



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Southeast Area Community Policing Council

2016 Annual Report

The Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council (CPC) 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.

There has been a turnover in CPC membership and a struggle to garner community participation. However, the Council has passed four meaningful recommendations and is currently awaiting feedback from the City and APD.

Much like the other Councils, there have been growing pains as the Council has matured. The Council has added new members and at the close of 2016 there were eight members serving on the Council:

Ron Halbgewachs, Chair
Todd Kersting
Frank Ernst
Tom O'Connell

Riley Jordan
Caroline Monie
Gary Peterson
Michael Kruchoski

The Councils, as a consensus, are concerned with the need for more public awareness and further support in many ways from the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Police Department. The use of social media, especially Nextdoor, has increased the profile of the CPC within the Command area, but other measures including City-wide publicity of the existence of the Councils is needed. This year an advertisement about the CPCs was included with the October City's Water Bill. Digital billboards throughout Albuquerque may be used. The SE Area CPC lead the way in creating a unified (seen above) CPC logo.

Members of the APD attend Council meetings and offer valuable input. The SEACPC has also experienced a handful of business members who come to the meetings in order to directly address concerns and learn more about enforcement in the Area Command.

- **The SEACPC had a strong foundation of officers, but with a new Commander and rebidding/relocation process by APD, recently experienced a turnover in officers as well. The new Commander has now dedicated a new Sergeant who brings regular officers to the monthly meetings.**
- **SEACPC members have found ride-alongs with officers to be extremely valuable and that is where most of the current recommendations are derived.**
- **The SEACPC has also struggled with obtaining a productive facilitator, a resource appointed by the City.**

SEACPC Recommendations:

- **All addresses of buildings, homes, businesses, and dwellings shall be clearly marked for the safety of the community and first responders.**
- **Increased awareness of the online and telephone police report system shall lead to a more informed community and more efficiently utilize the time, skills, and experience of the police officers. APD should examine the capabilities of voice-recognition systems that could be installed in police units for the creation of call reports. This would relieve major time involved by officers in using computer keyboard entry while in their cars.**
- **The City of Albuquerque should seriously consider reconfiguring all police substations to include an area for servicing the community on issues relating to improving the neighborhood and safety of citizens.**
- **The City of Albuquerque shall evaluate the state-of-the-art Smart Gun Technology similar to technology being offered by Yardarm Firearm Telematics, Inc. Yardarm features include Geo-Location, Holster/Unholster, Discharge, and Direction of Fire/Aim Technology. This could possibly be interfaced to police on-body camera systems.**

What's Next?

- **The SEACPC looks forward to reviewing APD policies and working with the Office of Policy Analysis to incorporate community input into the current policy review process. We have already begun to review the new Use of Force policy.**

- The SEACPC is also looking at ways to make communication more effective between the council, the community, and the department. Included in this is the possible use of a free service called CivNet.

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