



Northeast Area Community Policing Council 2022 Annual Report

Purpose

Our council strives to promote and maintain positive, respectful, supportive, and cooperative interactions to strengthen the trust between Community and APD.

2022 CPC Members: Members of NE Community Policing Council for 2022: Troy Taylor, Cassandra Morrison, Kenneth Armijo, Roy Turpen, Francine Lopez, William Orr, Richard Lujan, James Santistevan, Stephanie Poole, and Vicki Williams.

Co- Chairs: Roy Turpen, Francine Lopez

Vice Chair: None

Secretary: Kenneth Armijo

Resignations during 2022: Francine Lopez, James Santistevan

Diversity Statistics of Members

These numbers reflect the members throughout 2022.

Gender:

Male	6
Female	4

Race:

African American/Black	1
Hispanic	3
Hispanic/White	2
Caucasian	4
Asian American	0
Native American/White	0
Native American/Alaska Native	0
Native American/ Pacific Islander	0

Age (in years):

18-24	0
25-34	1
35-44	3
45-54	3
55-64	1
65 +	3

Education:

14 years	0
16 years	7
18 years	2
18 years +	2

Language:

English	8
Bilingual (English/Spanish)	3
Other	

CPC Public Meetings

Month	Topic and/or Guest Speaker	Community Poll and Attendance
January Zoom	Aaron Nieto Operations Administrator for the City of Albuquerque - Metro Crime Initiative and NE Area Command Strategic Community Engagement Plan- Commander Greg Weber	Do you think there are too many leadership roles within APD that are not effective or efficient? Approximately 15 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members.
February Zoom	Commander Renae McDermott Training Academy and Sgt. Jacob Hoisington Backgrounds Unit.	Have you noticed an increase in homelessness in the NE heights? Approximately 36 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members.
March Zoom	Marian Matthews- State Representative for House District 27	Do you have concern with racial bias in APD as it carries out its mission?

		Approximately 26 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members.
April Zoom	APD Community Engagement, Pastor David Walker and Lt Jennifer Garcia	Approximately 19 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members. Approximately 19 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members.
May Zoom	Jonathan Ibarra; Former District Court Judge and current Asst. Public Defender will be discussing his perspective regarding the issues related to pre-trial detention.	Approximately 19 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members
June Zoom	Pete Dinelli Former CABQ Chief Public Safety Officer and City Councilor Lt Jason Sanchez IMR Presentation.	How do you feel about having homeless encampments in your city council district? Approximately 20 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members.
July Zoom	Aaron T. Jones, founder the International Protective Service (IPS) in 2006, which has provided security and investigations for everyday citizens	If an individual is caught shoplifting, should they be 1. Arrested 2. Processed 3. Incarcerated 4. Given a citation Question Two: Do you think the City should ask for help from outside law enforcement agencies, like BCSO, NMSP, National Guard, etc. to proactively fight crime in Albuquerque? Approximately 23 members of the public attended, including APD ,civilians and council members.
August Zoom meeting	Detective Kelly Maes, APD Defense Driving Unit	Have you noticed a change in aggressive driving over the last months?

		<p>Do you think there are more or less traffic violations being enforced?</p> <p>Do you feel that the City of Albuquerque's use of cameras to reduce aggressive driving is working?</p> <p>Approximately 23 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members</p>
September Zoom meeting	Peter Darrel Kindig is the Chief Executive Officer at Narrow Gate Security Agency based in Albuquerque, New Mexico.	Approximately 15 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members.
October Hybrid Meeting	Carla Sonntag, the President & Founder at New Mexico Business Coalition based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. And Aaron Nieto who will be giving an update about safe open spaces for those experiencing homelessness.	Approximately 20 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians and council members. Should the Northeast community policing council continue to have hybrid meetings or only in person meetings?
November	No Meeting	
December Holiday Social In-person		See report below.

Community Outreach, CASA Meetings, and Community Events

Meeting Topic or Type	Number of Meetings	Members in Attendance
CASA Status Hearing	2	3
CASA Status Conference	2	4
Amici – APD Compliance Bureau	3	4
Meeting with APD Leadership – Commander Weber/Commander Otzenberger	2	3
Fall meet and greet NE APD picnic	1	3
Neighborhood Association Meetings	4	2
CPC Appreciation Dinner	1	4

NE Area Command CPC Public Meetings	11	There was at least a quorum for all NE CPC Public meetings, with typically only one member not in attendance
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NE CPC Council Members Efforts, Achievements, Community Engagement

Our annual officer appreciation event was held on November 17th at the NE Area Command Substation. Each year the Council Members purchase items the officers can use while on patrol. We stuffed huge bags to the brim with crackers, cookies, candy, chips, water, vitamins, lip balm, life savers, note pads, pens, headlamps, gift cards, hand sanitizer, and many more items.

Council members were thrilled to be able to hand the bags out the officers, and to talk about the CPCs and our mission. Several businesses also donated items for the appreciation bags, including Four Seasons Cleaning, Silver Owl Jewelry & Simson Jewelers, KRQE, The Alarm Store (aka TAS Security Systems), K&K Skincare, Urban Earth Landscaping, Nita Diem, Aaahh Chiro Spa, Above & Beyond Home Improvement & Remodel and Cassandra Morrison of Coldwell Banker Legacy.







The NE CPC December meeting celebrated the holiday season which included an opportunity for community members to get to know our NE Area Command Officers. The Council members were happy to provide a variety of delicious refreshments for community members, City Councilor Brook Basson, our Crime Prevention Specialist, Angie Casias, Commander Otzenberger, and over a dozen APD officers. A good time was had by all and it was wonderful to meet and talk with all the officers who protect and serve our community.



The NE CPC members meet regularly throughout the year to discuss our function, purpose, and operations. Brainstorming/working sessions provided us the opportunity to consider public meeting presentations regarding the City's current public safety status, APD operations and policies, and other Community concerns. The Co-Chairs reported on discussions and outcomes from the Council of Chairs meetings, AMICI meetings, CASA Status Conferences, and CASA Hearings.

We increased our social media presence (Facebook) by announcing our meetings, posted bios of the members, posted meeting content, and announced CPC and other community events.

Council members had multiple meetings with Commander Weber, Commander Otzenberger, and Angie Casias, Crime Prevention Specialist, (CPS) to discuss improvements to the

relationship between the NECPC and the NE Area Command and determine how we can work together to build trust between APD and the Community.

August NE CPC meeting with Commander Otzenberger, Angie Casias.

We discussed ideas on we can help APD educate the public on how APD responds to calls. What can they expect when they call 911, 242-COPS, etc. What is APD's role, what they can offer, what they cannot offer, and the responsibility of APD when responding to call, they are not the silver bullet and cannot fix all the problems. They are there to enforce the law.

Some ideas for meetings: Invite ACS present again to give an update on their progress, Invite Ericka Wilson from Dispatch, Invite someone from 311 to help educate the public on what their service offers. Plan a special meeting just for kids. Ask the community to invite their kids, grandkids, and young adults and open it up for questions from the kids to APD officers.

Identify 2-3 common scenarios that APD responds to and have them explain what happens in each scenario and what the public can expect.

Discuss what are the community's rights are when interacting with law enforcement.

The NE CPC solicited community input by asking a question at each CPC meeting. Questions revolved around public safety, APD effectiveness, and CPC operations.

Council Members contributed articles for the NE Area Command's monthly newsletter.

All council members attended our public and our executive/working meetings.

Several members were present for the AMIC meetings, the CASA Status Hearings, and meetings with Dr. Rickman.

Several members attended sessions at NACOLE and IPRA training.

Several members attended CPC meetings in other area commands.

One member represented the NE CPC at the CPC Town Hall.

Several members provided input on the idea of an Ombudsman for the CPCs.

One member attended APD's Policy and Procedures meetings

Council members represented the NE CPC at various events and community meetings:

- District 4 Coalition meetings and resumed contact between the Coalition and NECPC
- The NE district Public Meeting on Safety representing NECPC
- The NE Area command picnic for officers
- Neighborhood Association Meetings, and Neighborhood Watch meetings.
- Met with City Counselor Trudy Jones and Debbie O'Malley to discuss function of CPC.

- Invited Interim Commander Oztenberger to Neighborhood Association Annual Meetings.

James Santistevan designed, ordered, and purchased NE CPC business cards.

Cassandra Morrison is the one dedicated member of the Membership Committee, scheduling and coordinating the Zoom interview for every applicant that has applied, and providing them with the Welcome Packet prior to the interview.

When we were unable to access city funding resources, Cassandra purchased a tablecloth with the NE CPC logo for us to use at our community outreach events.

Cassandra also assists in corralling CPC members who don't show up to meetings by calling, texting, etc. to encourage participation, and provides a physical location for our Executive Board meetings. She represented the NECPC by participating and organizing community events, fundraisers, and collected donations for many non-profit organizations as listed below:

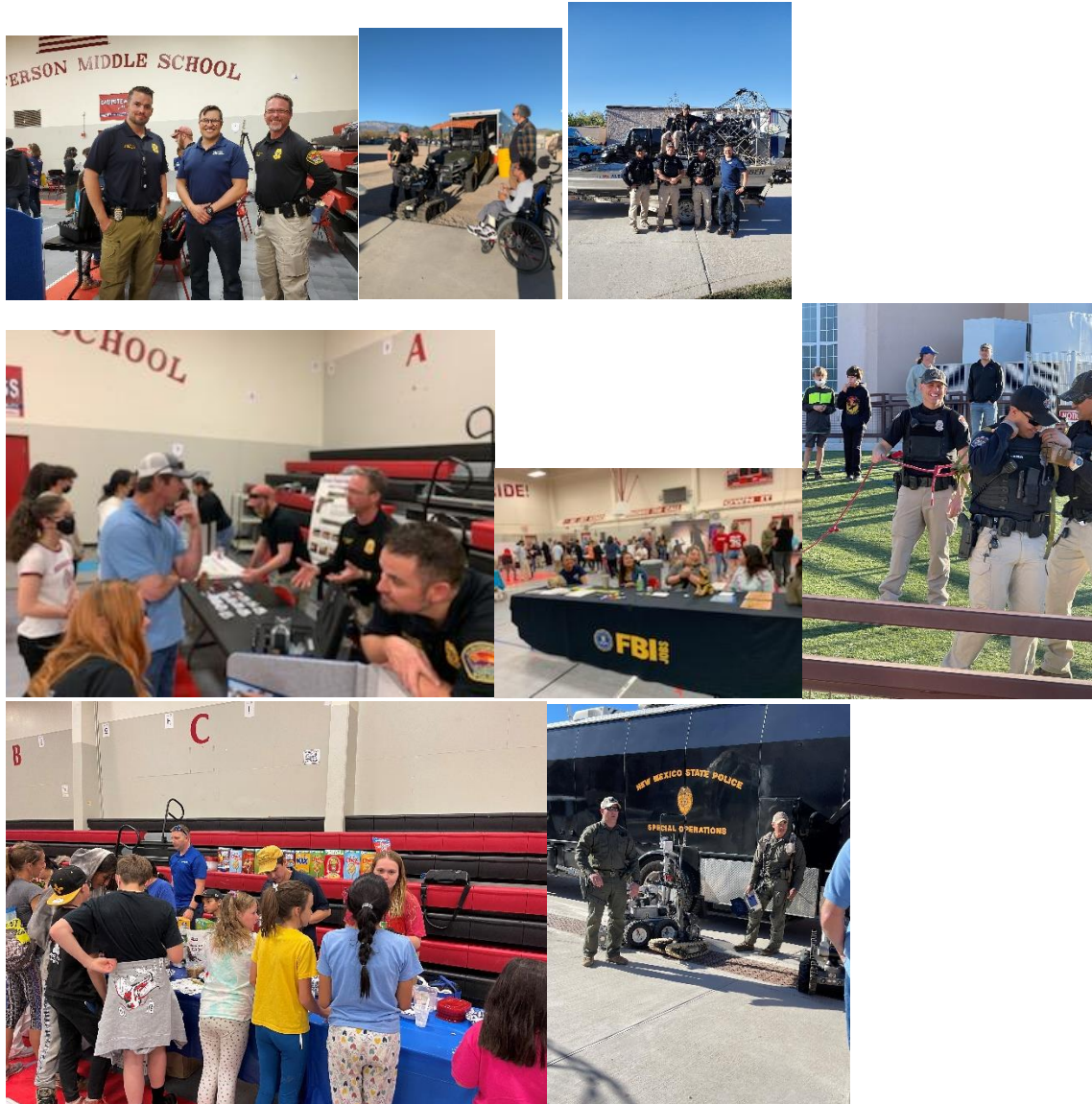
- Pursonalities Plus ABQ - 2022 A record was set with over 2000 purses donated and filled with toiletries, scarves, hats, mittens, and other necessities. The items were donated to charitable organizations that target domestic violence victims, human trafficking victims, women who are reintegrating into society after incarceration, etc. A local radio show interviewed one council member about her work with Pursonalities Plus ABQ.
- The Macy's shopping event for underprivileged children for Christmas.
- Gathered clothing donations throughout the year for Locker 505.
- Donated puppy toys, collars, leashes, puppy clothing, and puppy food to PAWS Thrift Store.
- Purchased tickets and toys for the Make Merry Project, and purchased items needed for Feed NM Kids and donated the items to be used to make food boxes for kids.
- Adopted a Title 1 family of 6 males for Christmas and spent over \$1,100 on them for a very special Christmas. Buying them everything on their wish lists and more.
- Attended a Whiskey Tasting event at the Fraternal Order of Police. Bought tickets. Bought raffle tickets to support scholarships for family of Law Enforcement personnel.

Dr. Kenneth Armijo attended then-DA Raul Torres review of Crime-Fighting Technology Luncheon where he reviewed the use of Sandia National Labs-developed technology for reducing crime in the City of Albuquerque, and the current, remaining challenges (e.g. Lack of Grand Juries) to put repeat offenders behind bars. Kenneth attended as a member of the NE CPC and as a Sandia National Labs employee, who plans to collaborate with AI technology development lead, and CPC member, Rudy Garcia.

<https://ladailypost.com/district-attorney-raul-torrez-recaps-activities-in-2022/>

Kenneth led a very large Family Science Night at Jefferson Middle School, (**Noche de Ciencias**) in April 2022, where he and 21 other STEM companies and Law Enforcement Agencies (e.g. APD Bomb Squad, APD Forensics, APD Rio Grande River Unit with Fan Boat, BCSO Bomb Squad, FBI and State Police Helicopter Unit) put on Law Enforcement – STEM related activities for elementary and middle schools students and their parents. The turnout saw > 800 students, parents and teacher learn about STEM careers in law enforcement, among other STEM jobs in the greater Albuquerque area.

<https://www.krqe.com/new-mexico-living/sandia-national-laboratories-is-having-family-nights/>



Kenneth represented the NE CPC, and helped organize and facilitate the 2022 Walk like MADD event with Parnall Law Firm. The turnout saw >100 attendees at the University of New Mexico.

<https://www.hurtcallbert.com/bert-gives-back/>

Kenneth representing the NE CPC attended an awards event, **Honoring Heroes**, sponsored by New Mexico MADD to honor First Responders that helped victims of drunk driving.
<https://www.hurtcallbert.com/bert-gives-back/>

KRQE New Mexico Living Television Show, Kenneth, representing All CPC's was interviewed on KRQE Channel 13 morning show to talk about the objectives and need for the CPC's and to market the NE CPC meetings, attendance and recruitment of the public.



Multiple members attended A Cops for Kids event at Silva Lanes where CPC brochures, magnets, and pens were available. Parnall Law Firm also participated in the activities with the officers and the kids they brought with them. It's not every day that Santa comes in a helicopter in a blue suit! We helped the officers and the kids as they shopped at Wal-Mart. It was a really great event and an awesome experience. We plan to make this an annual event.
<https://www.cabq.gov/police/news/apd-teams-up-with-local-law-enforcement-for-the-27th-annual-2018cops-for-kids2019>



Lessons Learned

Zoom meetings have resulted in an increase in attendance, when in person meetings resume, meetings will be hybrid.

Challenges

Need training for current/new CPC members.

AMICI meetings are held during the day which makes it difficult for folks who work to attend.

Our relationship with the City's administration and APD leadership needs improvement on communication, collaboration, and cooperation. The CPCs as a whole have addressed this issue multiple times, at multiple meetings, with multiple city officials and APD leadership, with little response, outreach, or discussion on how to strengthen these relationships.

It is very disconcerting that APD's Chief of Police, Harold Medina, made a derogatory comment regarding the CPCs, saying the APD Ambassador program is more important than the CPCs. This shows a lack of respect for the volunteers that donate their time, expertise, and funds to ensure the CPC's success. It is also an indicator of his commitment to the CPCs.

There is constant turnover of APD's Community Engagement personnel, and this makes it challenging to build long lasting and productive relationships in an effort to make progress on the CPC's mission to build trust between APD and the community. It is difficult to gain continuity with the revolving APD staff, and we are not engaged or consulted in the selection of the staff members.

According to paragraph #268 of the CASA: "APD shall work closely with the Community Policing Councils to develop a comprehensive community policing approach that collaboratively identifies and implements strategies to address crime and safety issues." The challenges identified above make this paragraph unattainable, and begs the question, Is APD in compliance with this paragraph?

Submitted Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: The NEPC would like to propose a trial process. 10 cases would be reviewed using the entire footage and the same 10 cases reviewed by a separate team for just the duration of the use of force review. Conclusions from these 2 groups could then be compared to see if there were any significant differences in the conclusions between the two groups. If none or minimal, then there would be justification to going to the shorter review.

Reason for Recommendation: The major stumbling block for the termination of the CASA agreement and DOJ oversight is the backlog in the use of force investigations, numbering somewhere around 667 as the impetus for the CASA was APD's inappropriate use of force, especially involving individuals with mental illness. These use of force investigations can take at least 6 hours of field supervisor's time to review the entire footage of that officer's shift. The incident itself may only involve 90 minutes of footage. APD currently is significantly understaffed and being able to reduce officers' time reviewing film would both speed up the reviews and improve the availability of officers to patrol the city. Since the goal of the CASA is to investigate and mitigate APD's inappropriate use of force, focusing on the incident for film review would accomplish that goal. There is resistance to a shorter film review as it is felt that the totality of the shift is needed to be reviewed to get a full picture of the officer's frame of mind.

RECOMMENDATION: The NEPC would like to recommend the review of the disciplinary process regarding use of force investigations where officers are held to disciplinary actions that are not based on the policies at the time of the incident but at the time of the review. We would like to understand if this information is correct and want to know, if it is true, the justification of holding officers to policies that were not yet in effect at the time of the incident.

Reason for Recommendation: NECPC has heard of an issue with the review of use of force cases. Given the backlog, some of these cases yet to be reviewed are several years old. Policies on use of force and other issues have been changed from when these use of force events occurred. Yet, we have heard that the review and any disciplinary actions are not based on the policies at the time of the incident but at the time of the review. If this is true, this seems inappropriate to us and not consistent with legal standards.

NE CPC 2023 – Moving Forward

The NE Community Policing Council had a notable executive board meeting on January 7, 2023. The Council members voted to have QUARTERLY Public Meetings going forward. These meetings will be hybrid, meaning the community can join via a Zoom link or attend in person at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. We also voted to make changes to our Board Structure. We will be going to a Rotating Chairs Schedule where each council member will take turns being Co-Chairs. There will be a staggered overlap of chairs to ensure continuity between action items and attendance at the regular Council of Chairs meetings and other high-level CPC meetings.

1. Continue to educate the Community on APD successes, challenges, and operations at public meetings and community outreach events.
2. Listen to the community regarding their concerns about public safety, crime rates, specific incidents impacting their safety, and submit recommendations that reflect these concerns.
3. Submit recommendations that will enable a culture of trust between the Community and APD.

Respectfully Submitted by Vicki Williams

for the 2022 Co-Chairs, Roy Turpen and Francine Lopez.