



**Foothills**  
**Community Policing Council**  
**Minutes**  
**January 14, 2019**

**1. Call to Order – Chair Rod Kontny 6:01 pm**

Council present: Mickey Hagg, Joe Abbin, Justin Hadrych- Rosier, David Barbour, Patricia Singh, and Mark Burton

Absent: Carmon Ryals

**Approximately 26 attended from the public, 10 from APD**

**a. Discussion of meeting guidelines**

New guidelines for the Foothills were presented.

**b. Any other opening comments**

Rod: Joe Abbin has written a book “ABQ Blues”, it is a book on how to reduce crime here in Albuquerque.

“Joe Abbin's recent book (*ABQ Blues*) is probably the best item produced by any member of the Community Policing Councils (CPC) since their inception in 2014. With 30 years of experience at both Sandia management and 35 years at the bottom of the Albuquerque Police Department (APD reserves), Joe’s book represents the best objective analysis available. The book is a superb example of how to reduce crime in Albuquerque. As a final act, I recommend that the Foothills CPC provide copies of the book, *ABQ Blues*, by Joe Abbin to the Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department for distribution to all APD Commanders.”

**c. Announcement/ vote on new board members/retirements, if any**

New voting member: Patricia Singh

**2. Old Business**

**a. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

**b. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes, second and approved.

- 3. Presentation – Guest Speaker: James Lewis on APD Community Engagement, especially with the Faith Communities** - Mr. Lewis was appointed by Mayor Tim Keller to oversee police reform and help implement community policing. Mr. Lewis spent three terms as state treasurer and two terms as treasurer for Bernalillo County. He also worked as assistant secretary of the Department of Energy, where he oversaw the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity. He served as chief of staff to Governor Bruce King in the 1990s and as Albuquerque’s chief administrative officer under Mayor Martin Chavez.

The CPC have many responsibilities in the community, policing is not the easiest. Since the Mayor came in, he took over the CASA and has tried to reconstruct outreach. We have one Albuquerque, and one Albuquerque means the engagement has to look into everything, issues we are facing nowadays are poverty, education and etc. About 71% of people graduate here in Albuquerque. People expect police to do it all, but they cannot, it takes a community to solve these problems. CASA states constitutions policing, which means that a homeless have the right to be treated like anyone else, the only way to get out of this CASA is to comply with it. The judge has the final say to any issues with CASA. The faith community has been trying to see how they could help them. I have been trying to see how the police can work more with the faith community; they have all these silos in the city.

Q: What are the rights of an illegal immigrant?

A: Commander Collins: Due to an SOP, we are not to enforce anything under the umbrella immigration law.

Q: In the police department, there were volunteers, why does the police department not use more volunteers?

A: There is a lot of security they have to go through; some do not want to go over all the requirements.

Q: Is there a number people can call in regards to volunteering?

A: Yes, I do not have the resource sheet with me, but I can have Chris get that (number) out.

Q: APD used to put out a monthly report, what happened to that?

A: RTCC has been working on that, we only have one crime prevention person, and she has taken a lot of tasks, and there is no easy way to do it right now. Use Crimemapping.com for now

Q: Could this be a volunteer job?

A: It can be.

#### **4. APD Presentations**

##### **a. Crime Report – Commander Collins**

- Commercial Robberies: 22
- Robbing individual: 3
- Commercial Burglaries: 25
- Auto Burglaries: 100
- Sexual assault calls: 7
- Batteries call: 63
- Shootings call: 2
- Stabbings call: 2

Q: What is the difference between home invasion and home burglary?

A: Home invasion is when you are home, and they force themselves inside, burglary is when no one is home.

##### **b. Use of Force**

There were a total of 6 Use of Force incidents reported; 3 supervision of force reviews, 2 shows of force, and 1 serious use of force.

#### **5. New Business**

a. **Next meeting:** February 11, 2019

##### **b. Neighborhood issues/ crime:**

Comment: Concerns about Embudito Park as there are needles in the park and alcohol bottles left in the park. A suggestion was that officers could do paperwork in the park or at least make a presence.

Comment: There may be sales of underage buying at the liquor store on Tramway and Lomas. Recommend to talk to Lt Garrett for crime prevention. Non-citations have been issued for this store. This was a suggestion to APD.

- Recruitment: There have been 1,000 inquiries to APD.
- Recently we had 17 cadets and 27 laterals graduate.

## **6. Status of Recommendations from FH CPC**

We had a CPC Summit in December, and we spoke about a revamping a new system for the recommendations, and we are working on getting all the outstanding recommendation done.

## **7. Discussion and Vote on Recommendations**

The chairman made a recommendation that the Chief to distribute “ABQ Blues” out to all 12 APD Commanders.

The motion was seconded and approved. Books were provided on this night to Chris to deliver for delivery to APD staff.

Q: Can these books be put out on Libraries?

A: Yes, the book is available in the reference library on Edith and Central. The book will be for sale in February on Amazon.

## **8. Rod Kontny Farewell Comments**

Being a cop has become more dangerous in the US, it is more dangerous than being in the military. I had a very good run in the CPC, but it is now time to do something else.

## **9. Adjournment**

**Adjourned 7:41 pm**

### **Acronyms:**

**CASA: Court Approved Settlement Agreement**

**CPC: Community Policing Council**

**SOP: Standard Operating Procedures**

**RTCC: Real Time Crime Center**