Northeast Community Policing Council, 2021 Annual Report

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About CPC
The Northwest CPC was established in 2014 to facilitate and improve relations between the residents of the Northwest Area Command 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 started the year with six voting members and ended with eight including a new chair, the same vice-chair and several new members. Several long termed members retired and one new member moved to the CPOA, as recruiting continued. Many of the previous members including the out-going chair had been in place since the NWCPC began in 2014.

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Diversity
The NW CPC continues to attract a diverse segment of the population from the Albuquerque Police Department Northwest Area Command. Our area command is just under half Hispanic and just under half white with about 3% black and 3% Asian. We attempt to match our demographics to these measures and to balance points of view and interest. We have several new members who live or work in the Southern and middle sections of our area command which has broadened our focus in 2021. Diversity of attendance seems to have also broadened in 2021 with more concerns and issues in the middle and Southern edges of the command coming to the table.

Getting to work
Meetings
The NWCPC held eleven virtual Zoom meetings in 2021 with a break in December. We averaged six of the eight panel members in attendance and an average of 33 community members at each meeting. In 2022 we will work on outreach to ensure the community is aware of our work and all who wish to engage know when and where. In 2022 we will work on communications with the community to further engage them in community policing. Each meeting featured the following:
- An update from the area commander
- Crime Statistics Update
- Police Recruiting
- One or more presentation on topics of interest to the community regarding police procedures and policies, the CASA and IMRs, and new safety departments.

Special Meetings
Due to covid training and special meetings were not available.

Activities and Achievements
The NWCPC had a fairly smooth transition in 2021 after facing many changes
- New City Contacts - change from dealing primarily with Ed Harkness to Kelly Mensah. Not a challenge, but a change.
- The chair of the committee retired as did all but one of the longest termed members. The Vice Chair successfully organized and chaired the committee until a new chair was elected.
- The NWCPC was able to maintain and grow membership in 2021.

Recommendations/Lessons Learned
- The NWCPC has improved input from the more southern area of our Area Command. We included a special focus on recruiting from the South.
- The use of Zoom for meetings has proven to be a viable alternative to in-person meetings and the CPC liaison assisted in the development of a hybrid model to be deployed mid 2022, when we are able to meet in person again.

Recommendations
- The NWCPC will reiniate efforts in 2022 to increase outreach in mid year, establishing a NWCPC Newsletter to be sent via email and posted on the web site at no cost to the CPC.
- The NWCPC Facebook page remains 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 council needs to appoint a communications lead and committee who can work on outreach, maintain the webpage and design, write and distribute the newsletter in 2022.
- The NWCPC seeks to improve engagement with APD officers. We are encouraging ride alongs, attendance in the Citizens Academy and attendance at Coffee with Cops and other APD community events.
• The NW CPC needs more gender balance on the panel however most of the applicants are females. We will work on gender and other inclusiveness measures in 2022.