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**NACOLE, THE ALBUQUERQUE CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT AGENCY, AND THE POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO HOST TALKING CIRCLES AT THE 2016 NACOLE CONFERENCE IN ALBUQUERQUE, NM.**

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), the Albuquerque Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) and the Police Oversight Board (POB) want to hear from Albuquerque citizens about issues in policing, transparency, and police accountability.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place September 25-29 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW. The public is invited to a free event, entitled "Talking Circles: Looking Forward on Policing" from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 25 at the Convention Center in the Cochiti/Taos rooms.

The theme of the conference is "Confronting Systemic Injustice." Keeping with that, conference attendees and the public will discuss how to improve the interaction between law enforcement, the mentally ill, the homeless population, and underserved populations, as well as discuss how to effectively improve civilian oversight in Albuquerque. During this event, community activists, police department members, oversight practitioners from around the world, and local oversight practitioners will be available to engage in an open and honest discussion.

NACOLE, in conjunction with the Albuquerque Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) and the Police Oversight Board (POB) is bringing its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual conference to Albuquerque. It typically draws 350-450 attendees from across the United States and around the world.

"Since 1995, NACOLE has been bringing together individuals and agencies working to establish or improve oversight of police," the organization's website states. Conference attendees will "...explore the different ways civilian oversight can work to confront the systemic injustices that have plagued our country for far too long."

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Registration for the conference is still open and interested parties can visit the NACOLE website, [www.NACOLE.org](http://www.NACOLE.org), to learn more information about the conference and civilian oversight of law enforcement.

**About NACOLE:** Established in 1995, NACOLE is a non-profit organization that works to enhance accountability and transparency in policing and build community trust through civilian oversight. To further its mission, NACOLE holds an annual conference that brings together the growing community of civilian oversight practitioners, law enforcement officials, journalists, elected officials, students, community members, and others to meet and exchange information and ideas about issues facing civilian oversight and law enforcement. In addition to the annual conference, NACOLE publishes a regular newsletter, hosts an e-mail listserv, conducts regional training, offers a professional credential in the practice of oversight, administers a professional mentoring program for newer oversight practitioners, and provides assistance to communities looking to start or review their existing oversight process.

What: 22nd Annual NACOLE Conference

When: September 25-29, 2016

Where: Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Info: Flyer and registration available at [http://www.nacole.org/annual\\_conference](http://www.nacole.org/annual_conference)

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