



# **Foothills Policing Council Annual Report 2019**

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## **Introduction**

### **About CPC**

□ The Foothills CPC (FH CPC) was established in 2014 to facilitate and improve relations between the residents of the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Police Department.

### **Purpose**

□ The purpose of the Community Policing Council (Council) is to promote and maintain positive, respectful, supportive, and cooperative interactions between Members of the community and the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure reforms are met and sustained.

### **Membership**

□ The FH CPC has struggled to maintain a robust and diverse council. Near the end of 2019, 4 members resigned due to conflicts with personal schedules and inability to attend the Citizen Police Academy. With the completion of the December meeting, our Chair, Joe Abbin, announced his retirement and his term ended on December 31. The departure of Mr Abbin left two members of the Council, and one (Justin Hadrych-Rosier) was appointed chair for 2020 and the other (Mark Burton) is the second member.

### **Diversity**

□ The FH CPC continues to attract a diverse segment of the population from the Albuquerque Police Department Foothills Area Command. Attendees reside primarily north of Lomas, and we intend to expand that reach toward the south in the coming year.

### **Getting to work**

#### **Meetings**

□ FH CPC meetings continue to be held monthly at the Holiday Park Community Center. This center provides easy access and parking for visitors and is in a fairly central location. The meetings are well attended.

□ Announcements and invitations for each meeting are sent to more than 360 individuals from every walk of life; these folks are registered and listed on our Xcel spreadsheet. First-

time attendees are invited to add their name and contact information to our data base. Attendance at our meetings varied, with the average attendance being 35 individuals.

## **Special Meetings**

□ The FH CPC Chair convened two special meeting of the Council to interview new candidates for voting membership. Decisions on two members to be added in 2020 were made. These are Robert Carleton and Don Engdahl.

## **Activities and Achievements**

□ The FH CPC continued a program of inviting speakers and presenters at monthly meetings to further engage and educate the public. Senior judges from both the Municipal and District Courts addressed the membership on separate occasions. The Chief Deputy from the County Jail made one presentation and has agreed to a return visit. Presentations have included members of the Albuquerque Police Department, both for their routine monthly activity updates and for more focused presentations. Representatives from outside agencies have also spoken on issues of community concern.

## **Recommendations – Lessons Learned**

### **Lessons Learned**

□ The FH CPC needs to seek out more individuals from the more southern area of our Area Command. That area includes apartment complexes where residents may feel excluded from the community in general. The Council needs to expand outreach efforts to bring those residents in and hear their concerns and issues.

### **Recommendations**

□ The FH CPC seeks to increase outreach by distributing flyers, cards, and announcement posters to areas such as apartment complexes, businesses, and faith-based facilities.

□ The FH CPC needs to increase the diversity of our community attendees to attract younger members. It has proven difficult to recruit members for the Council who are still actively employed. The time commitments and requirement for APD Citizen Police Academy attendance are stumbling blocks to recruitment. Outreach to the Central New Mexico Community College campus near Juan Tabo and Montgomery might encourage students to become engaged.

□ The CPC members continue to need a method of identifying themselves to the community. This can be accomplished with business cards generally but should also include clear identification such as CPC professional name badges. Such identification would facilitate recognition and aid in outreach efforts by distinguishing CPC members from the general public, demonstrating a professional affiliation.