



Northwest Community Policing Council  
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## *Introduction*

### About CPC

- The Northwest 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 NW CPC has maintained a robust council, ending the year with seven voting members from a variety of racial and ethnic groups, sexes, and ages.

### Diversity

- The NW CPC continues to attract a diverse segment of the population from the Albuquerque Police Department Northwest Area Command. Attendees continue to be focused primarily on the more northern neighborhoods, though, an area of concern that we look to address in the coming year.

## *Getting to work*

### Meetings

- NW CPC meetings continue to be held on a monthly basis at the Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center. This center provides easy access and parking for visitors and is located in a fairly central location. The meetings are well attended.

### Special Meetings

- The NW CPC has held two special meetings of the Council to interview new candidates for voting membership and to strategize on future meetings.

### Activities and Achievements

- The NW CPC continued a program of inviting speakers and presenters at monthly meetings to further engage and educate the public. These presentations have included members of the Albuquerque Police Department and representatives from outside agencies. Speakers and presenters are chosen to address community concerns and issues.
- The NW CPC Facebook page was created this year, allowing us to post information about upcoming meetings and community events. Other social media platforms have been considered but do not provide sufficient benefit to warrant their use at this time.

- A Suggestion Box was acquired and placed at the Northwest Area Command Substation. The goal of the Box is to allow written suggestions to be left at any time for the Council.
- The Council still has numerous Recommendations outstanding. APD has attempted to institute a new process for handling the Recommendations from CPC's.

### *Recommendations – Lessons Learned*

#### Lessons Learned

- The NW 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.
- Watching topics of discussion on the Nextdoor app have sparked interest in the NW CPC meetings and allowed us to bring in new community members. This will continue to be a useful tool in outreach efforts.

#### Recommendations

- The NW CPC seeks to increase outreach to areas that are currently underrepresented at meetings. This will be accomplished by distributing flyers, cards, and announcement posters to areas such as apartment complexes, businesses, places of worship, and faith-based facilities. The Council will consider holding special meetings at community locations in the southern area.
- The NW CPC Facebook page has proven difficult to populate with content. Although we link to community events and post notices of upcoming meetings, there is little original content to draw new users in. The Council will continue looking for ways to improve our social media presence.
- The NW CPC needs to increase the diversity of our community attendees to attract younger members. It is unclear how to recruit and seat voting members under the age of 18, though, and comply with the requirements of the APD background check and attendance at the APD Citizen's Police Academy as mandated in the Court Approved Settlement Agreement. Outreach to the Central New Mexico Community College campus in the Northwest Area Command may encourage students to become engaged.
- The CPC voting members 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 clothing, patches, or 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.