



Northeast Area Community Policing Council 2019 Annual Report

Purpose of the NE Area CPC

Our council strives to promote and maintain positive, respectful, supportive and cooperative interactions to strengthen the community and APD relationship.

Diversity Statistics of Voting Members

Sex:

Male 1	Female 6
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Race:

African American	1
Hispanic	1
Hispanic/White	2
White	3

Age (in years):

25-34	0
35-44	1
45-54	1
55-64	3
65 +	2

Education:

14 years	0
16 years	2
18 years	4
18 years +	1

Language:

English Only	5
Bilingual (English/Spanish)	2

Military:

Active	0
Veteran	1

Members include: Chair Vicki Williams, Vice-Chair Brennan Williams, Secretary Dorothy Woodward, Troy Taylor, Ane Romero, Cassandra Morrison and Tammy Jo Martinez.

One member resigned: Eric Olivas, June. One member installed: Tammy Jo Martinez, October.

Meetings

Month	Topic and/or Guest Speaker	Attendance
January	APD Crimes Against Children Unit, Detective M. O'Brien	29
February	CPOA Director E. Harness; APD Public Safety Advisor J. Lewis; CASA Update, Cmdr. M. Campbell.	22
March	APD Recruiting Unit; Author J. Abbin - "ABQ Blues"	17
May	CASA IMR-9. Cmdr. M. Campbell	23
July	Crime Prevention, Franchesca Perdue	30
September	NM Children, Youth & Family Dept. Brian Blalock	28
November	APD Recruiting Unit and NEAC Officers	29

Note: 2019 general meetings were staggered---three (3) fewer meetings than previous years.

Other Meetings, Forums and Events

Meeting Topic or Type	Number of Meetings	Members in Attendance
CASA Status Hearing *	1	2
CASA Status Conference	1	1
Amici – APD Compliance Bureau	3	2
CPC Summit *	1	4
City Council *	4	2
City Council District 4 Coalition *	10	2
Civilian Police Oversight Board *	4	2
APD NE Area Command Appreciation Picnic	1	4

APD NE Area Command Meet & Greet New Officers	1	1
APD Coffee/Queso with a Cop	2	1
Citizen Police Academy – CPC Presentation (Sept) *	1	1
APD Crisis Intervention Training	1	1
Citizen Police Academy – Use of Force	1	1
Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association – CPC Presentation *	1	1
MHRAC	1	1
National Night Out	1	1
Neighborhood Associations *	4	2
Northeast Neighborhood Watch Safety Advocates	1	1
CPC Chairs	8	2
CPC Strategic Planning Committee	6	2
CPC Strategic Sessions *	3	6
Other Area Command CPC General Meetings *	30	2
Mayor Keller’s CPC Diversity Stakeholders Conference	1	2
Palo Duro Senior Center *	1	2
Broadcast Media Interviews (PBS, KOB, KRQE, 2 KASA Telemundo) *	4	2
ABQ Summerfest	1	5
Homelessness Forum * (Read below.)	1	6
Domestic Violence Forum * (Read below.)	1	5
Homeless Agencies’ Outreach	1	1

***Asterisk** denotes meetings where at least one Northeast member was guest speaker/presenter 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

During the December 8, 2018, CPC Public Summit, one Northeast member appealed to others stating CPCs should consider holding fewer monthly meetings in order to advance collaboration for a more cohesive body. Northeast chose to stagger general meetings and make use of open time to inform the public of our goals and to perform outreach fostering greater diverse public engagement. See above list.

Given the need to fine tune CPCs, **three (3) Strategic Planning Sessions were held.**

Two Northeast members had the opportunity to call attention to our goals and special events via television interviews with KOB-TV, PBS, KRQE and 2 KASA Telemundo.

June 9, Homelessness Forum. Attendance: Approximately 53 public members, 5 APD. Guest speakers included former homeless persons and resource/service agencies. Event promoted by Vicki Williams on KOB-TV. Video by 2 KASA Telemundo reporter who conducted a quick off-camera interview with Dorothy Woodward.

October 26, Domestic Violence Forum. Public attendance not available, but very low. Three (3) APD. Seventeen (17) guest speakers. Hosted by Northeast with assistance of members from four (4) other area command CPCs. Seven (7) months were spent planning and coordinating with speakers, CPC volunteers, APD Outreach, African American Performing Arts Center (AAPAC) staff and donors of refreshments.

Domestic Violence Forum planning committee members: Dorothy Woodward, Vicki Williams, Virginia Perz-Ortega, Office of District Attorney Program Coordinator and Mark Bussemeier, APD Head Chaplain. On October 26, D. Woodward served as emcee and V. Williams as lobby/volunteer coordinator. Chaplain Bussemeier delivered forum invocation.

Forum was promoted/announced: August CASA hearing, Strategic Planning Sessions, other area CPC meetings, District 4 Coalition, City website events page, social media, community associations in International District and immigrant/refugee service groups. Spanish translation of flyers was provided by Virginia Perez-Ortega who also arranged for interpreters during forum. D. Woodward composed a two-page article featured in Office of Neighborhood Coordination's October newsletter.

To help spread the word about the forum, APD Lt. Ferris Simmons promoted it in several call to KKOB-AM talk radio.

Press releases written by D. Woodward were issued three (3) times to television/radio/print media, Albuquerque Public Schools, City Councilors, Chambers of Commerce and more.

D. Woodward and CPC Manager Chris Sylvan were interviewed on KRQE-TV, October 17. Southeast CPC member Mike Kruchoski filmed forum. A KOB-TV reporter covered forum's second half. AAPAC generously extended us an additional hour.

Although public attendance was low, the speakers, in their integrity and patience, imparted valuable information about their services and resources. In the months of planning and during the forum, most speakers stated we should plan to host a forum every year. They commented October 26 was the first time they all shared the stage.

Lessons Learned

Again, Northeast voting members aimed to perform outreach and helped to inform the community of APD's goals, its organizational structure, responsibilities and compliance status. General meeting attendance, engagement and lack of diversity left much to be desired.

Suffice it to say, city residents and businesses know little to nothing about CPCs. Local journalists/reporters are present for CASA conferences/hearings, CPOB meetings and other events where CPCs issue presentations or statements. Yet, in follow up calls to media about the Domestic Violence Forum, editors questioned if Mayor Keller, Chief Geier and DA Torrez planned to announce the forum in a press conference and would they be physically present as speakers.

What we learned is that submitting our own press releases hold no sway with the media. We also learned not to take for granted that the public knows of our existence, purpose, mission and vision.

Recommendations

In consensus, Northeast returns to holding monthly meetings in 2020. This means members should commit to doing their best to perform wider outreach. In brainstorming during the 2019 Strategic Planning Sessions, we acknowledged our weaknesses and learned how open dialogue and collaboration can yield remarkable meaning and sustainability to move forward. Now we must put to practice all those tools.

We strongly suggest that the Mayor's administration, City Public Information Office, APD chain of command and city councilors waive their reluctance to provide CPCs more support in furthering our goal to help bridge a community and APD relationship of mutual trust.