



Valley Area Community Policing Council 2018 Annual Report

Valley CPC Mission Statement

The mission of the Valley Area Command Community Policing Council is to promote inclusive, respectful, supportive and cooperative interactions between diverse members of the community and the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure necessary reforms are met and sustained.

Diversity Statistics of Voting Members

Gender:

Male: 2	Female: 5
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Race:

White	5
Hispanic	1
Native American	1

Age:

25-34	2
35-44	1
45-54	2
55-64	1
65 >	1

Language:

English Only	6
Bilingual (English/Spanish)	1

Meetings

Date	Presenter	Community Attendance
January	APD Academy Recruitment Team	9
February	Q & A for APD participants	10
March	Metro Court	7
April	D.A. Raúl Torrez	23
May	Healthcare for the Homeless	21
June	Commander Robert Middleton, CASA Compliance Bureau	27
July	Shaun Willoughby. President, Albuquerque Police Officers Association	35
August	James Lewis, City Representative and Edward Harness Exec. President of the P.O. B	20
September	APD Chief Geier	29
October	Extended Crime Report from Area Commander Wesley and general discussion	14
November	No Meeting/Social Gathering	4
December	No Meeting	

(Community attendance is substantially increased from 2017, attendance for that year was routinely below 10)

Perceived attendance patterns: As of January, we had moved to our current location at the Johnny Tapia Community Center. This played a key role in our initial low attendance. Attendance was relatively steady after those first few months. It appears that when key players in the CASA process were presenting attendance did increase somewhat. Furthermore, we know now that social gatherings don't work. This was in spite it being heavily promoted and contacting many different individuals, committees and agencies.

Town Hall Meetings:

Meeting	Members in Attendance
Mayor's One ABQ Public Town Hall	1

Special Meetings

Meeting	Number of Meetings	Members in Attendance
CPC/CPOB Summit with DOJ, City, APD, CASA Monitor	1	4
CPC Quarterly Summits	4	5
APD Compliance Amici	2	2
APD's Coffee with a Cop	1	2
APD Meet and Greet Cadets	2	2
Other Area CPC Meetings	6	2
City Council	8	1
Civilian Police Oversight Board	7	1
Neighborhood Associations*	10	3
National Night Out *	2	3
Office of Neighborhood Coordination Training	1	1
Fraud Safety Workshop	1	1
Nob Hill Indivisible	1	2
UNM Center for Disaster Volunteer Training	1	1
Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women	1 (Tribal Summit)	1
Crime Prevention Conference	1	1
Chasing the Dagon Opioid Addiction Conference	1	2
Albuquerque Block Captains' Association	1	1
Use of Force Review	1	1
MHRAC	4	2

*Two voting members are board members for their respective neighborhood associations, one member attends his association meeting regularly. All three report on CPC at the meetings.

Achievements

At the beginning of 2018 there were only two voting members, there are now 7. Additionally, attendance has increased this past year and most meetings are streamed live on our Facebook site. We started up that site this year, post regularly and have had successful responses, shares and comments. Recently the page was expanded to include all six CPCs, since then the traffic on the page has increased significantly. This past week, for example, there have been 125 likes, and 1,178 posts reached, and there are 127 followers. Some voting members also post regularly about CPC on the Nextdoor community site, thus keeping up regular visibility. Often, we share contact information for the Area Command substation for community members who post to Nextdoor with various issues and concerns. We also set up our separate email account for our CPC, rather than use current chair person's email. At the beginning of the year we started an email list of our attendants, currently we have approximately sixty emails listed.

Our CPC along with the other five, met regularly to help refine and finalize the draft city ordinance that the NECPC had initially created concerning the CPC's continuation once full compliance is met with CASA.

When Commander Middleton, of the IAB and CASA Compliance Bureau presented about the Draft Use of Force SOP, community members gave significant input that resulted in some revisions of the draft.

This year we began to attend the CPOB monthly meetings. Mr. Sylvan was regularly reporting on CPC's issues and progress, however as we were there, we requested time to report on our own CPC. We have now been consistently allowed that time, and other CPCs are attending and reporting also.

In recognition of the fact that our area command has the highest number of agencies serving people that are currently experiencing homelessness two of us have begun attending MHRAC meetings as representatives from those agencies are on the council's board. One other CPC has followed suit.

Recommendations/Lessons Learned

Although there is some increase in attendance, we know that we need to work more on strategic outreach that targets diverse members and sectors of the Valley Area Command. Most people that come live in the central part of the Area Command and the nearest outlying parts. We need to make sure to make our presence known to the far north and far south. Also, a lot of the people who do come assume that we are simply one all encompassing neighborhood association, we need to be clearer about our mission and purpose. We also need to make certain that we have presenters that the community at large will find interesting and informative, as well as being clearly relevant as goes the CASA. We have also made the decision for our meetings to be every other month instead of every month. We will have voting member meetings in the alternate months.

Recommendations for Next Year

We are currently planning to have our meetings be themed panel discussions on the hot topics related to APD improvement and our community's overall sense of safety and security. Panel participants will be both representatives of various community agencies that address such topics and personnel from the relevant APD, and City departments. We feel that such a format will add more focus and also guarantee a stronger balance between the community at large, the city and APD. Our first such meeting is this month (March) and we have heavily publicized it by distributing fliers in most parts of the Valley Area Command and posting reminders on Nextdoor, or Facebook page and also on our individual Facebook pages. We will be working extensively on more outreach, attending various neighborhood association meetings, maintaining a presence, and speaking in the public comments time, at council meetings, we also plan to develop a Valley CPC specific trifold to help increase our visibility. We will also be maintaining a presence at the CPOB meetings.

Two of our voting members are resigning at the end of this month, and we know that we will work on advertising more extensively both to replace them and increase our voting membership.