



## **Southeast Area Community Policing Council (CPC)** **2020 Annual Report**

### **Purpose of the SE Area CPC (SEACPC)**

The Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council (SEACPC) is working to inform the community and make lasting changes alongside the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure the Department is one the community deserves and requires. The SEACPC is working to promote and maintain positive, respectful, supportive and cooperative interactions between members of the community and the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure reforms are met and sustained.

### **SE Area Council Membership**

The Council had 2 resignations and added 4 new members. At the close of 2020 there were 12 members serving on the Council:

Ron Halbgewachs, Chair	Kathleen Burke
Thomas Dent, Vice-Chair	Molly Callaghan
Michael Kruchoski, Secretary	Katherine Turner
Todd Kersting	Suzy Sanchez-Beg
Jeffrey Archuleta	Andres Valdez
Marissa Rimel	Rev. David Walker

Other community members serving on the Council during the year:  
Jeff Holland and Bernadette Portillo

### **Diversity Statistics of Voting member**

**Sex:**

Male 7	Female 5
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**Race:**

African American	1
Hispanic	2
Hispanic/White	1
Anglo/White	8

**Age (in years):**

25-34	1
35-44	2
45-54	4
55-64	3
65 >	2

**Education:**

14 years	2
16 years	4
18 years	5
18 years +	1

**Language:**

English Only	10
Bilingual (English/Spanish)	2

**Military:**

Active	0
Veteran	2

**Meetings**

The SEACPC held regular meetings each month of 2020 except March through June due to the COVID, and December. January and February meetings were held at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE (Louisiana & Kathryn SE) on the third Thursday of every month, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All meetings from July through the end of the year were conducted via Zoom Webinars. All of these meetings were open to the public. Every meeting began with the introduction of each board member present and each representative from the APD.

Meetings always included an APD crime report for the SE Area, ride-along reports from the CPC Board members, Board discussions of APD Procedures, and time for community members to ask questions and receive answers/responses from the APD officers attending and Board Members. Many of the CPC meetings include a presentation by a representative from city government, the police department, or some organization providing services to those in need.

Meeting announcements and agenda for each month are publicized to the community through the online social network know as *Nextdoor*. Those community members attending the SEACPC meetings that have provided their email addresses also directly receive an individual email with these announcements and agenda. Information about each of the CPC groups in the city, agendas, and minutes are available online through the City website [cabq.gov](http://cabq.gov).

Month	Topic and/or Guest Speaker	Attendance
January	APD Gang Division – Commander Mizel Garcia	33
February	Independent Monitor’s Review (IMR) -10 Presentation – Lt. Fincher A report from the Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) Board regarding the Use of Force for all CPCs was presented.	28
March	Due to COVID there was no meeting in March	
April	Due to COVID there was no meeting in April	
May	Due to COVID there was no meeting in May	
June	Due to COVID there was no meeting in June	
July	Mariela Ruiz-Angel, with the newly established Albuquerque Community Safety Department, provided a presentation “The Right Response at the Right Time”. Report on preparation of City Ordinance for CPCs. Zoom Webinar.	51
August	Discussion on strategic planning sessions the CPCs have been doing and the development of the Council of Chairs. Ordinance submitted to City Council. Zoom Webinar.	42
September	Interim Chief Medina spoke to the public on what he will be wanting to do moving forward. He would like for community outreach be a big part with him being Chief. Zoom Webinar.	40
October	APD Policy Development Process - Patricia Serna, Policy Manager. Approval of CPC Guidelines. Zoom Webinar.	44
November	Discussion of amendments to CPC Guidelines. Suzy Sanchez-Beg gave a presentation of Endorphin Power Company work with APD. Zoom Webinar.	38
December	There was no meeting in December	

**NOTE:** APD Reports and statistics for the month were reported by SE Area Commander Yara at each meeting.

### Other Meetings, Forums and Events

Meeting Topic	Number of	Total Members
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	Meetings	in Attendance
CPC/CPOB Summit w/ DOJ, City, APD, CASA Monitor	1	3
CPC Summits*	1	7
CASA Status Conference w/ Judge Brack*	1	2
APD Compliance Bureau Amici*	1	2
APD's Coffee with a Cop*	1	3
CPC Strategic Planning Committee	3	7
CPC Chairs Meetings	4	4
Other Area CPC meetings	8	16
City Council	1	3
Civilian Police Oversight Agency *	2	2
Neighborhood Associations *	4	4
District 6 Coalition *	1	1

**\*This Asterisk** denotes meetings where one or more Southeast members were guest presenters or provided CPC updates.

**NOTE:** List does not include voting members' contact with community members in other venues, such as: concerts, houses of worship, businesses, political/small group/neighborhood gatherings.

### **Achievements**

The Council voting members either work for or volunteer with many organizations within the community:

- NM Veteran's Affairs Healthcare for Homeless Veterans
- NM Veteran's Affairs Employment & Intensive Services
- Endorphin Power Company – Recovering addiction residence and counseling
- Vecinos United
- APS Homeless Project
- Street Safe New Mexico
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice
- RISE New Mexico
- Tiny Homes Village
- District Attorney's Community Based Crime Reduction Council
- Coalition to End Homelessness
- New Mexico Advocacy Coalition
- American Indian Students Tutoring
- Neighborhood Crime Prevention
- Multiple Neighborhood Associations

CPC voting members attended many community sessions and performed outreach in various settings. Of importance were opportunities during neighborhood association and district coalition meetings where our members informed attendees of our goals to help strengthen the APD and community relationship.

Several members of the SE Area CPC attended the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). Required classes were selected by the Academy Course Director and attendees met with the regularly scheduled CPA for the regular class members.

The SEACPC also participated in the drafting of a city ordinance proposal to codify and memorialize CPCs in perpetuity after CASA parties meet full compliance. The SEACPC also voted unanimously to forward this proposal to the City Council. We have worked with other CPCs in ongoing revisions of this Ordinance.

### **Achievements and Lessons Learned**

The SEACPC worked to inform community members of meetings and special presentations. Voting members aimed to perform outreach and helped to inform the community of APD's goals, its organizational structure, responsibilities and compliance status. CPC monthly meeting attendance and engagement often varied based upon the presentation subject matter. Several times neighborhood associations would be represented by several members of the neighborhood and attending to ask questions about APD response to specific situations of theft or burglary in the neighborhood.

### **Recommendations**

The SEACPC is looking at ways to make communication more effective between the Council, the Community, and the Police Department. Included in this effort is the use of YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. Especially during this year of COVID, along with all other CPCs, we have used Zoom Communications for all of our meetings.

A survey distributed to CPC public attendees during meetings might possibly provide feedback regarding community members' diversity, topics of concern, suggestions and questions to be considered for future meetings and discussions.

- To reach out to UNM, CNM, High Schools, & Community for Younger Council Members.
- To continue to provide informative presentations to citizens and to Council Members
- To continue to prepare Recommendations to APD from the Council and to accept/review Recommendations from citizens for APD.

Submitted by:

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Chair, Southeast Area Community Policing Council, 2020

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