

CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Southeast Area Community Policing Council

2017 Annual Report

The Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council (SEACPC) is working to inform the community and make lasting changes alongside the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure the Department is one the community requires. The SEACPC is working to foster better policing and community practices and community-police relationships.

The Council has added new members and at the close of 2017 there were nine members serving on the Council:

Ron Halbgewachs, Chair
Frank Ernst, Vice-Chair
Michael Kruchoski, Secretary
Todd Kersting
Paula Metzner

Caroline Monie
Jeffrey Archuleta
Amir Chapel
Kathleen Burke

Meetings:

The SEACPC held regular meetings each month of 2017 except December. All meetings were held at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE (Louisiana & Kathryn SE) on the third Thursday of every month, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All of these meetings were open to the public. Every meeting began with the introduction of each board member present and each representative from the APD. Then every member of the public present introduced themselves and organizations they represented, if applicable.

Total attendance of the public for the year was 186. This equates to an average of 17 individuals from the public at each meeting. Including the number of Board members and representatives of APD, the average number of persons at each meeting was 30.

Meetings always include an APD crime report for the SE Area, ride-along reports from the CPC Board members, Board discussions of APD Procedures, and time for community members to ask questions and receive answers/responses from the APD officers attending and Board Members. Many of the CPC meetings include a presentation by a representative from city government, the police department, or some organization providing services to those in need.

Meeting announcements and agenda for each month are publicized to the community through the online social network know as *Nextdoor*. Those community members attending the SEACPC meetings that have provided their email addresses also directly receive an individual email with these announcements and agenda. Information about each of the CPC groups in the city, agendas, and minutes are available online through the City website cabq.gov.

Presentations:

January:

Danny Whatley, Director, The Rock at Noon Day, "Mental Health Issues & the Homeless & Interactions".

Jennifer Metzler, Executive Director, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless.

February:

Erika Wilson, Manager of the APD Emergency Communications Center speaking on the 911 and 242 functions of the Center.

March:

Celina Espinoza, APD, speaking on the DOJ 5th Monitor's Report released on March 2, 2017, An Update & Report Overview to the Public.

April:

City Councilor Patrick Davis, District 6

a. Issues that are currently being discussed regarding APD by City Council and
b. Agency other than APD to take the lead into shootings by APD officers and in-custody death investigations.

May:

Lt. Bret White, APD, APD Policy & Procedures SOP 2.52 Use of Force

June:

APD Forward Coalition – Paul Haidle, ACLU of New Mexico and others from the Coalition discussed their independent review and findings, focusing on the 5th DOJ Monitor's Report. The independent review was presented by Nancy Koenigsberg, Senior Attorney Disability Rights New Mexico; Rev. Susan Allison Hatch, Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande; and Adriann Barboa, Director of Strong Families New Mexico.

July:

Sgt. Roger Legendre and Lt. Paul Duran discussed the goals of the PACT (Police and Community Together) initiative.

August:

No special presentation this month. The focus of the CPC was (1) Finalization of the SEACPC Guidelines, (2) SEACPC Strategic Planning, and (3) Discussion of the APD SOP 2.52 "Use of Force".

September:

Detective Christopher Whigham provided information on APD Lapel Cameras:
What and How.

October:

No special presentation this month. The focus of the CPC was the continued discussion of the APD SOP 2.52 "Use of Force" and related SOPs.

November:

APD Officer Russell Alberti, APD Recruiting, discussed the recruiting, training, and hiring processes of APD Officers.

December:

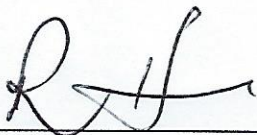
No Meeting.

What's Next?

The SEACPC is looking at ways to make communication more effective between the Council, the Community, and the Department. Included in this effort is the possible use of YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook.

Expect completion of the review and recommendations for the SOP 2.52 Use of Force and related SOPs.

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