

NORTHWEST  
COMMUNITY  
POLICING COUNCIL  
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*Annual reports should be no more than 4 pages long and should all be in the same format (monitors want consistency). This does not have to be all written. It can be charts or diagrams to show diversity, membership or attendance stats. The monitors want to see information summarized or in chart/diagram form.*

*Recommendations should be anything the council would like to do differently in the future based on the lessons learned from the current year.*

## Introduction

### About CPC

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 NWCPC tasked itself in 2024 with introducing the public to multiple departments of the Albuquerque Police Department, increasing membership and formulating closer ties with the NE.

### Purpose

CPCs aim to:

- Review APD policies and community policing strategies.
- Convey community feedback to APD.
- Advise on recruitment diversity and transparency.
- Ensure constitutional policing practices. Additionally, members of the NWCPC attended local events held by both APD and others.

### Membership

**The NECPC saw a total of 10 members in 2024 and finished the year with a total of five as of the writing of this report, our membership is steady at five.**

### Diversity Stats

Demographics	#
Hispanic/Latino	1
White	9
African American	0
Other/Declined	0
Male	4 <sup>6</sup>
Female	

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## Getting to Work

### Meetings

- **Public Meetings:**(Minimum 2 per year per Area Command.)

The NW CPC held a total of 10 meetings in 2024 with meetings during the months of January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September, October and November. The topics and attendance were as follows:

**January:** CASA update with Commander Lavandazzo/Area Commander Patterson.

**February:** Deputy Director of ACS Jodi Esquibel and Division Manager Walter Adams with presentation on Albuquerque Community Safety. Attorney Carlton T. Mayers II on “What happens after the CASA?”

**March:** Area Commander Chris Patterson/ US Attorney Aja Brooks/ CPOA Investigator and Deputy Director, Robert Grooms and Diane McDermott/ Chris Plystone from Albuquerque Community Safety.

**April:** Jodi Newton Savvy Firearms Academy spoke about women’s self-protection. Yazmin Garcia Crime Victim Advocate spoke about her organization the Arc of New Mexico/Ed Perea Sr. Policy Advisor for City Law Enforcement.

**May:** Valley CPC Member Phil Jameson explains the new Use of Force Working Group/ US Attorney’s Office Aja Brooks/ City Councilor Louie Sanchez.

**July:** Karinna Solares, Office of the District Attorney spoke about July the DA’s office summer programs. Detective Jennifer Giron, IMR-update/ APD Liaison Byron Powdrell spoke about the Summer of Nonviolence.

**August:** Chief Justice Josh Sanchez, Judge Shonetta Estrada, CEO Lissa Lowe, a PIO Camille Baca of Albuquerque Metro Court spoke about diversion programs.

**September:** NW Area Command Graveyard Commander, Lt. Thomas Ivey/Real Time Crime Center Deputy Commander Andy Rodriguez.

**October:** Crime Prevention Specialist Pete Gelabert/ Area Commander Chris Patterson/ Alyssa Skrepcinski, US Attorney’s Office Law Enforcement and Community Outreach Coordinator.

**November:** Chief Harold Medina gave his bi-annual update.

## **Activities & Achievements**

1. **Policy Reviews:** NW Council reviewed no policies in 2024
2. **Community Outreach:** Northeast Council attended local coffee-with-a-cop events as well as reaching out to local restaurants for food and drink donations for the meetings.
3. **APD Collaboration:** No NWCPC members attended the Citizen’s Policing Council, or did a ride along in 2024

4. **Recommendations:** NW Council submitted three recommendations: 24-3; Rotation of Personnel Assigned to Specialized Units. This was written in light of the DWI Scandal in order to prevent this sort of thing from happening again by moving personnel around before corruption can take place. 24-4; Organization Chart Update, requesting that APD keep its chart updated more regularly, and 24-8 to address inadequate fueling solutions available to NW officers. 24-3 was denied as “not necessary,” 24-4 was denied as the Chief deemed quarterly updates sufficient, and 24-8 was denied for being fiscally irresponsible.
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### **Lessons from This Year**

- **Engagement:** Prospective members should be more thoroughly qualified for what their plans are with the CPC. We had a few members who left after a very-short tenure in 2024.
- **Challenges:** Council staffing and meeting attendance continues to be an issue.
- **APD Involvement:** APD supported the NWCPC by sending a representative to every meeting. Chief Medina addressed Council, and Recommendation received a response withing 30 days.

### **Recommendations for Next Year**

None in the pipeline now.

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### **Conclusion**

NECPC participation ebbed and flowed this year amongst both attendees and Council members. The Council is reorganizing slowly from a loss of most of its membership, and is attempting to be stronger in 2025.

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### **Attachments:**

None included.