

# NORTHWEST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL



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The purpose of the Northwest Community Policing Council (NWCPC) is to re-establish community trust in the Albuquerque Police Department (APD). The vision is to be a bridge between APD and the Northwest Area Command's employees and the community where we have coherence and collaboration among the CPCs and reciprocity with other agencies... Our aim is to facilitate increased communication between the citizens of Albuquerque, Businesses, Organizations and the Police Department.

**City Bill Established the Community Policing Councils as part of the CASA (the Court Approved Settlement Agreement), codifying the city's commitment to continue the growth of community policing in Albuquerque**

**Join us August 16th at 6PM. This month's crime update will be Cmdr David Saladin and Crime Specialist Pete Gelabert from the NW Area Command. Our featured presentation this month will be Officer Jeffery Bludworth who will give us a deep dive into the Multi-Agency Task Force.**

**We will Meet in person at the Don Newton Community Center 4900 Kachina NW on Taylor Ranch near Montano or alternatively, meetings can be attended via zoon. To register IN ADVANCE click:**

[https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCw](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCw)

**We do not have openings on the NW panel but do on the SWCPC. To become a member of a CPC:**

<https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-application>  
**And send Karen a note at [NorthWestCPC@cabq.gov](mailto:NorthWestCPC@cabq.gov)**

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## HANDY LINKS

### **Important Links:**

#### **All 2023 Meeting recordings –**

<https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-meeting-recordings>

#### **Meeting Minutes Archive –**

<https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-minutes>

## PANEL

The NWPC is made up of up to eleven volunteers.

Karen Schwartz—Chair  
Marsella Duarte—Vice Chair  
Terra Bernheisel  
Mike Brewer  
Edward Buttner  
Jacquelyn Cooke  
Ken Cox  
Jeff Miller  
Paul Mondragon  
Phillip Ramirez  
Susan Jennings-Schwinn

### July Meeting Highlights

Note: The July meeting can be viewed in its entirety at the link listed above. This was a very informative presentation about Case Catcher - don't miss the replay! Here is a quick Overview:

Our presentations started with the NW Area Command crime report from the Northwest Area Command. The crime report shows continued decreases in residential and commercial crime in the NW area command, month to month and year to date compared to last year. They continue to focus on traffic including noise and red light camera runners and on commercial burglaries and robberies. Shoplifting continues to be a challenge in all sectors of the city. The Northwest continues to lead the city in minimizing uses of force interactions. The many arrests and citations written are having a positive impact on crime. Commander Rene Barazas gave the Southwest Crime update and information on gang activity and PRTs work to keep parks safe. Crime Specialist Pete Gelabert gave an update on upcoming local outreach events with opportunities to meet up at McDonalds for a gathering of police resources including K-9, robots, the mounted unit on their horses and more. (note this event had to be cancelled).

Our first guest speaker was Kyle Hartsock who spoke on Case Catcher software tool and how it is used in the Shield Unit and DA's Office to support prosecutions and to proactively stop criminal activity. Next Asa Brooks from the US Attorney's office spoke to us about her role in community outreach and the CASA as well as her perspectives on the CPCs and how we can add value to the community's efforts to fight crime.

Our August 16th meeting will feature Officer Jeffery Bludworth speaking on the Multi-Agency Task Force. Officer Jeff Bludworth joined the Albuquerque Police Department in 2012. He has served in all area commands, including bike patrol. He is Enhanced Crisis Intervention Certified.