



**Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 19, 2018**  
**4900 Kachina St NW,**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87120**

**1. Call to order – Eric Jackson 6:06 pm**

Members present: Eric Nixon, Harold Pope, Catherine Trujillo, Yolanda Sanchez, Jill Greene, and Tom Borst  
36 attended, 5 APD

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of agenda**

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

**4. Approval of August and September Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes, second and approved.

**5. Area Command Update – Lt. Scott Norris**

We just had 29 lateral graduate, we have two of them working already. This allows us to initiate the things we have been wanting to do in regards to pack teams. We shall fill up some sergeant positions by February.

**Crime Report:**

- Auto Burglary: 100 down by 14%
- Auto Theft: 48 down by 22%
- Commercial Burglary: 10 down by 17%
- Residential Burglary: 32 down by 25%
- Robbery: 12 down by 22%
- Traffic Stops: 691 up by 103%

Q: The area commander, we have had 3 in the past years, are we still going to keep changing?

A: Commander Olvera has been NW commander for 10 months and he has been doing a good job, I do not think he will be going anywhere.

Q: 3 million dollars were going to be used to get more officers, do you see any laterals applying?

A: We hire executive level staff, we do not accept a lateral Lieutenant.

Q: Are we still doing bike patrols?

A: Yes, we have those city wide, each area command has bike controls and they are everywhere.

Q: In Santa Fe village, we are having problems with mailbox break-ins, why can't APD patrol them?

A: If we catch them in the act, we can arrest them but the postal has to take care of it. However it does not mean we cannot put resources out there or be involved.

We need to provide the equipment in order to hire.

## **6. CPOA/POB Update – Vice Chair**

The independent monitors came out, since the transition Dr. Ginger has seen an improvement. Use of Force policy was negotiated with APD and they came out with one that was approved with Dr. Ginger and Judge Brack. Some negotiating happened in regards to the Graham used. We make sure everything is ran the way it is supposed to and that everyone is being heard. Albuquerque POB is actually doing better than other places in the states. CPC's had some members come up and share the plans and we like to welcome anyone to come to speak.

James Lewis – A couple of things that are happening, we are having a Town Hall meeting in regards to the CASA agreement. They will be explaining what CASA is, Dr. Ginger and the Mayor will be speaking. We have conference calls with the monitors every week and they give us a report card. The CPC came about because of this CASA agreement and so we have to give them process. The monitors will be here in November 4<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. In one year with the Mayor, there has been a difference from the previous years. In the police department we did not have a compliance bureau, they brought Lt and Commanders to start this.

## **7. Presentation: Metro Court**

**Camille Baca – Public Information Officer  
Judge Martinez and Judge Alaniz**

Metro Court was established by the State Legislature in 1980. Consolidated the functions of the Albuquerque Municipal Court, the Bernalillo County Magistrates Court and Small Claims Court. Metro Court is the only court of its kind in New Mexico. Metro Court is the busiest court in the state, about 3,500 people visit the court each day and Judges hear 4,000 to 5,000 cases each year. There are 19 judges that serve in the Metropolitan. Metro Court judges are attorneys and required to be members of the New Mexico State Bar and must have practice law for a minimum of 3 years. We always have someone working, at least one judge on the bench six days-a-week, some custody hearings are held on Saturdays for misdemeanors and felony first appearance. We are always on call for warrants. Metro court has 11 specialty court programs, a lot of people from other states come to observe them, and the cost of the programs saves us a ton of money.

Specialty Courts:

- Behavioral Health DWI Court
- Community Veterans Court (C.V.C)
- Competency Court
- Court to School
- Domestic Violence Early Intervention Program (DVEIP)
- Domestic Violence Solution Treatment Education Program (DVSTEP)
- DWI Recovery Court
- Mental Health Court
- Outreach Court
- Pre-Adjudication Animal Welfare (P.A.W) Court
- Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Court

Traffic Arraignments were initiated in 2004 to resolve traffic citations. Up to 300 cases are heard each day, officers do not have to be present. If a plea agreement is not reached, the case will be set for trial.

Q: Metro can refer as a district court?

A: No it cannot, we cannot transfer cases back and forth.

Judges look at the case they have in front of them, they are not biased. They rule based on what the defenders and prosecutors bring up. They cannot look at other arrest if they are not brought up, also juries are the ones who do rule if they are guilty or not guilty.

Eric Nixon: Can you comment/ clarify what Backlog and Catch and Release is.

Judge Martinez - Back log is talking about felonies, they have to be brought in within 6 months. These cases cannot be brought to Metro Court.

Catch and Release is someone arrested for a felony, come to court and then they can leave, the people of Albuquerque voted for this.

Q: When you issue a bond on someone and they appeal to district court, will I have any effect on the ruling

A: That would be district court's decision and Supreme Court sets the rules.

The courthouse is a public building, everyone is welcome to visit at any time. If you wish to take a guided tour, please contact Public Information Officer Camille Baca at (505) 841-9897 to make arrangements.

**8. New Business**

**a. No November meeting**

**b. December meeting: Presentation by the APD DWI Unit**

**9. Matters from the public**

Mayor Keller will be holding a Town Hall meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Convention Center from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, if you would like to go please RVSP at

[APDcompliance@cabq.gov](mailto:APDcompliance@cabq.gov)

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned 7:54 pm

**Acronyms used:**

**CPC: Community Policing Council**

**POB: Police Oversight Board**

**DOJ: Department of Justice**

**CASA: Court Approved Settlement Agreement**