



Valley Area Command Community Policing Council Newsletter

CODE OF CONDUCT

Be Respectful. Focus on Topic. Don't Interrupt. Be Concise. Speak with Good Intentions.

Contact: Chair Philip Jameson, pjameson5@comcast.net, or Vice-Chair Deirdre Ewing, deirdre.ewing@lopdnm.us for questions or concerns.

Our meetings from now on are both virtual and in-person. If you choose to be at the meeting in person, the venue from August to October was Herman Sanchez CC, 1830 Williams St SE. The link for joining a meeting virtually is https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7Z1iT-WbR9-9-s1dEYOjiA

In our September and October meetings we solicited presentations on violence interventions, in part as our response to recent news reports.

First, in September we heard from one of the specialty courts in our district, The Young Adult Court. In practice since 2017 and through the pandemic, 96% of their graduates have never re-offended. Speakers included the judge and a recent graduate of the program. Young Adult Court is for offenders who committed their offense at age 25 or less, and does not include charges of murder. It is an intensive program of rehabilitation requiring their input, counseling, weekly presence for up to several years. The goal is to change lives, taking them out of the jail to crime pipeline. This contrasts with probation/parole, which is about setting rules for offenders and collecting supervision fees.

Then, in October we heard from the Violence Intervention Program, jointly run by APD and ACS. This program works with victims of violence, their families and friends. The point is that they are at high risk of retaliation, and often live with the same Social Determinants of Health or Criminal Behavior putting them at high risk of becoming offenders. This was a partial presentation of their program, the highlight of which was probably presenting the violence prevention done by ACS at West Mesa high School.

We also heard our yearly report from Chief of Police Harold Medina.

CPC Mission - promote and maintain inclusive, respectful, and cooperative interactions between the community and the APD.

CPC Goal - Engage in discussions to identify concerns, problems, successes and opportunities for constitutional community policing.

CPC Purpose - Facilitate communication, collaboration, consensus-building, and cooperation between APD and the Albuquerque Community.

Valley CPC meets monthly January through October. We still need 5-6 new members. Feel free to contact us with questions or recommendation to APD.

