



Southeast Area Community Policing Council (CPC)
2019 Annual Report

Purpose of the SE Area CPC (SEACPC)

The Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council (SEACPC) is working to inform the community and make lasting changes alongside the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure the Department is one the community deserves and requires. The SEACPC is working to foster better policing and community practices and community-police relationships.

SE Area Council Membership

The Council had one resignation and added new members. At the close of 2019 there were ten members serving on the Council:

Ron Halbgewachs, Chair	Kathleen Burke
Jeff Holland, Vice-Chair	Thomas Dent
Michael Kruchoski, Secretary	Bernadette Portillo
Todd Kersting	Suzy Sanchez-Beg
Jeffrey Archuleta	Andres Valdez

Other community members serving on the Council during the year:

Connie Sedillo

Diversity Statistics of Voting Members

Sex:

Male 7	Female 4
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Race:

African American	0
Hispanic	2
Hispanic/White	1

Anglo/White	8
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Age (in years):

25-34	0
35-44	4
45-54	3
55-64	2
65 >	2

Education:

14 years	2
16 years	3
18 years	5
18 years +	1

Language:

English Only	8
Bilingual (English/Spanish)	3

Military:

Active	0
Veteran	2

Meetings

The SEACPC held regular meetings each month of 2019 except March, September, and December. All meetings were held at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE (Louisiana & Kathryn SE) on the third Thursday of every month, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All of these meetings were open to the public. Every meeting began with the introduction of each board member present and each representative from the APD. Then every member of the public present introduced themselves and organizations they represented, if applicable.

Meetings always included an APD crime report for the SE Area, ride-along reports from the CPC Board members, Board discussions of APD Procedures, and time for community members to ask questions and receive answers/responses from the APD officers attending and Board Members. Many of the CPC meetings include a presentation by a representative from city government, the police department, or some organization providing services to those in need.

Meeting announcements and agenda for each month are publicized to the community through the online social network know as *Nextdoor*. Those community members attending the SEACPC meetings that have provided their email addresses also directly receive an individual email with these announcements and agenda. Information about

each of the CPC groups in the city, agendas, and minutes are available online through the City website cabq.gov.

Month	Topic and/or Guest Speaker	Attendance
January	CASA (Court-Approved Settlement Agreement) Requirements and APD Compliance Plans, Training, and Status - Commander Michelle Campbell, APD Compliance Bureau	56
February	APD Recruiting Results for 2018 and Recruiting Plans for 2019 - Detective Michelle English, Recruiting Unit	37
March	There was no meeting in March	
April	APD Problem Response Team – Commander Johnny Yara, APD SE Area Command	37
May	There were two presentations at this meeting: (1) The Independent Monitors Report (IMR)-9 Update – Commander Brett Dennison (2) 911 Communications Center – Erika Wilson, Director	41
June	Update on Recruitment Information – Detective Michelle English, Recruiting Unit	29
July	2019 Current and New Programs of the District Attorney Office - Raul Torrez, District Attorney Bernalillo County	38
August	Crisis Interventions Unit (CIU), Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST), and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) - Sgt. Diane Dosal, Behavioral Science Section Unit	27
September	There was no meeting in September	
October	Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA)– Ed Harness, Director	27
November	APD Narcotics Division – Commander Mizel Garcia	31
December	There was no meeting in December	

Other Meetings, Forums and Events

Meeting Topic	Number of Meetings	Members in Attendance
CPC/CPOB Summit w/ DOJ, City, APD, CASA Monitor	1	3
CPC Summits*	1	7
CASA Status Conference w/ Judge Brack*	2	2
APD Compliance Bureau Amici*	3	2
APD’s Coffee with a Cop*	8	3

APD's Meet and Greet Cadets *	2	5
Mayor Keller's Diversity Stakeholders Conference	1	2
Other Area CPC meetings *	4	1
Citizen's Police Academy – CPC Presentation (Sept)*	1	1
City Council	5	2
Civilian Police Oversight Agency *	3	2
Domestic Violence Crime Forum*	1	9
District 6 Coalition *	4	1
Neighborhood Associations *	7	2
National Night Out *	1	4
One ABQ Goals Summit	1	3
SE Neighborhood Watch Advocates Safety Fair*	1	2
CPC Chairs Meetings	8	1
CPC Strategic Planning Committee	3	7

***This Asterisk** denotes meetings where one or more Southeast members were guest presenters or provided CPC updates.

NOTE: List does not include voting members' contact with community members in other venues, such as: concerts, houses of worship, businesses, political/small group/neighborhood gatherings.

Achievements

The Council voting members either work for or volunteer with many organizations within the community:

- NM Veteran's Affairs Healthcare for Homeless Veterans
- NM Veteran's Affairs Employment & Intensive Services
- Endorphin Power Company – Recovering addiction residence and counseling
- Vecinos United
- APS Homeless Project
- Street Safe New Mexico
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice
- RISE New Mexico
- Tiny Homes Village
- District Attorney's Community Based Crime Reduction Council
- Coalition to End Homelessness
- New Mexico Advocacy Coalition
- American Indian Students Tutoring
- Neighborhood Crime Prevention
- Multiple Neighborhood Associations

CPC voting members attended many community sessions and performed outreach in various settings. Of importance were opportunities during neighborhood association and district coalition meetings where our members informed attendees of our goals to help strengthen the APD and community relationship.

Several members of the SE Area CPC attended the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). Required classes were selected by the Academy Course Director and attendees met with the regularly scheduled CPA for the regular class members.

The SEACPC also participated in the initial drafting of a city ordinance proposal to codify and memorialize CPCs in perpetuity after CASA parties meet full compliance. The SEACPC also voted unanimously to forward this proposal to the City Council. We have worked with other CPCs in ongoing revisions of this ordinance.

Achievements and Lessons Learned

The SEACPC worked to inform community members of meetings and special presentations. Voting members aimed to perform outreach and helped to inform the community of APD's goals, its organizational structure, responsibilities and compliance status. CPC monthly meeting attendance and engagement often varied based upon the presentation subject matter. Several times neighborhood associations would be represented by several members of the neighborhood and attending to ask questions about APD response to specific situations of theft or burglary in the neighborhood.

Recommendations

The SEACPC is looking at ways to make communication more effective between the Council, the Community, and the Police Department. Included in this effort is the use of YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook.

A survey distributed to CPC public attendees during meetings might possibly provide feedback regarding community members' diversity, topics of concern, suggestions and questions to be considered for future meetings and discussions.

- To reach out to UNM, CNM, High Schools, & Community for Younger Council Members.
- To continue to provide informative presentations to citizens and to Council Members
- To continue to prepare Recommendations to APD from the Council and to accept/review Recommendations from citizens for APD.

Submitted by:

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