



Southwest Area Community Policing Council 2018 Annual Report

MISSION: The mission of the Southwest Area Command Community Policing Council is to promote and maintain positive, respectful, supportive and cooperative interactions between member of the community and the Albuquerque Police Department and promote community policing.

GOAL: A. The goal of the Council is to engage in detailed and meaningful discussions to identify concerns, problems, successes and opportunities within the Southwest Area Command and to tailor solutions specifically aimed at the needs of the neighborhoods and area command.

B. The roll of the Council is advisory only. At no time shall any Member of the council represent themselves as acting on behalf of the City of Albuquerque and the City shall not be bound beyond responding within 90 days by [sic] any recommendation.

Voting group members:

Father Michael Zocholl

Janice LaPitz

Larry LaPitz

L. John Russo, Esq.

Don Burns

June 2018: Chris Sedillo added

Diversity of voting members:

GENDER: Female: 1 Male: 4 for full year of 2018 plus 1 for June - Dec

RACE: 5 white - 1 Hispanic

AGE: all 50+

EDUCATION: 1 - 14 yrs rest of group unknown

LANGUAGES: English, Spanish

MILITARY: 2

January

Presentation by - none; no APD, 5 voting group members, 2 residents;

February

Presentation by Detective Deirdre Candelaria from Organized Crime Unit; 5 voting group members, 3 residents; meeting location changed to Alamosa Community Center for the next meeting;

March

No CPC meeting this month; meeting with Mayor Keller and all CPCs;

April

No APD; the status of the SW CPC recommendations is unknown, submit them again; 5 voting group members, 3 residents; review of two requests to be a part of the voting member group; no new additions to the voting member group;

May

Presentation by Sgt. Amanda Wild, Sex Crimes Unit; 3 voting group members; 9 residents; state election primary in June, candidates were in attendance;

June

Presentation by - none; SW CPC has made five recommendations 1) false alarms from security systems, 2) minor damage traffic collisions - no police response, 3) change to uniform shirts - implemented, 4) DART tracking system for high speed chases, 5) Mechanism on the Taser and firearms; the recommendations are directed towards the APD officers and not to improving the relationship between the APD and the community; 5 voting group members; Chris Sedillo added as a voting member; 7 residents;

July

Presentation by - none; 6 voting group members; approximately one resident;

August

Presentation by - none; Michael Zochell will be stepping down as Chair; 4 voting group members, 19 people in total;

September

Presentation by Dr. Peter Winograd; awards given to voting group members that have served two (2) plus years; next MRAC meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30 at the Rock at Noonday; attendance unknown; elections held - Don Burns, chair, Michael Zochell, Vice-chair;

October

Presentation by - none; please attend the POB meetings; CASA Town Hall set for November 10, 2019 beginning at 1:30 and lasting until 4:30 p.m.; CPC Summit set for December 8 2018 at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 5 voting group members, 2 residents, 4 APD;

November

Presentation by Lt. Johnson, Internal Affairs Force Division; suggestion for a place to be designated as a "safe haven" since the SW AC substation is not open 24/7; 6 voting group members, approximately 7 residents, 6 APD;

December

no minutes available for December 2019; resignation of Larry and Jan LaPitz; 6 voting group members; at least one resident; various APD & City representatives;

Community attendance is very low at the SW CPC meetings. One resident attended nine (9) meetings during 2018. No other resident attended more than one meeting during 2018. SW CPC does not have a clear vision as to what its purpose is and therefore does not present a meeting

topic or format that encourages compliance with the directives in the CASA paragraphs #266 through #270.

Other meetings:

Chris Sedillo attended the CPC Summit, CPC training, Keller Town Hall, and various POB meetings; Attendance by the other voting group members is unknown.

Achievements:

There are no measurable achievements for the SW CPC during the calendar year of 2018.

Lessons Learned:

The southwest part of Albuquerque is notoriously non-responsive. This is due to it being a majority Hispanic community. CPCs and ABQ seems to be **unable** to deliver a message that resonates with different cultures. Until this CPC learns to relay a message that is meaningful to the Hispanic community it will never be successful. With luck during the year of 2019 the SW CPC will develop a mission statement along with a goal statement that will be directed towards the Hispanic community which is the majority of residents and businesses. The message directed to the white population does not resonate with the Latinx community nor does it make them believe that their participation is requested, needed, nor desired.

Recommendations:

The SW Area Command is predominately Hispanic. The SW CPC should develop a message that will resonate with the Latinx culture to make them believe they are a vital part of the SW Area Command and should include themselves in the SW CPC discussions to create real constitutional community policing for their neighborhoods. Until this issue is adequately addressed, the SW CPC will not be successful. The residents and business owners must be appropriately addressed along cultural lines to persuade other cultures to attend the CPC.

Millennials do not like to attend meetings, especially meetings that show no results. It is recommended that the word “meeting” be substituted with the word “huddle.” It is more descriptive of what the CPC is supposed to do - huddle together and discuss the changes needed to achieve constitutional community policing. Let’s create the SW Community Policing Council Huddle !!