



**Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 15, 2018**  
**4900 Kachina St NW,**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87120**

- 1. Call to order by Eric Jackson– 6:08 pm**  
38 attended, 5 APD

- 2. Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.**

- 3. Area command - Commander Olvera**

We are starting a new bid this Saturday which means every officer every year has the opportunity to bid for a new area command. We are incorporating a new program where an officer will be assigned to block captains, to contain that interaction and communication with them. This is going to be long term goal.

Trying to educate the public

Q: The city has put brakes on arresting minor crimes, they are backing off?

Comm. Olvera - A: There was a lawsuit that occurred, part of the lawsuit was that Albuquerque Police Department were to reevaluate what should and shouldn't be done on arrest able offenses. For example: Criminal trespassing, we want to provide as many chances as we can. Officers still have the discretion as long as they can articulate why they need to make that arrest.

State statue on what we can and what we cannot arrest. If it does not occur in our presence, we cannot arrest. We have to establish probable cause.

Felony and misdemeanor

Q: with the new personnel, what type of rank are you getting?

A: If you are starting from another agency, you will be starting from the bottom. There is not lateral rank.

Laterals have to be caught up with Standard Operating Procedures.

Q: There is going to be an officer movement, how long is going to take? When is the effective date?

A: The actual movement is going to be on August 18, 2018, that is when it will take effect.

Q: Open house back in May, your station bought data speed trailers, any update?

A: They are reaching back out, I'm assuming this month or next that they will be built up.

- Reminder, when you see a post on Next-door from the Albuquerque Police Department, they can post but they cannot read the comments. So if you are seeing something that you think needs to be seen by Crime prevention specialist or the Commander, please send it to them directly by email or contact them.

- Community Events

We are having an event this Saturday August 18, 2018 at Cottonwood called Rocks with a Cop sponsored by Ronald McDonald House. These artist paint these rocks and then donate them to certain causes. Cops will either be painting or they will be doing the manual labor. Event is from 11 -2 pm at Cottonwood Mall  
4 pm – 10 pm We will be having a Summer Fest at the Cottonwood Mall parking lot– interfacing with the citizens.

Block captains are very important, we need help from citizens.

The call service are lower. – word this differently

Crime prevention list can help you in how to become a block captain.

Starting Saturday you will see an increase in car stops, 90% of the people I stop are from the Northwest. We are going to take it more serious.

Going to be strongly involved with this community.

Q: How large is the Northwest command?

A: This year we will have 52 officers in the Northwest area command.

Q: Can you address the shot out?

A: There was two cars shooting at each other.

Suggestion box – we are working on a form so we can communicate with the officers.

-Send us your suggestions

- Leonard Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) – we get very few complaints from this area, we get a lot of recommendations from the Community Policing Council and we are impressed.

I want to invite you all to our meetings, we meet the second week on Thursdays.

Q: Where are the chambers?

A: its City Council chambers.

#### **4. Guest Speaker – Angelo Metzgar**

- We work with Albuquerque Police Department and legal department to deal with nuisance issues and properties. We do from homeless camps, demolition, and environmental help when it comes to assistance from Albuquerque Police Department. As far as the Northwest area command, this is the best one out of the other ones, there very little action, only concerns is the homeless camps that pop out.

Q: Front yard parking?

A: There are dates that go with what on what is allowed and what isn't. They can't exceed 60% of the parking. I would recommend calling the inspector or HOA to get more information.

Q: What is the city of Albuquerque rule on overnight parking on the street?

A: Public streets are for public parking, there is no regulation. There is a 10 days' notice that is an HOA issue. If it's obstructing traffic we can look into it.

Q: A lot of zombie houses, is that something you handle?

A: We do handle it, but generally there is no remedy we can do, but we can keep it secure. We can either demolish it or sell it. They just passed a vacant and abandon residential to address issues like these and out of that came out great solutions. For 30 days they are going to over the bill that's been presented to them, within that bill there will be more remedies. We can now file a petition to get that house sold, this is for houses that have been on the market for more than 3 years and it looks beat up.

- When the budget cycle came around, City Council lobbied the counselors for an extra position, I ended up getting two positions and I also requested funds which they gave me \$300,000 more. I plan on using it on the four demo's that are coming up at the end of this month and I plan on having 4 more by the end of the year.
- We are trying to get more proactive on these properties before we get to the point where we have to board them, we are trying to be in front of it instead of behind it.

Q: Do permits expire?

A: Yes, they do expire.

Q: How are squatters different from drug dealing or prostitution?

A: There is nothing illegal about squatters, they are not criminals. There isn't much we can do when it comes to them.

- Call 311 if you are having issues with noise complaints

#### **5. Recommendations**

We got some responses from the recommendation we made, we will be going over these on the coming weeks and we will be presenting the responses.

Albuquerque Police Department evidence unit collect everything and they are doing their best to give everything back but some stuff does get auction off.

- Draft – The Albuquerque Police Department welcomes your recommendation to release unclaimed or unreturnable bicycles to the Esperanza Community Bike Shop. This recommendation will give one the best-kept secrets in our City much needed attention. We will utilize our social media team to let people know that this one of the areas in which we use our community policing efforts. We are happy to support this recommendation, and it has already been implemented.

- Chief of Police: Mike Geier

James Lewis –

One of the thing we are working on with in the Department of Justice (DOJ), the US attorney office, and City of Albuquerque is every 6 weeks is we actually break all the amenities, using the people that represent them. We update and we meet weekly with the monitor. We want to take it out to the community and get the engaged so they can be aware of it. For example we had to create a new area called compliance that we have to look at constitutional policing from the perspective of the US constitution with laws and policies. We are going to train the officers in regards to Community Policing Council but to train we do have to have an agreement. We will try to have a meeting in regards to this in September.

Every quarter we have to go before the judge, to say this is where we are and see if they accept or decline.

Next meeting September 19, Bernalillo Cops will be talking in regards to behavioral health initiatives.

## **6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 7:32 pm