

# NORTHEAST COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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## INTRODUCTION

### ABOUT ALBUQUERQUE COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCILS (CPCs)

The Albuquerque Community Policing Councils (CPCs) were established under the Court-Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) in United States v. City of Albuquerque (Case No. 1:14-cv-01025). Their mission is to foster communication, collaboration, and trust between the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and the community through advisory roles. The NE CPC tasked itself in 2025 with introducing the public to multiple departments of the Albuquerque Police Department, increasing membership and formulating closer ties with the NE community.

### PURPOSE

The Albuquerque Community Policing Councils aim to:

- Review APD policies and community policing strategies;
- Convey community feedback to APD;
- Advise on recruitment diversity and transparency;
- Ensure constitutional policing practices; and
- Have members of the NE CPC attend local events held by both APD and others to communicate with the public about the CPCs.

### MEMBERSHIP

The NE CPC saw a total of six members in 2025 and finished the year with a total of five members. As of this writing, the NE CPC has two additional community members who have expressed interest in joining in the coming month or two.

### DIVERSITY STATISTICS

DEMOGRAPHIC	NUMBER
Hispanic/Latino	2
White	3
African American	1
Other/Declined	0

## GETTING TO WORK

### MEETINGS

The NE CPC held a total of 10 public meetings in 2025. Meetings were held the months of February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November. All meetings with the exception of November, were available to attend in-person at the North Domingo Baca Community Center or via Zoom. The topics and attendance were as follows:

#### **February:**

- **APD Compliance and Oversight Board Commander Jason Sanchez** spoke about the CASA Agreement. He explained that there had been a pattern and practice of unnecessary and excessive use of force by APD officers which, in 2014, led to the CASA Agreement. He explained that APD was responsible for 276 paragraphs. Each paragraph is measurable and has a component dictating and governing APD operations.
- **Chief Policy Advisor Xochitl Campos-Biggs** attended via Zoom, speaking about the Metro Crime Initiative, several legislative bills currently being worked on, Crisis Intervention Detectives and Red Flag Laws, as well as a change in auto theft penalties.
- **APD NE Area Commander Ryan Nelson** provided crime statistics from January 2025.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** provided information on an upcoming Coffee with A Cop event.

#### **March:**

- **Markela Clinton of the Mayor's Office** spoke about the Metro Homelessness. This was followed by discussions and questions with attendees and CPC Council members.
- **City Councilor Dan Champine** attended via Zoom, speaking about the current legislative session in Santa Fe and the capital budget outlay.
- **NE Area Commander Ryan Nelson** provided February 2025 crime statistics. He also spoke about the bid that just took effect and the impact it had on the NE Command Area's officer staffing.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** was present to answer questions.

#### April:

- **APD Chief Harold Medina** attended via Zoom, speaking about the status of the CASA agreement, recruitment and retention stating that the biggest struggle is IN recruiting dispatchers and telecommunicators. He explained that over the past year new units were established to target property crime offenders with outstanding warrants, in addition to the creation of a Nest Team to work with the unhousted and an additional PRT was added to the SE Area Command. In addition, he spoke briefly about the officers involved in the DWI corruption.
- **NE CPC Member Kathy Kleyboecker** spoke regarding the NACOLE Youth and Officer Interaction webinar she attended. The webinar focused on police interactions with youth offenders discussing why there should be laws specific to juveniles as they process information differently than an adult.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** spoke about upcoming events: VIN Etching; a new Dog-Walker Watch program being implemented; and the FBI Academy for teens.

#### May:

- **Crimestoppers Program Board Member Desiree Aguilera** spoke about Crimestoppers, it's purpose, rewards for crime and what is going on with the program. She also taught attendees how to use the Crime Stoppers website.
- **NE Area Commander Ryan Nelson** provided April 2025 crime statistics.
- **CPC's Liaison to APD Byron Powdrell** spoke about the City's upcoming summer youth program, Summer of Non-Violence.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** provided a Tip of the Month on crime prevention.

#### June:

- **APD Academy Division Commander J. Viers** spoke about the APD Academy, what is involved in attending the Academy and what it takes to successfully complete the Academy. He also spoke about APD's Citizen's Police Academy.
- **NE Area Commander Ryan Nelson** provided May 2025 crime statistics and also spoke about decreases seen in various crime categories.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** was available for questions.

#### July:

- **Bernalillo County Metro Detention Center Warden Kai Smith and Deputy Warden McCain.** Warden Smith spoke about the challenges faced at MDC with staffing and the inmate population, the McLendon court order mandating limits on inmate populations, and MDC's budget. Deputy Warden McCain spoke about housing at MDC, speaking of the various units necessary to provide for higher risk inmates, those dealing with substance abuse and detox, mental health illnesses, and chronic medical conditions.
- **NE Area Commander Amy Sedler** introduced herself and gave a brief history of her time in APD. She provided crime statistics for June 2025 and also spoke about how vacant properties are being vandalized.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** provided information regarding auto theft prevention and new technology thieves are using to steal vehicles. She also provided information on when to call 242-COPS, 911 or 311. Angie gave information about upcoming community outreach programs: Nordstrom Rack with OCU detectives speaking about retail theft as well as National Night Out.

#### August:

- **Director of Emergency Communication Jessica Solis** explained how the dispatch system works with calls coming into 911 and 242-COPS. She explained the order calls are dealt with and also discussed the Smart 911 app.
- **City Counselor Brooke Bassan** told of plans for a remodel of the NE Area Command Substation. Speaking about other items City Council is working with, she discussed the upcoming Land Use Planning and Zoning committee meeting as well as discussions regarding revisiting and discussing changes to Safe Outdoor Spaces again.
- **NE Area Commander Amy Sedler** explained the watch system within APD: Day, Swing and Graveyard shifts. She also provided July 2025 crime statistics.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** provided information about an upcoming free VIN Etching Event at UNM Stadium.

#### September:

- **APD Chief of Police Harold Medina** presented his Fall 2025 State of the Department Address followed by questions from attendees. He discussed: being in full compliance with the CASA Consent Decree as of now; how all major crime categories have declined in the past ten years, how the National Guard is helping officers be able to respond to calls for service by providing scene security; that homicides are down with an 83% clearance rate in 2025; and recruiting statistics.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** provided August 2025 crime statistics. She also discussed several issues going on in the NE regarding salespersons going door to door implying they work for PNM when in fact, they do not. She provided information regarding an upcoming Coffee with A Cop event.

#### October:

- **APD DWI Unit Lt. Lawrence Monte** explained what goes into a DWI arrest, including standard field sobriety testing as well as HB-sec 20's amendment which now allows an officer to obtain a search warrant to obtain a blood sample if the offender has refused one. He spoke about the unit being rebuilt after the DWI corruption.

- **NE Area Command Lt. Pete Silva** provided September 2025 crime statistics and answered questions from attendees on various topics.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** provided a safety tip regarding debris that could spark fires started by the homeless.

**November (ZOOM Only Meeting):**

- **NE Area Commander Amy Sedler** provided October 2025 crime statistics. She also spoke at length regarding her Fall Operations Top Priorities. She stated they are gearing up for the holiday tactical plan focusing on Uptown and Coronado Mall areas, as well as working with Sandia Pueblo over the next couple of months in an operation specific to drag racing.
- **NE Proactive Response Team (PRT) St. Orion Murphy** discussed how the NE PRT operates and the functions they perform as it pertains to crime, encampments, and citations for drug use, although their primary focus is on retail crime. He also provided statistics for the month of October.
- **Crime Prevention Specialist Angie Casias** provided information regarding the City’s reinstated Window Grant Program for businesses with vandalized windows. She also provided tips to the community to keep their homes and their neighbor’s homes safe throughout the holidays.
- **New Member:** Martha Plummer, owner of the Happy Cat Hotel & Spa, introduced herself as the newest NE CPC member.

**December:**

- NE CPC meeting canceled due to the holidays.
- Two NE CPC members attended the Working Dinner at the Albuquerque Museum.

**ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
In Person	N/A	8	11	12	12	9	14	18	8	10	N/A	N/A
Online	N/A	8	7	13	14	5	8	9	9	14	13	N/A

**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- **Policy Reviews:** The NE Council reviewed no policies in 2024.
- **Community Outreach:** The Council attended the Hodgin Neighborhood Association Meeting, APD’s Dog-Watch Training Event, Cops, Cones & Clues and Pizza with a Cop events.
- **APD Collaboration:** One NE CPC member attended and graduated the Citizen’s Policing Academy in 2025. No members went on ride-alongs.
- **Recommendations:** No recommendations were made in 2025 due to the NE CPC consisting of mostly new members who were learning the ropes.

**LESSONS LEARNED**

- **Engagement:** More face-to-face public outreach from Council members is necessary. This can be accomplished by more Neighborhood Association meeting visits and CPC members attending APD events such as Coffee with A Cop.
- **Challenges:** The NE CPC was not adequately staffed, ending 2025 with only five members. Also, trying to engage the community into participation has been extremely challenging.
- **APD Response Time:** APD supported the NE CPC by sending a representative to every meeting. Chief Medina addressed the NE CPC on two occasions via Zoom.
- **Recommendations for Next Year:** Work on increasing membership and attendance for both the NE CPC itself as well as community members. Encourage in-person attendance at meetings by City Councilors as they have drawn more community members to meetings they attended in the past. In addition, begin working on Policy Reviews as a group.

**CONCLUSIONS**

- NE CPC participation levels fluctuated over the year for both attendees and Council members. Throughout 2025, the NE CPC was in the process of reorganizing after the loss of most of its membership during late 2024 and early 2025. The goal is to be a stronger Council with improved Council membership and improved community attendance in 2026.