

**MEETING MINUTES  
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016  
6:30 PM  
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

In Attendance:

- Annie Onderdonk, Chair
- Detective Christian Baker
- Constance Banuelos
- Darlene Couchman
- Dwight Drake
- Officer Simon Drobik
- Sergeant Jim Edison
- Celina Espinoza, APD Communications and Community Outreach Director
- Penny Hoe
- Sergeant Jennifer Perez
- Sharanne Press, Northeast Area Command Crime Prevention Specialist
- Commander Randy Remiker
- Lieutenant Greg Weber
- Jessie Lawrence, CABQ Contract Facilitator

Approximately 51 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Annie Onderdonk called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. She requested that questions and comments from meeting attendees be limited to two minutes, asked that speakers stand and state their name, and reminded everyone to be respectful. Index cards are always available for any additional questions or comments. She reminded meeting attendees that the CPC is looking for new members.

2. Approval of Agenda

Darlene Couchman made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Dwight Drake seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Approval of February 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Darlene Couchman moved to approve the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Annie Onderdonk seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

#### 4. Guest Speakers: Use of Force

Lieutenant Jennifer Garcia, APD Internal Affairs, presented information on APD's new Use of Force Policy and answered questions from CPC members and members of the public. The policy is available online at <http://apdsop.tripod.com/procedural-orders-manual/> under "02-52." (See Attachment A, "Use of Force Fact Sheet.")

Susanne Brown, a member of the Police Oversight Board Committee on Use of Force, presented information about the Civilian Police Oversight Agency, the Police Oversight Board, and the Committee on Use of Force. More information is available at [www.cabq.gov/CPOA](http://www.cabq.gov/CPOA) or by phone at 505-924-3770.

Corey Sanders and Luis Saucedo, US Department of Justice attorneys in attendance, answered questions about the role of the DOJ and the role of the independent monitor.

Annie Onderdonk asked meeting attendees if this presentation style, with a speaker and time for questions, was useful. Meeting attendees said that it was, and discussed the need to encourage younger people to attend these meetings.

#### 5. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee

Penny Hoe moved to establish an ad hoc committee via the following language:

In response to requests from the public at our Northeast Area Command Community Policing Council (NE/CPC) meetings and in the interest of making our community safer, I move that the NE/CPC establish, for a period of one year, an ad hoc committee, primarily of volunteer participants from among residents of the Northeast Area Command (NEAC), with the following goals:

- (a) Providing a resource to educate and inform residents of the Northeast Area Command about best crime prevention practices;
- (b) Building mutual trust between APD and the Community;
- (c) Exploring avenues of support for and between area block captains as well as encouraging more persons to become block captains; and
- (d) Advising the NE/CPC of recommendations to send to Chief Eden.

Further, the ad hoc committee will report its activities and ideas to the NE/CPC at each monthly meeting, with a review at the end of six months to see how successful the committee is in meeting its goals. This ad hoc committee is tasked to focus at first on an area smaller than the entire Northeast Area Command. At the end of one year, a review by the NE/CPC will decide whether to disband the committee or charge it to continue and expand its work.

Annie Onderdonk moved to amend the motion to limit the committee size to five people. Darlene Couchman seconded. The amendment passed by voice vote.

The motion as amended passed by voice vote.

#### 6. CPC Recommendations to APD and CABQ

Dwight Drake presented a proposed recommendation regarding police vehicle maintenance, repair, and replacement. (See Attachment B.) Meeting participants discussed suggested changes. Dwight Drake stated that he would revise the recommendation with the assistance of Officer Simon Drobik. The recommendation was tabled until the April meeting.

A recommendation regarding the issuance of uniforms and equipment to new officers was tabled until the April meeting due to lack of time.

#### 7. APD and CABQ Updates

A meeting attendee asked about crime levels in the Northeast Heights. There was not a presentation of crime statistics, but Detective Christian Baker stated that crime stats were improving.

#### 8. Other Public Questions and Comments

Public questions and comments were welcomed throughout the meeting. There were no final questions or comments.

#### 9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

## **Attachment A: Use of Force Fact Sheet**

### Use of Force Principles

#### **New Use of Force Policy focuses on de-escalation**

- officers shall use advisements, warnings, and verbal persuasion, when possible, before resorting to force;
- force shall be de-escalated immediately as resistance decreases;
- officers shall allow individuals time to submit to arrest before force is used whenever possible;

#### **Officers are prohibited from:**

- APD shall explicitly prohibit neck holds, except where lethal force is authorized;
- APD shall explicitly prohibit using leg sweeps, arm-bar takedowns, or prone restraints, except as objectively reasonable to prevent imminent bodily harm to the officer or another person or persons; to overcome active resistance; or as objectively reasonable where physical removal is necessary to overcome passive resistance and handcuff the subject;
- APD shall explicitly prohibit using force against persons in handcuffs, except as objectively reasonable to prevent imminent bodily harm to the officer or another person or persons; to overcome active resistance; or as objectively reasonable where physical removal is necessary to overcome passive resistance;
- officers shall not use force to attempt to effect compliance with a command that is unlawful;

#### **New policy Guidelines:**

- pointing a firearm at a person shall be reported in the same manner as a use of force, and shall be done only as objectively reasonable to accomplish a lawful police objective;
- Immediately following a use of force, officers, and, upon arrival, a supervisor, shall inspect and observe subjects of force for injury or complaints of pain resulting from the use of force and immediately obtain any necessary medical care. This may require an officer to provide emergency first aid until professional medical care providers arrive on scene.

**Attachment B: Proposed Recommendation**

**To Albuquerque Police Chief Gordon Eden and the Albuquerque City Council  
From the Northeast Area Command Community Policing Council  
A Recommendation Regarding Police Vehicle Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement**

Consistent with our charter to identify opportunities to foster better policing and community practices, the Northeast Community Policing Council would like to make the following recommendations regarding the appropriation and use of annual funds for the purpose of police vehicle maintenance, repair, and replacement.

We recommend that the Police Department conduct a comprehensive review of any and all policies related to the maintenance, repair, and replacement of police vehicles. Also, we recommend that appropriations of annual funds to the Policy Department are prioritized to assure that all vehicles are working at full capacity, to include regularly scheduled vehicle maintenance and repairs, as needed.

We understand that the current policy is to retire a vehicle after \_\_\_\_\_ years. We recommend that the current vehicle retirement schedule should be reviewed to determine if the schedule should be modified to retire older vehicles sooner in order to maintain a safe and high-quality fleet. The safety and lives of officers and community members are at stake, and every means of maintaining police vehicles in good and working order should be a priority.

Finally, if it is not a current practice, we recommend that all graduating Police Cadets should be given access to a new or well-maintained, used police car upon graduation.

We believe that consistently focusing on the condition of the Police Department’s fleet of vehicles, and making the maintenance and replacement of aged vehicles a high priority within the Department’s annual budget, may positively impact the Department’s goal of retaining long-term officers instead of losing many of them to other police departments within the state of New Mexico and beyond. Also, it will help to enable all officers to be readily available to assist their constituents in the local community which helps the City of Albuquerque’s goal of creating a culture of community policing.

We thank you in advance for reviewing and considering all of the recommendations listed above.

Northeast Community Policing Council Members:

Annie Onderdonk, Chair	_____
Penny Hoe	_____
Constance Banuelos	_____
Darlene Couchman	_____
Dwight Drake	_____