



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council **2017 Annual Report**

The Northwest Area Community Policing Council (CPC) has had another productive year. There have been many positive accomplishments including a number of formal proposals that have been accepted for implementation. These items are outlined below.

The Northwest Area Command CPC members hail from a number of areas within the Northwest and are of diverse backgrounds and races/ethnicities. The CPC continues to reach out for additional members and increased diversity.

APD's use of the Nextdoor program, increased use of Facebook, and ongoing use of Twitter have helped increase awareness and attendance of the CPC meetings.

Relations with the members of Albuquerque Police Department in the Northwest Area is excellent. APD members, including the NW Commanders, the PACT Lieutenant, and Field Services officers are present at all meetings and provide valuable input. The Area Command has seen several changes of leadership, but the support of the CPC has remained solid.

Council Membership

- The Council currently has six members.
- There are up to four additional positions available for qualified candidates under the existing guidelines.

Recommendations

- Safe Exchange Zones
 - Monitored areas where community members could meet to exchange online purchases or make custody exchanges. These areas have been established and are being monitored by the Real Time Crime Center.
- Mail Theft Reports

- Community members have expressed outrage over mailbox thefts. The CPC recommended that APD take some form of report to enable tracking of incidents. The primary responsibility would remain with the US Postal Service. APD has not accepted this recommendation. It will be resubmitted under the new mayoral administration.
- Suggestion Box
 - The Council sought a locked suggestion box that would be placed in the NW Substation. This would provide another avenue for officers and staff to express their views and make recommendations to the Council. There was confusion due to changing personnel in the department about the status of the purchase. This will be resubmitted under the new commander.
- Narcan
 - The Council sought a policy whereby officers would carry Narcan (naloxone) to provide immediate intervention in the case of an opiate overdose. The state government passed a law requiring first responders be equipped with naloxone. This Recommendation has thus been superceded.
- Rescue Tools
 - A Recommendation was made to equip all department vehicles with a rescue hammer tool to facilitate entry to vehicles in the event of an accident or other access need. This Recommendation was accepted but the procurement status is unclear.
- Ambush Prevention
 - It was Recommended that APD consider equipping patrol vehicles with an ambush prevention system. These are camera-based systems that alert the officer to an approaching pedestrian or vehicle. APD responded that the systems are cost-prohibitive at this time.

Community and Agency Involvement

- The NWPC had presentations from several APD and external agencies and groups throughout the year:
 - Erica Wilson, manager of the Emergency Communications Center, provided information about 911 and related systems.
 - SWAT/Bomb Unit/K9 Commander Josh McDonald provided information about the responsibilities of the special units.
 - Detective Chris Wiggam gave a presentation and demonstration of the body camera system in use at the time.
 - APD Forward presented their review of the Independent Monitor's Review and the APD reform efforts.
 - Ofc. Russ Alberti gave a talk about the recruiting and training of officers.
 - Bernalillo County District Attorney visited the CPC and provided an update about his office's attempts to increase prosecutions and reduce a backlog of cases. The DA also outlined his request for additional funding from the state legislature.

- Each meeting of the Council includes time to hear from community members. We have been able to address many issues in this way.

Upcoming Areas of Interest

- Response times
 - Response times for a variety of calls remain a concern for the community. We will continue to explore this area and seek improvements and solutions.
- Officer retention
 - The Council seeks to understand what changes can be made to retain experienced officers at the department.
- Policy review
 - The Council seeks to engage in more policy reviews for APD. This task will be important as there have been significant changes with the new mayoral administration and revised command staff.
- Youth membership
 - The Council has considered involving youth members and will work toward this goal in the new year.
- Community engagement
 - The Council will seek additional presentations and involvement of APD departments and community organizations. This will enable us to further address the needs and concerns of our diverse community.

Respectfully submitted,

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