



Southeast Community Policing Council

Zoom Meeting: 10-21-2021

Approximately 11 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and sworn.

CPC members present: Suzy Sanchez-Beg, Ron Halbegwachs, Angelo Ragland, Mike Kruchoski, Jeffrey Archuleta

CPC member Absent: Angel Garcia

1. Call to order – 6:00 PM

2. Approval of October Agenda – Approved.

3. Approval of September Minutes – Amended to add Zoom recording link. Approved.

4. APD Chief of Police update

- Chief Harold Medina reported that Albuquerque is continuing to see an increase in violent crime categories. He described an operation called “Turn the Tide.” Resources were given to investigations to get their violent and homicides cases done, so there was an improvement in homicide case arrests made. They will continue to distribute resources as appropriate. Forty-seven cadets are graduating on October 22, 2021; there are sixteen at the CNM academy. An increase in retirements and resignations; most law enforcement departments are going through the same thing.

5. APD Traffic Division “Vision Zero”

- Sgt Ryan Stone discussed the initiative. The City of Albuquerque has incorporated the Vision Zero strategy into City traffic planning in order to decrease the number of city crashes. It prioritizes traffic safety by taking a proactive, preventative approach that strives to increase health, safety, and equitable mobility for everyone. It not only focuses on police enforcing laws but also includes education, because traffic injuries are considered a public health issue. There are two approaches: one is traditional that sees traffic being inevitable; to prevent crashes there needs to be perfect human behavior. While the Vision Zero approach

looks at crashes as preventable and acknowledges that people make mistakes, road system design and policies should ensure those mistakes do not result in severe injury or death. The goal for is to have zero fatalities by the year 2040. Vision Zero meets once a month to review crash data. They have discussions with other departments on whether a road assessment is needed.

6. Office of Equity and Inclusion “Block Parties”

- Nichole Rogers said the City of Albuquerque has launched a series of community block parties designed to connect community members to resources and services at neighborhood community centers or parks. The first block party was held on Oct. 2 at Trumbull Child Development Center. They will continue from October through February. On October 23, 2021, the next block party will be at the Endorphin Power Company, with the unveiling of a mural. The block party schedule can be found at <https://www.cabq.gov/office-of-equity-inclusion/community-block-parties/community-block-parties>

7. Metro Crime Initiative

- Aaron Nieto (aaronnieto@cabq.gov, 505-768-3361) reported on Mayor Keller’s efforts to collaborate on crime-fighting in the Metro area. The Metro Crime Initiative has created a to-do list, describing action items the City and its criminal justice partners are taking to lower crime in Albuquerque. There are six major goals:
 - Fight crime
 - Reduce gun violence
 - Close the revolving doors (of the justice system)
 - Strengthen diversion
 - Rebuild behavioral health system
 - Expand violence intervention program

8. APD SE Area Command Update

- SE Area Commander Luke C. Languit (llanguit@cabq.gov) introduced himself. He presented the monthly crime report. There were 10,292 calls for service in September, resulting in 1,439 incident reports or enforcement actions. Compared to previous years, the trend in crimes is low. All categories (except auto theft) trended down for the year. There are challenges with staffing and allocation of resources to get ahead.

9. APD Strategic Plan

- NW Area Commander Arturo Sanchez is the APD Lead on the Community Engagement (as required under the CASA). He said that APD sent a survey last year to CPCs and

neighborhood associations asking how they want to receive information from their Area Commands. Each Area Command has created their own individual plan to best address community needs, particularly the unique barriers in different areas of the City.

- Commander Languit gave an overview of the SE Area Command's plan, noting that foreign language differences are a significant barrier to communication here. He plans to provide real crime analysis to identify the trends and patterns.

10. Meeting adjourned – 7:51 PM

To watch the SE CPC October 2021 meeting, please use this link:

https://cabq.zoom.us/rec/share/7B_xHZbxhtnrVikvQEebKOJBFr-jq6zUj3_FdAfnWXYooULXhtKixS63DFWHxXbQ.mRREOrHD-4HiopcD?startTime=1634860822000