the effort.

Todd Kersting: This is a great example of the great information that we hear about. With the upcoming years and new generations coming in, he wants to help find ways where we can get information and resources out to the public. He is going to start brainstorming to see how we can make a difference by making access easier.

#### Public Comments, Questions, Responses:

Visitor Question: At a recent neighborhood association meeting they were approached by a group that does private security; are you familiar with these groups?

Commander Griego: He cannot speak to any private company and cannot advocate for one or the other. It depends on your economic ability to afford it. Be conscious of the liability issues that go along with these companies.

Visitor Question: Have officers interacted with these security people and is there any impact on policing?

Commander Griego: We interact with a lot of businesses and sometimes work with private security. It is probably a good deterrent to have when it comes to protecting your business or home but also depends on what services you are paying for. He cannot comment specifically.

Ron Halbgewachs: Some neighborhoods have had very good service from the private security groups.

Bill Kiss (POB): He commented on the meeting that was held last night with Chief Geier and the DOJ. He gave an example of how things have changed with the new administration. He made a recommendation to the APD by talking with Deputy Chief Garcia. As a result of that recommendation, he noted that he had attended a Police Oversight Board (POB) meeting earlier in the day before this CPC meeting. At that meeting, there were two officers attending. He noted the POB has been trying for two years to have good communications with the police and community. He thinks the CPC made great progress at tonight's meeting.

Visitor Question: Are we still on track to get the new SE Area Command Sub-station on Kathryn and San Mateo?

Councilor Davis: Yes. One of the challenges is that we are looking at how to partner and use the space for the community as well as the police department. The architects and design people are finishing their work and then there will be a public hearing with the neighborhoods for input. It is expected the design process will be completed this year and could possibly break ground next year.

Councilor Davis: The Sierra Motel located on Gibson has tracked several police calls. There has been an action plan developed and a strike force team has stepped in to do inspections. They have given notice to the owner of the property that the motel will be closed as a nuisance property if improvements are not made.

There has also been a tactical plan for Mesa del Sol with the PACT team to deal with issues in that area as well. They are doing great work to lower calls for service. There is a real difference in having a new administration that is trying to use tools available to think outside the box and look for ways to make sure that the DOJ relationship works well with the community. The new administration has found \$4.1 Million dollars from the DOJ that the old administration did not apply for. They are going to Deputy Chief Garcia with the Mayor to see what grants can be applied for. And also looking at a new family drug court program as there are new grants

available. They are looking for partnerships with diversion programs. It will take community support because budgets are limited.

Councilor Davis: Next Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson Middle School, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM , District Attorney Raul Torrez will talk about his new data driven prosecution program. Everyone is encouraged to come and meet with the DA.

Visitor Question: What about the dark neighborhoods and lighting issues?

Councilor Davis: The City of Albuquerque has contracted with a private company to change the orange street lights that are owned by the City to be replaced with smart LED lights. Technology is now available so that when the light is about to go out it sends a notification to the city that the light is about to go out. In some areas, lights can fluctuate between light or darkness and with a 911 call someone in the real-time crime center can turn the lights up in the area before the police can arrive in the area. This is being tested downtown. Note this only applies to lights that are owned by the city. PNM owns many of the lights in the city and the next phase is that the city has requested that PNM also replace their lights with LEDs. PNM is now working on that and it will take about a year to go through the process.

Frank Ernst: Apparently the City is trying to collect money from the Feds for the ART project. Do you know anything about that?

Councilor Davis: The City Council appropriated the money but things have not been paid for because they are not working fully. The money is on the table but the City is holding the vendors and contractors accountable. The funds are in the Federal Transportation budget, but the funding is being held in a political situation until the immigration question is answered.

Frank Ernst: Asked for input from the community visitors attending the CPC meeting to see what topics and speakers they would like to see in the future. Please pass ideas on to Ron Halbgewachs.

Chris Sylvan: How does the CPC feel about broadcasting the CPC meetings?

Ron Halbgewachs: We have discussed this in the CPC a couple of times. The CPC can schedule an Executive meeting offline for a discussion to see if this is something we want to utilize.

Visitor Question: Where do we stand with the DOJ's oversight at this point?

Steve Rickman (DOJ): We are making progress in many areas but there are deficient areas that we are working as well. He is proud of the progress that the CPCs are making. There are several hundred people across the city meeting every month. Four years ago, none of this was happening. The progress we have made with the CPCs is one aspect that he is very proud.

Albuquerque really has a lot to be proud of and he is all for broadcasting these meetings.

Congratulations to all for taking the time out of their evening to come to the meeting tonight.

Ron Halbgewachs: Even if we reach the point where we have met all of the requirements of the DOJ settlement agreement, the CPCs intend to continue to meet and work with the City, the Police Department, and the Community.

Todd Kersting: We have already met 50% of the requirements. Note the Agreement only requires the CPCs to meet twice a year. Each of the CPCs meet at least ten times a year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

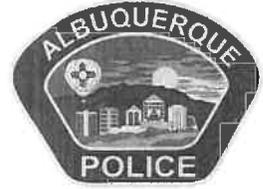
Next Meetings: February 15, March 15



Timothy M. Keller  
Mayor

# City of Albuquerque

## Albuquerque Police Department



Michael J. Geier  
Interim Chief of Police

January 18, 2018

### **Interoffice Memorandum**

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**To:** Sergeant J. Sanchez, IMPACT, Southeast Area Command  
**From:** Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS, Crime Prevention/Crime Free Programs  
**Subject:** January 2018 CPC Stats

Crime statistics for the Southeast Area Command from December 21, 2017 – January 17, 2018:

#### **1805 Incidents (excluding accidents)**

Top Categories:

#### **Property**

Larceny (All Types) – 188  
Auto Theft – 180  
Auto Burglary – 179  
Residential Burglary – 84  
Vandalism - 108  
Commercial Burglary - 46

#### **Person**

Family Offenses – 204  
Simple Assault – 53  
Aggravated Assault/Battery – 66  
Robbery (All Types) – 20  
Criminal Sexual Penetration – 5  
Homicide – 0  
Kidnapping – 3

#### **Crime Prevention/Community Engagement Activities:**

- 2 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Security Surveys for homes and businesses
- 4 Neighborhood Association Meetings/Community Events
- 3 Business/Partnership Meetings
- 2 Neighborhood Watch/Apartment Safety Social Meetings